

**2017 Business Meeting
Western Association of Women Historians
49th Annual Conference**

The regular annual business meeting of the Western Association of Women Historians was held on Saturday, April 29th from 5:30-6:20 p.m. in the Brittany Room of the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego, California.

Officers Present: President Rebecca Plant, Executive Director Cheryl Warsh, President-Elect Jennifer Thigpen, Secretary Lindsay Wilson, and Treasurer Pamela Stewart.

The meeting was called to order, Rebecca Plant presiding.

MOTION made to call the meeting together.

PROCEEDINGS:

Call to Order

Motion to approve the Agenda. MOTION APPROVED

Motion to approve the 2016 Business Meeting Minutes. MOTION APPROVED.

Announcements:

Eileen B: International Federation of Research in Women's History CFP for August, 2018 Conference: Transnationalism, Transgression, Translation, Controversies will be held in Vancouver, Canada, Simon Fraser University.

Barbara M: The Berks is coming up-----check their website

Susan K. Put news of historical activism on independent sites: domain names available.

Peggy R: in 2 years, we'll celebrate our 50th anniversary. We will have an e-mail list just for this anniversary.

Report of Executive Board Decisions:

1) Use the *Networker* for grad students to put together panels. This will bring better cohesion of panels. Deadline October 15 for CFP.

Election of New Board Members

Jennifer Thigpen is voted president unanimously.

Jennifer Terry is voted treasurer unanimously.

Executive Board Reports:

Rebecca Plant, President:

got conference together, committees organized.
wants a co-sponsored panel on African American history each year.

Jennifer Thigpen, New President:

is working on next year's conference
2018 meeting in Davis
Filled empty board seats
Abby F. will be searching for 2019 site as well.

Cheryl Warsh, Executive Director

did administrative work
488 current members: 32% have not renewed for 2017----lower than any other
year: via Mail Chimp; people are renewing for 3 years
The Network has gone digital.
Fierce negotiations on contract for AV: from \$7k to \$3800
188 (San Diego) vs 144 (Denver) registrants
We are looking for a successor to Cheryl, shadow e-mails asap.

The Graduate Student Conference Poster Prize named the Betsy Perry Prize
is officially approved on a unanimous vote.

Pamela Stewart, Treasurer

is ending her term this year
will change banks from B of A to Chase
Income less expenses = -\$5,530.19
Membership fees allow us to do extra things at the conferences.
Pamela thanks the membership and we thank her.

Carrie Streeter provided the posters, formatted the program and *The Networker*.

Jessica Weiss has counseled the Board, is delighted to see a smooth transition.

We will need two new graduate student members.

Molly McClain, Victoria de la Torre, Abby Feeley have done an incredible job.

Susan W.: a winner and an honorable mention were chosen for the dissertation fellowship.

Prize committee members would prefer to receive hard copies of books for book prizes. Some presses aggressively promote their books; others don't. We need to be sensitive to the burden supplying a book may be for authors. Consider sending digital page proofs.

Kanner prize 2 books, 1 article; all excellent; 1 chosen.

All 3 of the people on the program committee will continue next year.

Sunu K.: 221 members on Facebook now. Let's create a mentorship environment on research and publishing: grad students, asst. professors, professors. She would like to do more with Twitter-----panel proposals.

Welcome back to Amy Essington, who attended this meeting.

Adjourned.

From the Awards Banquet:

The names of award recipients are announced after the business meeting. To learn more about who received awards this year, press the link to each award on the awards section of the WAWH website.