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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings!

2006 WAWH conference is now history. If success of a conference depends on increased number of attendees, an exciting plenary speech and stimulating panels, then we had a very successful conference. We had more than 150 members come to Pacific Grove. For the success of this meeting, I would like to thank the program chair, Regina Lark, the program committee, Muriel McClendon, Dionne Espinoza, Alexandra Epstein, Margaret Nash, Carmen Nava, and Ula Taylor. Thanks also to the keynote speaker, Deborah Gray White, the WAWH executive board, and all of the conference attendees. Special thanks go to Amy Essington for overseeing all the details.

Congratulations to all of the 2006 award winner. Liz Willis-Tropea (Founders' Dissertation Fellowship), Carla Bittel (Judith Lee Ridge Prize), Lisa Cody (Sierra Prize), and Ronald Loftus (Kanner Prize). Each of these awards recognizes the research and writing of our members. Specific citations are posted on the web.

We have made history. Thank you to all of the members who donated during the year to the Sierra Prize with special thanks to Frances Richardson Keller's very generous donation, we have now endowed our Sierra Prize, and have raised the prize money to \$500.00. In honor of Frances' work in establishing the prize and in recognition of her donation, the new name of this prize is Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize (short version is Keller-Sierra Prize).

During the 2006-2007 year, the organization will focus on the endowing the Judith Lee Ridge Prize and raising the amount of the yearly award from \$100 to \$250. I have asked Susan Wladaver Morgan to chair the fund raising committee. Our first request at the WAWH banquet raised about \$6,000, but we need to raise another \$7,000 to endow this prize. Please see Susan's column in this issue of the newsletter.

In addition to endowing the Keller-Sierra Prize and the Ridge Prize, the organization is asking members to consider a donation to the Founders' Dissertation Fellowship. The FDF was established in 1986 and later endowed. With low interest rates in the past several years and increased donations going to the Sierra Prize, the FDF endowment has fallen short in paying for the yearly award. Each year donations have made up the difference, but we would like the award to pay for itself. We still need about \$3,000 to achieve this goal. The board members and I hope that we will meet this goal by the 2007 conference.

The focus on endowing our awards is only possible because our members are so generous. Donations in any amount are welcome and earmarked for the requested fund. Thank you to all who have given large and small amounts.

Amy and I are getting ready for the 2007 conference. The announcement for the Call for Papers is already on our website. You will also find the announcement for the Call for Papers in another section of this newsletter. Please share it with your colleagues and graduate students and plan to attend the conference which will be held May 4-6, at the University of San Diego. As time progresses, you will find more and more information about 2007 conference and other important information on our website.

Have a fruitful and pleasant summer.
Nupur

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WAWH Announcements

WAWH Membership Goal

Each year at the conference, a membership goal is set for the next year. We fell just sixteen short of the goal of 500 for the 2006 conference. The goal for the 2007 conference has again been set a 500, but now we have to build up from our now current 386. While non-renewal rates dropped (from 42% last year to 22% this year), we still have 111 people

who have not renewed for 2006-2007. You can help my first keeping your membership current, reminding lapsed friends and colleagues to renew, and recruiting new members. Colleagues who are new to campus or new graduate students are perfect candidates. We just need one third of our members to enlist one new member or lapsed renewal to meet the goal of 500 for 2007.

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THANK YOU DONORS

Thank you to the people who have made donations to the WAWH between February 2, 2006 and June 1, 2006.

Judith Strong Albert
Linda Alkana
Judith Anderson
Gordon Morris Bakken
Lois W. Banner
Susannah F. Baxendale
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the members who have joined between February 2, 2006 and June 1, 2006.

Elizabeth Arruda	Sara Gallaway	Daisy Martin	Julia Sandy-Bailey
Sharon Block	LaShawn Harris	Joanna Menezes	Sarah Shrank
Renae Bredin	Susan Hasegawa	Gwen Meredith	Susan Strasser
Mari Jo Buhle	Napa Valley College His-	Caroline Waldron	Elaine Tagliaferri
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Anastasia C. Curwood	Jo Macek	Rachel O'Toole	Diana Wright
Kelley Deetz	Jo Burr Margadant	Michelle Wick Patterson	Anne York
Marisa J. Fuentes		Linda M. Perkins	

MEMBER NEWS

Danielle Alexander is completing an MA thesis entitled "She is the Beautiful Warrior: the Propaganda of the California Suffrage Movement," for Sonoma State University. She will be teaching two classes on American women's history at Napa community college.

Gordon Morris Bakken co-edited with Alexandra Kindell *The Encyclopedia of Immigration and Migration in the American West* (2006). He also authored "'Something Wicked This Way Comes': Disease, Deer, Elk, and a Snapshot of a Historical Moment," with Elwood Bakken, *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*, vol. 55, no. (Autumn 2005), pp. 58-62; "Coal: Fueling the Industrial Revolution," *The Branding Iron*, Number 241 (Fall 2005), pp. 1-5; and the Foreword to John Phillip Reid, *A Law of Blood: The Primitive Law of the Cherokee Nation* (DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2006), pp. ix-xii. He completed the oral history "Conversations with the Hon. Wakefield Taylor, Presiding Justice (retired), California Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Two," conducted August 19, 2002, now

in Martinez, California (San Francisco: California Judicial Center Library, 2006).

Karen Blair published *Joining In: Exploring the History of Voluntary Associations* (Krieger Publishing Company) in spring 2006. It is part of the Nearby History Series founded by the American Association of State and Local History. *Joining In* has turned out to be an autobiography of 30 years of investigating records of organizations.

Lauren Coodley has completed a textbook for Prentice Hall, a multicultural history of California, to be published in 2007. Her previous books, a feminist appraisal of Upton Sinclair, and a social history of Napa, are available through her website, www.laurencoodley.com or her blog <http://coodley.blogspot.com>.

Kathy Cairn's book *The Enigma Woman: The Death Sentence of Nellie Madison* is being published next spring by the University of Nebraska Press. It tells the story of the first woman on Death Row in California,

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Share your accomplishments. Include your professional news in the next newsletter.

Send submissions for Member News to Trudy Flores. Your information will be included in the next Networker.

A reminder e-mail is sent to the organizational e-mail list before the submission due date.

Due dates are listed on the Calendar section of the newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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WAWH at the OAH

In addition to the WAWH members who presented at the OAH conference in Washington DC, the organization co-sponsored the reception "Women in the Historical Profession."

Announcements

Women's Studies Series at the Huntington Library

The scheduled themes for next year's series of Women's Studies seminars at the Huntington are:

October 7: Gendered Analyses of Immigration

November 18: Women and Illness

February 3: Women and Environmental Justice

June 2: Women Writers in LA

Contact Ricky Manoff, rmanoff@verizon.net, if you have any questions.

Conference

The Seventh Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious will convene at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, June 24-27, 2007. The conference theme is "Local Cultures/Global Church: Challenge and Mission in the History of Women Religious.

<http://www.nd.edu/~cushwa/Call%20For%20Papers.pdf>

Textbook

Take a look at Vivian Gould's fascinating survey, *Daughters of Time: 2000 Notable Women from Antiquity to 1800*. Organized chronologically, this stunningly researched book serves as a wonderful guide to women's importance throughout history. Many of the names are unknown today, but all are fascinating. Among the artists, philosophers, scientists, and even pirates, you'll meet Enheduanna the world's first known author, and Grace O'Malley who was licensed as a privateer by Queen Elizabeth I and was the most famous pirate of her day! From Plato's philosopher mother to the brilliant Milanese nun composer, Chiara Margarita Cozzolani, women had a crucial and continuing influence on the development of our modern civilization. Included among the 2000 notable women are over 150 nun artists, composers, writers and theologians which should be of special interest to Catholic colleges. References and guides to further reading complete each entry. The book includes a bibliography and alphabetical index of names (with occupations).

Please consider *Daughters of Time* as a possible adjunct text for your women's studies classes. The book will be available online around June 7th at Amazon.com, Borders.com, Booksurge.com and additional wholesale and retail outlets worldwide. ISBN 1-4196-2661-2; LCC 2006901187. Go to Vivian Gould's website www.viviangould8.com for more information and excerpts.

WAWH 2007 Conference Schedule

The 2007 conference will be different than previous years.
There will be an informal welcome reception Thursday evening.
The conference will begin Friday morning with an 8:30am session and end with the banquet on Saturday evening.

If your announcement was not included in this issue, please send it to Amy Essington for inclusion in the next issue.

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condemned in 1934 for shooting her husband to death in Burbank. The case became a media sensation and the book traces Nellie's life from her girlhood on a Montana ranch to the last days of her life, and places her into a historical context: why was she chosen for execution when so many other women weren't?

Lisa Forman Cody's *Birth of the Nation: Sex, Science, and the Conception of Eighteenth-Century Britons* (Oxford University Press, 2005), which won the WAWH's Frances Keller Richardson-Sierra Book Prize for 2006, has also won Phi Alpha Theta, The History Honor Society's Best First Book Prize; the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians' Best First Book Prize; and was shortlisted for the Royal Historical Society's Whitfield Prize, which honors the best first book in British history. Lisa Cody's article "Living and Dying in Georgian London's Lying-in Hospitals" (*Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 2004), which won the WAWH's Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize last year, also won the 2005 North American Conference in British Studies, Walter D. Love Prize, for the best article in any field of British history.

Patricia Cline Cohen received a Guggenheim grant for this year, 2006-2007, that will allow her to write on her project on Mary Gove and Thomas Nichols, 19th-century marriage reformers.

Nancy Page Fernandez has accepted the position of Associate Editor of *Dress: Journal of the Costume Society of America*. Her article "Assessment Matters" was published in the May/June 2006 issue of *About Campus*.

Feminism, Sexuality, and Politics: Essays (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2006) by

Estelle Freedman appeared this spring, with three new and eight reprinted essays on these subjects. <http://uncpress.unc.edu/books/T-7602.html> for more information.

Linda Heidenreich was promoted to Associate Professor (with tenure) with the Department of Women's Studies at Washington State University.

Mary Ann Irwin was guest curator for an exhibition detailing the 75 year history of the Emanu-El Sisterhood for Personal Service at the Judah L. Magnes Museum in Berkeley, California. The exhibition ran from August 29, 2005 to February 5, 2006.

Riding Pretty: Rodeo Royalty in the American West, by **Renee Laegreid**, published by University of Nebraska Press, will be out sometime between now and October.

Karen Offen was invited plenary speaker (on the comparative history of women's suffrage) at a summer school course (Euroforum at El Escorial) on the subject of Clara Campoamor and the vote for women in Spain. This year is the 75th anniversary of Spanish women's suffrage. The summer school was directed by Rosa Capel Martinez, a historian at the Universidad Complutense of Madrid.

Princeton University Press is preparing the paperback version of **Betsy Perry's** recent book, *The Handless Maiden: Moriscos and the Politics of Religion* will be ready in February. Seven different colleges and universities have invited her to speak about the book, and the University of Granada has invited her to teach a short intensive graduate seminar in May 2007.

Cynthia Taylor's book *A. Philip Randolph: A Religious Journey of an African American Labor Leader* was published this year by NYU Press.

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Executive Director's Column

By Amy Essington

The 2006 Conference was the tenth time the organization met at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, California. The site of our first conference in 1969, Asilomar is a special place to the organization. Presentations began after lunch on Friday and activities continued through the Saturday evening Awards Banquet. Keynote speaker Deborah Gray White spoke about "Gods, Guns, and Motherhood: The Million Mom March and the Future of Race Relations" to a full room. The usual welcoming atmosphere of sharing academic work and reacquainting with old friends, while meeting new ones, was felt throughout the weekend.

Friday evening the organization honored all winners of the Sierra Prize at a special reception. In attendance were twelve of the twenty-six winners. They included: Karen Offen, Mary Elizabeth Perry, Susan Strasser, Dolores Janiewski, Nina Gelbart, Karen Lystra, Francesca Miller, Glenna Matthews, Margaret Jacobs, Jessica Weiss, Patricia Schechter, and Tanis Thorne. In addition to honoring the winners, Frances Richardson Keller and her family announced a donation for the remainder of the funds needed to endow the Sierra Prize. The Sierra Prize has been renamed the Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize in her honor. I join Nupur in a special thank you to Frances and her family as well as to all of the members who donated during the last year.

We have already begun work on our next endowment goal(s). You can read about it in Nupur's column on page 1.

The conference culminated with the awards banquet. Former WAWH President Peg Strobel spoke on "Jane Addams Hull-House Museum." The awards were presented after dinner. The Foun-

ders' Dissertation Fellowship went to USC doctoral candidate Liz Willis-Tropea for her dissertation "Hollywood Glamour: Sex, Power and Photography, 1925-1939." Carla Bittel received the Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize for "Science, Suffrage, and Experimentation: Mary Putnam Jacobi and the Controversy over Vivisection in Late Nineteenth-Century America" which was published in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*. Lisa Cody's *Birthing the Nation: Sex, Science, and the Conception of Britons* won the Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize. The Barbara "Penny" Kanner Prize went to Ronald Loftus for his book *Telling Lives: Women's Self Writing in Modern Japan*. Congratulations to the 2006 winners. After presenting the awards, those present at the banquet sang a rousing rendition of the now traditional WAWH song. (Come to the banquet next year so you can sing it!)

The conference also marked the end of the term of service on the executive board for Sandra Dawson, graduate student representative, Regina Lark, 2006 program chair, and Kathleen Kennedy, 2006 Local Arrangements Chair. Thank you to each for their service to the organization. As the next paragraph explains, it was also the end of my term as treasurer, a position I have held since October 1999.

At Asilomar, the membership voted to approve the new constitution. The new version of the constitution created the position of executive director and realigned the other executive board positions. The approved copies are posted online. I served as Executive Director in an ad hoc position for two years. I was elected to the position, which has a five year term. by the membership. I resigned as Treasurer and Linda Mollno was elected. You can read Linda column on page fifteen.. The bylaws of the awards were also updated to align with the new version of the constitution. I would like to thank Karen Lystra for assisting me in drafting the new versions.

Executive Director's Column Continued

I would like to extend a welcome to the new board members: Linda Mollno (Cal Poly Pomona), Treasurer; Pamela Radcliff (UCSD), 2007 Program Chair; Catherine De Luca (UC Riverside/Cal State Fullerton), 2007 Local Arrangements Chair; Karin Huebner (USC), Graduate Students Representative (2006-2008).

As our organization continues to grow and the work increases, more and more volunteers are needed to help. We have non-board positions available which are always in need of work. Sometimes it is a specific task at the conference or assisting with a specific project. At the 2007 conference, we will be implementing a new three-year term for award committee members. This means that beginning with 2007, we will need one new member for each committee each year. If you are interested in volunteering for the award committees, or at any level, please let me know.

We have already turned our attention to planning for the 2007 conference. This will be the first time we have met in Southern California outside of Los Angeles County. The conference will be held May 4-6, 2007, at the University of San Diego. The schedule will be a Friday-Saturday schedule again (beginning with sessions at 8:30am Friday morning), with a welcome reception on Thursday evening. As Nupur has noted in her President's Column, the call for papers is already posted online. There is also an opportunity for doctoral students to submit a proposal for the dissertations-in-progress panel. (See page 17.)

WAWH has also been working to connect with other regional women's history organizations as Nupur mentioned in her column in the spring newsletter. We co-sponsored a reception at the OAH in Washington DC, we were represented at the SAWH conference in June 2006, we are

sponsoring two sessions at the AHA-PCB 2006 conference, and we are co-sponsoring a session at the 2007 AHA annual meeting. We also welcomed the Association of Black Women Historians in two sessions at our own conference. This is an exciting time for WAWH and if you would like to participate in sponsored or co-sponsored sessions at conferences or have ideas for sessions or organizations or conferences, please let me know. We are particularly interested in reaching out to historians in fields other than U.S. History.

I have added a new section to the web site. There is now a link posted for WAWH History. So far, I have included a list of Presidents, with the years they served, a link to the conference locations and dates, a link to the previous award winners for each of the awards, the list of the speakers at the AHA-PCB WAWH Luncheon (see pages 12-13), and I will be adding copies of the newsletters and conference programs.

Also, please note that I have a new mailing address. My email is the same. It is listed on the page of executive board contact information.

It has been a busy year for WAWH and we have lots of plans for the future. Please continue to keep your membership current and find new members so we can continue to grow while retaining that special something that makes WAWH, WAWH.

WAWH 2006 Business Meeting Minutes

As stated in the newly approved Constitution (2006), the minutes of the business meeting will be published in the newsletter edition which follows the conference. This will allow corrections to be offered while the meeting is still fresh in the minds of those who attended. The minutes will still be formally approved at the business meeting at the conference the next year.

Contact Secretary Mary Ann Irwin if you have any questions about the minutes.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN HISTORIANS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES, MAY 6, 2006 ASILOMAR, PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. President Nupur Chaudhuri chaired the meeting.

Minutes Read

Mary Ann distributed copies of the 2005 Business Meeting minutes. Motion to approve the 2005 meeting minutes seconded and carried.

Board Member Reports

President

Nupur reminded members that our project for 2005 was to increase WAWH visibility. One way has been emphasizing the work of highly regarded, internationalist members, inviting renowned scholars like Deborah Gray White as keynote speakers, and cooperating with other organizations like the Association of Black Women Historians. Nupur organized a joint session of the WAWH and CCWH at the 2007 American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Suzanne Lebsack is identified as representing WAWH at the "Brownbag Lunch Workshop on Mentoring" at the 2006 Southern Association of Women Historians. WAWH will have two panels at the AHA-PCB. Nupur reported on her efforts to endow the prizes. The Sierra Prize is now fully endowed, with a large donation from Frances Richardson Keller. The Sierra Prize will henceforth be known as the Frances Richardson Keller Sierra Prize.

President-Elect

Carol has been thinking and worrying about becoming president. Carol announced that Karen Blair has agreed to be program chair for the Vancouver meeting in 2008.

Secretary

In an effort to keep new members, Mary Ann hand-wrote notes welcoming people to the organization. She also wrote thank you notes to those who made donations, including gift memberships, and to guest speakers. She also worked with volunteer Amy DeHaan to solicit new members by reviewing the programs of other conferences. We will send letters to those individuals later this year.

Mary Ann reported on her research on setting up a Pay-Pal account, which would allow members to re-new registration or pay conference fees on-line. The process of setting up an account is free and simple.

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WAWH only pays Pay-Pal a fee when transactions are made. We have to figure out how much to tack on to member fees to cover Pay-Pal fees to WAWH. It was suggested that the cost of using Pay-Pal be tacked on to the conference registration fee, whether attendees use Pay-Pal or not. We will attempt to offer Pay-Pal in time for the 2007 conference.

Mary Ann reported on her unsuccessful efforts to arrange a co-hosted event at WHA 2006 with the Coalition for Western Women's History.

Treasurer

Amy presented the Annual Report of Revenues and Expenses for FY 2005 with prize fund balances, and the 36th Conference Annual Report detailing costs and income from the 2005 conference.

Executive Director

Amy is now Executive Director. Her main job is acting as central clearinghouse for information. She spends much of her time reading and responding to emails. Amy is working on creating a historical memory for the organization, collecting materials, reports, forms for record keeping, and establishing protocols for archiving historical materials. Amy presented the 2006 Membership Report as of May 2, 2006. Amy is working on creating a procedure for submitting WAWH historical materials to be archived.

Graduate Student Representatives

Sandra Dawson discussed the three main activities of the Grad Student Reps this year: organizing the Dissertations in Progress panel, the Graduate Listserv, and helping with the conference (stuffing envelopes, etc..).

Newsletter Editor

Trudy interviewed Frances Richardson Keller this year for the Networker. We need to encourage members to provide information for the "News from Members" section, which has been shrinking. Amy will ensure that members are reminded of the deadlines for submitting their news. For the last newsletter Amy included suggestions of the kinds of things we want to know.

Program Chair

Amy explained that Regina could not come to the conference but she sent in her report. Amy and Regina worked on creating a template for future program chairs, a form they can fill out and timeline to follow so that they can tell people what to do when. We appointed a subcommittee to develop guidelines for the program committee in accepting and rejecting papers and panels.

Local Arrangements

Kathleen Kennedy was local arrangements chair. She was thanked for her good work in arranging menus, transportation information, and keeping the registration desk covered.

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Founders Dissertation Fellowship

Alexandra reported that there were six applicants for the prize. She liked the practice of having applicants send their work directly to committee members.

Ridge Prize

Amy reported that Sarah Stage mailed her report, thanked her committee, and identified the winner. Sarah asked whether or not conference proceedings might be considered for this prize.

Sierra Prize

Jessica reported on her committee's work. There were eleven applicants, so she approves of applicants sending their books directly to committee members. Only one applicant was a non-member, which allowed them to eliminate that book.

Kanner Prize

MariaElena presented her committee's report. There were 17 applicants this year. She suggested the amount of the prize be increased because the large presses are not interested in small prizes. She said the criteria for judging applicants need to be clarified.

Constitution

Copies of the constitution and Award Bylaws were distributed per IRS requirements. The constitution had to be amended because we created the position of Executive Director, which necessitated changing the duties of the other officers. Since it is so difficult to change the constitution, Karen Lystra and Amy carefully reviewed all provisions in an effort to make all needed changes at once.

There was a question regarding the wording of the requirement that officers "make reports." Shouldn't all reports be written? Amy and Karen explained that some reports could be given orally but that any action by the board or a board member that involved policy would be given in writing.

There was a question about the provision for paying the Executive Director a "fellowship." What is the formula for figuring the amount of the "fellowship?" Amy explained that the IRS does not permit her to be paid a salary, so the constitution calls it a "fellowship." The amount of the salary can't be included in the constitution because changing the constitution requires a vote of the whole membership. The salary is based on the salary paid a comparable person in another organization.

There being no further questions about the constitution, members voted to approve the new constitution. Motion passed.

Changes to the Founders Dissertation Fellowship bylaws were discussed. There being no further questions about the Fellowship bylaws, members voted to approve the new bylaws. Motion passed.

Changes to the Judith Lee Ridge Prize bylaws were discussed. There being no further questions about the

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prize bylaws, members voted to approve the new bylaws. Motion passed.

Changes to the Sierra Prize bylaws were discussed. There being no further questions about the bylaws, members voted to approve the new bylaws. Motion passed.

Changes to the Kanner Prize bylaws were discussed. There being no further questions about the bylaws, members voted to approve the new bylaws. Motion passed.

Elections

Nupur reported that the two-year ad hoc period for the Executive Director has passed, and that the board had voted to make the position permanent. There being no further questions, members voted to approve the board's actions. Motion passed.

Amy resigned as Treasurer. Linda Mollno was introduced as the new Treasurer. The board duly elected her. There being no further questions, members voted to approve Linda's election as treasurer. Motion passed.

Money

The board created a budget subcommittee. The new subcommittee links Amy and the current president to work on projecting the organization's future financial needs. Each year when the conference is over the treasurer will prepare a six-month report to present to the board.

Conference

The board has created a subcommittee to create guidelines for the conference program committee in accepting or rejecting papers and panels. We need guidelines because we have so many submissions and can't accept them all. We are also working on creating a template to assist the local arrangements chair.

We discussed the high cost of Audio Visual equipment at conferences. The board decided to add text to the CFP forms advising applicants that we can only provide overhead projectors, and that participants may make arrangements to bring their own LCD projectors if the venue allows it.

Amy took a straw poll on Northern California sites for 2009 between Asilomar and Berkeley. Those present favored Berkeley.

Amy took a straw poll on the Friday/Saturday format. Those present considered the new format a success. We have room to expand the conference by adding Friday morning panels, which will require participants to arrive Thursday night. We will use the Friday/Saturday format again at San Diego in 2007.

New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

MARY ANN IRWIN, SECRETARY

AHA-PCB SPEAKERS

In the continuing quest to reclaim the details of our history, I have been working to complete the list of speakers at the WAWH Luncheon at the annual conference of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association. WAWH has maintained a varied presence at that conference since the 1970s. With the help of Susan Wladaver-Morgan, who searched old programs for information, the list has been completed to this point. As you can see, there is still blank information and there may be missing years. If you have more information, please email Amy Essington at aessington@verizon.net.

Year	Speaker	Affiliation	Topic
1977	Veronica Tiller	Unknown	The Role of Women in American Indian Tribes
1978	June Jacquette	Unknown	Women and Power
1984	Donald Treadgold	Unknown	Russian Historians
1985	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
1986	Frances Richardson Keller	Unknown	Unknown
1988	Grace Larsen	Unknown	The WAWH: The Early Years
1989	Lois Banner	USC	The Coming of Age: Women in History and the Historical Profession
1990	Marilyn Boxer	San Francisco State	Women's History and the "Objectivity Question"
1991	Patricia Grimshaw	University of Melbourne, Australia	American Missionary Women in Hawaii
1992	Mary Lynn Stewart	Simon Fraser University	History is Where the Heart Is: The Peregrinations of a Labor and Gender Historian
1993	Vicki Ruiz	Claremont Graduate School	Dreamscapes and Landscapes: Mexican Immigrant Women Confront 'America'
1994	June Scopinich	Southwestern University	Teamwork: Administrators and Faculty Working Together to Set the Course for Higher Education

AHA-PCB SPEAKERS CONTINUED

1995	Beth Bailey	Barnard College	Race and Ethnicity in Hawaii During WWII
1996	Joan Jensen	New Mexico State University	Women and Creativity in the West
1997	Peggy Pascoe	University of Oregon	Is the 1970s Really History? Sex, Gender, and the Origins of the Campaign for Same-Sex Marriage
1998	Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman	San Diego State	All You Need Is Love: The Peace Corps and the Spirit of the Sixties
1999	Gail Dubrow	University of Washington	Restoring Women's History Through Historic Preservation
2000	Elizabeth Jameson	University of Calgary	Of Cabbages and Queens: Mining, Gender, and Western History
2001	Jane Slaughter	University of New Mexico	The Soldier's New Clothes: Gender and Memory in the History of War
2002	Judith Raftery	CSU Chico	Teaching for Democracy: Transporting the Common School to the Philippines
2003	Estelle Freedman	Stanford University	Feminist Dialogues: Taking Women's History from the Classroom to the Public
2004	Patricia Cline Cohen	UC Santa Barbara	Locating Pots of Historical Gold in Nineteenth-Century America: An Enthusiast's Stories of Searching the Web
2005	Eileen Boris	UC Santa Barbara	Wages of Care
2006	Susan Grog Bell	Senior Scholar at the Institute for Research on Women and Gender at Stanford	Christine de Pizan (1364-1430) in her Study

JUDITH LEE RIDGE ARTICLE PRIZE REQUEST

At our conference in May, attendees received the wonderful news that we had achieved our goal of endowing the Sierra Prize, which annually honors the best book by a member. We accomplished this thanks to the generosity of dozens of people who donated to this fundraising campaign, but especially of Frances Richardson Keller, a past president and founding mother of our organization. Her name now graces this prestigious award, a testament to all she has done for WAWH.

Now it is my turn to begin fundraising for our oldest award, the Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize. Frances had a hand in its beginning too. We used to hold our meetings at the Huntington Library every other year, where Martin Ridge, my grad school mentor and former editor of the *Journal of American History*, was the senior research fellow. Well known for his teasing, he was needling Frances about this new women's history organization of hers, saying that any self-respecting scholarly organization had to give prizes if it wanted to be taken seriously. So Frances promptly said, "OK, how much will you contribute to our prize fund?"

In response, he wrote her a check for \$1000 (which went a lot farther back then!), but he insisted that the gift be anonymous. Behind his crusty exterior, Martin helped WAWH in other ways as well. For instance, he arranged for us to hold our conferences at the Huntington Library for FREE, which, especially in the early lean years, allowed our organization to stay solvent. He also provided lavish breakfasts at the library on the Saturday morning of our meetings, which always got the conferences off to a good start.

For many years, we honored his wish that his contributions remain anonymous, but in the mid-1990s, he and his wife Sally agreed that we could acknowledge their generosity by naming our article prize in honor of their daughter, Judith Lee, who had died in infancy. Although I had known Martin since 1969, I didn't know he had even had a daughter—he never mentioned her. But once I knew, it seemed to explain so much about the way he had always treated me and many of his other female graduate students. He took an almost paternal interest in our lives, inside and outside the classroom, which sometimes felt uncomfortably intrusive. He encouraged us and went to bat for us, but he demanded excellence in ways that seemed designed to get a rise out of us and to toughen us up. He seemed to enjoy nothing so much as a good argument that we fought to a draw.

Once I knew he had lost a daughter, his behavior made much more sense to me. In many ways, he treated his female students like the daughter he never had the chance to see grow up. He wanted us as individuals to be strong, feisty, and he prepared us for academic fights to come the best way he knew how. But he also helped us through our organization by giving us the means to recognize outstanding work by our members, through the prize that now bears his daughter's name.

I know that many of you have contributed to this prize fund over the years. Several of you gave very generously at Asilomar last May. If you have already donated, I am not trying to hit you up again—at least, not so soon. But we do have the capability among us all to raise enough money to endow the Ridge Prize permanently and to fund it at a higher level than its current modest level (\$100). And this is a prize for which all our members are eligible, one that honors that basic building block of scholarship, the article. So please join me in contributing your gift, of whatever size, to honor a man who gave so much to the WAWH and to honor ourselves, his historian god-daughters.

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Donations of any size are welcome. Please indicate Ridge Prize on the memo line. Checks should be made out to WAWH and sent to: Amy Essington, 3242 Petaluma Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90808.

NEW WAWH TREASURER ELECTED

Amy Essington took over as treasurer of WAWH in October 1999 and during her tenure she watched over the accounts and our organization as both grew historically. Amy, now WAWH's official Executive Director, turned over her reins as treasurer to Linda Mollno during the board meeting at our annual conference in May. While we've thanked Amy, collectively and individually, on numerous occasions, I doubt many know the extent to which she dedicated herself to WAWH over the past 7 years. Our organization is the better for Amy and each of us owes her a tremendous debt of gratitude.

I have a long history of involvement with non-profit groups, serving as treasurer for some, and I must say I've never been handed a set of books so organized and procedures so clearly stated. I promise to follow in Amy's steps as best I can. In just a month she has proved to be a good mentor and on a good day, when the traffic in Los Angeles cooperates, we can meet face to face in less than an hour. I've met with Amy; we've been to the bank; and, the boxes have been transferred to my care. Checks and mail will continue to be sent to Amy's address in Long Beach for entry into the WAWH database, after which she will forward them to me.

As new treasurer of WAWH, I'm pleased to report that the state of our treasury is good. It is very good!! With Asilomar conference expenses paid, our operating account reflects the organization's success, as well as, growth and stability. Funds in excess of regular operating needs earn higher interest in CD accounts. At Asilomar in May, Nupur announced the Sierra Prize endowment, ensuring the continuation of this award for decades to come. A campaign is currently underway to endow the Ridge Prize and we are confident our goals will be met by next year's conference. Any questions regarding the Ridge endowment should be directed to Susan Wladaver-Morgan or Nupur Chaudhuri. You are all generous members, giving of your talents, and contributing each time the hat is passed. Please continue to support WAWH as you have in the past and we will remain a strong, vital organization.

Linda Mollno
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VOLUNTEER FOR THE WAWH

There are many ways individuals can help support the WAWH.
Contact Amy Essington at aessington@verizon.net if you are interested or have ideas to share.

Award Committees

As stated by the newly approved Constitution (2006), beginning next year, award committee members will serve staggered three year terms. This will mean that each year each committee will require a new committee member.

Conference Assistance

Maybe you attend the conference, but are not able to commit to the hours of participating on a program committee or local arrangements committee. There are many smaller jobs that occur at the time of the conference, and volunteers are always needed.

We would like to reach out to members who have never held a board position, If there are board positions for which you would like to be considered, in the future, please contact Amy Essington and submit your name.

CALL FOR PAPERS
WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN HISTORIANS
39th Annual Conference
University of San Diego, San Diego, CA
May 4-6, 2007

The WAWH welcomes proposals for panels or single papers on any historical subject, time period, or region. However, this year's program seeks to emphasize comparisons across national borders and geographic regions, so we would welcome thematic panels with individual papers located in different geographic contexts, or individual submissions that focus on non-US locales. Papers do not necessarily have to focus on women or gender history, although those issues are of special interest to our membership. Panels, workshops, or roundtables on major concerns of women in the historical profession are also encouraged. Proposals for complete panels, including commentators, are preferred, but individual papers will also be considered.

Proposals must include each of the following:

A required WAWH Cover Page (found at www.wawh.org)

A one-half to one-page abstract for each paper submitted.

One-to-two-page curriculum vitae for each panelist.

Mail five sets of proposal material to the program committee chair, by November 1, 2006:

Pamela Radcliff

University of California, San Diego

History Department, 0104

La Jolla, CA 92093

Current (2006-2007) WAWH membership and 2006 conference registration is required of all program participants. WAWH Membership runs from conference to conference.

Membership forms can be found at <http://www.wawh.org>.

The program committee reserves the right to change or reconfigure panels. Submission of proposal will indicate agreement with this policy. Communication with panelists will be made through the designated contact. Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Radcliff at 858-534-1996 or pradclif@popmail.ucsd.edu.

The Western Association of Women Historians was founded in 1969. Drawing scholars from the Western states, the WAWH is the largest of the regional women's historical associations in the United States. Membership is open to all. For information about the organization, award and prize applications, proposal deadline, conference registration, conference program, and membership, please visit www.wawh.org.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN HISTORIANS
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Dissertations in Progress Panel Call for Submissions

If you are currently ABD, and are looking for a place to present your work, the WAWH welcomes you to submit a proposal for inclusion on a panel of dissertations in progress. Papers can cover any historical subject, time period, or region, and do not necessarily have to focus on women or gender history although those issues are of special interest to our membership.

Current WAWH membership is required of all program participants as well as conference registration (found at <http://www.wawh.org>).

Proposals must include the following:

A WAWH Cover Page (found at www.wawh.org)

A one-half to one-page abstract for each paper

A one-to-two page curriculum vitae

Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

The program committee reserves the right to change or reconfigure panels. Submission of proposal will indicate agreement with this policy.

Proposals for the Dissertations in Progress Panel are due by October 20, 2006,
to Julia Kehew (see below).

If you have any questions, please contact:

Julia Kehew
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Successful applicants for the dissertations in progress panel will be notified by Julia Kehew. Paper proposals not included in the panel will be forwarded to the 2007 WAWH Program Committee for consideration in other panels.

2007 WAWH AWARDS AND PRIZES

Founders' Dissertation Fellowship

The WAWH invites applications for its 2007 Founders' Dissertation Fellowship. Applicants must be members of the WAWH, advanced to candidacy, writing the dissertation at the time of the application, and expecting to receive the Ph.D. no earlier than December 2007. The \$1000 award may be used for any expenses related to the dissertation. A complete application must be received by January 15, 2007. The fellowship recipient will be announced at the WAWH Annual Conference.

Applicants for a WAWH Founders Dissertation Fellowship must submit the following to the award committee:

- a. A completed application form. A curriculum vita is not an acceptable substitute.
- b. A summary of the dissertation project, an explanation of its historical scholarship, a survey of the major primary sources, a summary of research already accomplished, and an indication of plans for completion of the dissertation in no more than five double-spaced pages.
- c. One confidential letter of recommendation from a dissertation committee member sent directly to the Founders' Dissertation Fellowship Committee. A file maintained by a university office is not an adequate substitute for the specified letters of reference.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2007.

For full application requirements and form, visit the web site. Applications should be mailed to each committee member, see below and check the web for details.

For further information, please contact the chair.

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Judith Lee Ridge Prize

The WAWH will award \$100 for the best article in the field of history published by a WAWH member. All recipients shall be members of the WAWH for at least one year prior to submission. Eligibility is limited to two groups: those residing in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming or the Western Canadian Provinces; and WAWH members residing in other states who have paid membership for three years (not necessarily consecutive years).

The article must have been published in 2005 or 2006. All fields of history will be considered, and articles must be submitted with full scholarly apparatus.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2007.

For full application requirements and form, visit the web site. Applications should be mailed to each committee member, check below and the web for details.

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2007 WAWH AWARDS AND PRIZES

Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Book Prize

The WAWH will award the 2006 Keller-Sierra Book Prize (\$500) for the best monograph in the field of history published by a WAWH member. Eligibility of the prize is limited to two groups: those residing in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming or the Western Canadian Provinces; and WAWH members residing in other states who have paid membership for three years (not necessarily consecutive years). The book must be a monograph based on original research (not an anthology or edited work). It must have been published in 2006. Books previously issued as hardback and reissued as paper can not be submitted more than once. Books can not be submitted more than once. The Prize is open to all fields of history.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2007.

For full application requirements and form, visit the web site. Applications should be mailed to each committee member, check below and the web for details. For further information, please contact the chair.

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Barbara Penny Kanner Award

The WAWH will award \$500 to the best scholarly bibliographical and historical guide to research focused on women or gender history. The Kanner Award is intended to promote the practice of biblio-methodology or autobiography in historical context. The bibliomethodology award should reflect the critical tools of the historian's craft as they have been developed to provide research guides rather than library catalogues. The autobiography in historical context award should reflect the craft of history as developed and interpreted in individual lives. Book-length submissions are preferred but substantial guides in other forms (articles or book chapters) may also be considered.

The bibliographical and the autobiography awards will be given in alternate years, with submissions for each award considered for two-year intervals from the date of publication. The 2007 award will be bibliographical and an item published in 2005 or 2006.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2007.

For full application requirements and form, visit the web site. Three sets of application material should be mailed to the chair, check below and the web for details. For further information, please contact the chair.

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Beginning in 2004, all WAWH awards have an application form which can be found on the organizational web site. Award applicants must also be current WAWH members at the time of submission.

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May 4-5, 2007

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San Diego, California

Come to sunny San Diego as we expand our southern California meeting location south of Los Angeles. We will have beautiful views and good San Diego weather for our yearly conference.

Asunción Lavrin will be the keynote speaker.

****The 2007 Conference Schedule****

There will be an informal welcome reception Thursday evening. The conference will begin Friday morning with an 8:30am session and end with the banquet on Saturday evening.

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May 16-17, 2008

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- October 1, 2006 Deadline for submissions for the Fall 2006 *Networker*
- November 1, 2006 Mailing of Fall 2006 *Networker*
- November 1, 2006 2007 Conference Proposals Due
- January 15, 2007 2007 Award Applications Due
- Early February 2006 Mailing of 2007 Conference Program
- February 1, 2007 Deadline for submissions for the Fall 2006 *Networker*
- March 1, 2007 Mailing of Spring 2007 *Networker*
- May 4-6, 2007 2007 WAWH Conference, Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, CA

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