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From the Steering Committee Chair

Greetings.

At the 2010 CWWH Business meeting at Lake Tahoe, my term as Chair of the Steering Committee will come to an end. Serving as Chair for the past three years has been an honor—and an adventure. Coming on board in October of 2007, there seemed a pressing need to adjust aspects of our organization to reflect its changing needs while at the same time staying true to the CWWH's original mission and intent. The Steering Committee and members at large have worked diligently to assess policies and procedures, and to make adjustments they felt would be in the best interest of our organization. This past year, for example, Kathleen Underwood chaired a committee to review our by-laws, which had not been updated since the CWWH came into existence in 1983. The committee's proposed by-laws revisions are published on pages 11-16 of this newsletter. I strongly encourage you to peruse the committee's recommendations and participate in the discussion on the proposed changes during our annual business meeting (held immediately after the Wednesday Roundtable).

Ever since Lori Lahlum took charge of publishing this newsletter—a brilliant idea to keep us connected—I have used this column to encourage members to meet the goals set out in our by-laws: creating an association that reaches out to everyone involved in western women's history, working together to bring our work to a wide audience in educational institutions and to the general public; and serving as a venue to share information. The committees established over the past few years—Mentor Program, Writers Group, Membership, for example—have worked well to further these goals. We reached out and brought new people into the organization by asking them to serve on committees, and in doing so we have helped spread the responsibility of maintaining our organization from “the usual suspects” to an ever-growing body of willing participants.

Structuring the committees into a three-year rotation is also designed to encourage members to take a more active role in the CWWH. When a new committee member rotates on, someone else moves off, and there is no exception to this rule for the Chair of the Steering Committee. I hope you don't mind a bit of cheekiness (using a line from George Washington's “Farewell Address” in this “Farewell from the Chair”), but it does capture my sentiment very nicely: “I will only say that I have, with good intentions, contributed towards the organization and administration of the [CWWH's] government the best exertions of which a very fallible judgment was capable.” It has been a real privilege to serve as Chair of the Steering Committee. Thank you for your support, and I wish the incoming Chair all the best.

Renée Laegreid

WHA GRADUATE STUDENT MEAL FUND

Thanks to everyone who supported the WHA Graduate Student Meal Fund. It's because of your contributions that the program has been so successful.

This year, the GSMF received more than \$1000 in donations. Twenty-four graduate students will get meal tickets as a result. We can take pride in the fact that this CWWH initiative is helping reduce the costs for graduate students attending the Western History Association annual meeting.

The Coalition for Western Women's History would like to thank everyone who contributed to the fund:

Sue Armitage

Gordon Morris Bakken

Matthew Basso

Ned Blackhawk

Peter Blodgett

Peter Boag

Sarah Carter

Ty Cashion

Larry Cebula

Margaret Connell-Szasz

Steven M. Fountain

Karl Geier

Mark Harvey

Margaret Jacobs

Sarah Janda

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Elliott West

Susan Wladaver-Morgan

Anne Woodward

John Wunder

Susan Wunder

Mark Wyman

Attend the CWWH business meeting from 4:30–5:30 on Wednesday, 13 October (right after the CWWH Roundtable). Three people will be elected to the Steering Committee, including a grad student rep. This is where the vision for the next year will be discussed, so make your voice heard and attend.

CWWH MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Now is the time to renew your membership in the Coalition for Western Women's History. The CWWH membership year goes from CWWH business meeting to CWWH business meeting (or from WHA meeting to WHA meeting). Membership dues enable our organization to sustain itself and to promote western women's and gender history. Support the CWWH at a membership level with which you are comfortable, but support it. The CWWH membership form is found on page 9.

Thanks, Renée!

As Renée steps down as Steering Committee Chair, a big thanks to her for her service. Under Renée's leadership, a number of new CWWH initiatives, including this newsletter, began. While these efforts have relied upon the entire membership, the genesis for many came from Renée. So, thanks, Renée, for your commitment to CWWH.



CWWH News Briefs

Ledesma Prize

The Ledesma Prize will be awarded at this year's CWWH breakfast. As current chair Kathleen Underwood reminds us, "Serving on the Irene Ledesma Committee provides you the opportunity to read about the exciting work that graduate students are undertaking in western women and gender history, and to support that research with this important grant."

Writers Group

We had six writers submit essays—a very nice mix of graduate students, professors, and a historian outside of academia. Oddly enough, this is the first year no one offered to be a reader. Those of us on the committee selected essays to read that aligned with our research interests, then recruited three other readers. A big thanks to Gordon Bakken, Linda English, and Lynne Getz for so graciously agreeing to act as readers

for the other essays. With one exception, all the reader/writer pairs will be attending the WHA, and plan to meet and discuss their essay. RL

Armitage-Jameson Prize

The Armitage-Jameson Prize for the best book in western women's and gender history will be awarded for the first time at this year's CWWH breakfast. The winner will receive: \$1000, a certificate, and a Storyteller Doll; the press will receive a certificate.

*Join us on
Friday, 14
October 2010,
for the CWWH
Breakfast at the
WHA Annual
Meeting. See
you at the
breakfast.*

2011 CWWH SILENT AUCTION

Thurs. and Fri., Oct. 14 and 15 (8:00 – 5:00) in the Exhibit Hall

Your help is needed.

The Coalition for Western Women's History will once again sponsor a silent auction in the book exhibit hall at the Western History Association annual meeting. Revenue generated from the silent auction helps fund the Irene Ledesma Prize (award for graduate student research) and the CWWH's newly created Armitage-Jameson Prize for the best book on western women's history. The co-chairs for this year's event are Renée Laegreid, Hastings College

(rlaegreid@hastings.edu) and Mandy Taylor-Montoya, University of Texas at Brownsville (Amanda.TaylorMontoya@utb.edu).

Here's how you can help.

- **Donate an item.**

A successful silent auction depends upon a variety of auction items that will appeal to people attending the WHA annual meeting. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Renée at rlaegreid@hastings.edu.

- **Volunteer your time.**

People are needed to cover the booth on Thursday and Friday between 8:00 a.m.

and 5:00 p.m. and Saturday morning from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. (for people to pick up auction items). To work at the booth, contact Mandy at Amanda.TaylorMontoya@utb.edu.

- **Bid on items.**

Remember Betsy Jameson's adage to "Bid early and bid often," and encourage friends and colleagues to bid on items. The funds raised go to a good cause.

- **Sending items.**

If you would like to send an item, please contact Mary Ann Irwin at missinform@comcast.net

*For Silent
Auction
information
contact
Mandy
Taylor-
Montoya or
Renée
Laegreid.*

Member News

Andrea Radke-Moss was awarded one of the two James R. Bradley Fellowships for 2010 with the Montana Historical Society as well as a John Topham and Susan Redd Butler Off-Campus Faculty Research Award with the Charles Redd Center. Both are for her current project on western U.S. women's participation at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

Congratulations to **Sandra Mathews-Benham**. She got promoted to Full Professor in Spring 2010 and is thankfully on a year-long sabbatical for 2010-2011 to complete finishing touches on a collection of letters written by a music teacher in 1950s Alaska (primary documents that helped inform *Between Breaths: A Teacher in the Alaskan Bush*, UNM Press, 2006). Most women's correspondence collections from Territorial Alaska date between the 1890s and the 1930s. This will be a great addition by provid-

ing an "outsider's" perspective up to the end of the territorial period.

Virginia Scharff published two books in 2010, *HOME LANDS: HOW WOMEN MADE THE WEST* (coauthored with Carolyn Brucken), companion volume to the traveling exhibition, and *THE WOMEN JEFFERSON LOVED*, the first book to explore Thomas Jefferson's relationships with the free and enslaved women who shaped his life. The HOME LANDS exhibit opened at the Autry Museum in Los Angeles in April, and travels to the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis, the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, and the New Mexico History Museum in Santa Fe.

In June, **Dee Garceau** received the 2010 Butcher Scholar Award from the Autry National Center for Study of the American West. This is a \$5,000 grant that supports research on gender in the American West. Dee used it to fund a portion

of her documentary film on gender in powwow cultures of the inland Northwest.

Caroline Schimmel bought the chaps, "desert" water bag, and 3 pairs of boots, including the pink and the silver rhinestoned ones, of Dale Evans at the Christie's sale in Feb. which deaccessioned the Roy Rogers/Dale Evans Museum. Roy Jr. said they didn't "own" the copyright for the TV films, but noone did; but they didn't have the \$\$ to pay for digitizing to put on TVLand or wherever, and so noone came to the museum any more. Sad. On the other hand the sale made \$3 million (though stuffed Trigger & Buttermilk & dog were owned by the Christian charity R & D created, and that made most of the \$\$).

Congratulations to **Andrea Radke-Moss** on the birth of her daughter, Abigail Louise, on 17 September 2010.

CWWH @ the 2010 WHA

Wednesday, 13 October

CWWH Roundtable, 3:00–4:30 p.m. Martis Peak B

Mary Rothschild's Salon

Co-Moderator: Pam Hronek, Arkansas State University

Co-Moderator: John Wunder, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Panelists: Virginia Scharff, University of New Mexico

Georganne Scheiner, Arizona State University

Karen Anderson, University of Arizona

Comment: Mary Rothschild, Ari-

zona State University

CWWH Business Meeting, 4:30–5:30 p.m., Martis Peak B (immediately following the Roundtable)

Thursday, 14 October

Silent Auction, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Exhibition Hall

Friday, 15 October

CWWH Breakfast. Fri. 15 Oct., 7:00–8:00 a.m., Lakeside A

Silent Auction, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Exhibition Hall

Saturday, 16 October

CWWH Roundtable: Teaching Gender in the American West, 2:30–4:00 p.m., Castle Peak A

Moderator: Patti Loughlin, University of Central Oklahoma

Panelists: Fay A. Yarbrough, University of Oklahoma

Erik M. Greenberg, Autry National Center

Sarah Brynaert, L'Anse Creuse High School Harrison Township, Michigan

Drew Clary, Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic School

Mary Murphy, Montana State University

In Memoriam: Peggy Pascoe

Peggy Pascoe was the Beekman Professor of Northwest and Pacific History and Professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of Oregon. With family and friends at her side, she died from ovarian cancer on July 23, 2010, at home in Eugene, Oregon. She was 55. Peggy is survived by her life-partner of 30 years, Linda Long, and their two daughters, Ellie and Joie Pascoe-Long. She will be profoundly missed by her colleagues and the many scholars and students who were deeply influenced by her pioneering research and teaching on the history of race, gender, and sexuality.

Peggy Pascoe's book, *What Comes Naturally: Miscegenation Law and the Making of Race in America* (Oxford University Press, 2009), won five major national awards: the Ellis W. Hawley Prize (for the best book-length historical study of the political economy, politics, or institutions of the United States) and the Lawrence W. Levine Prize (for the best book in American cultural history) from the Organization of American Historians; the John H. Dunning Prize (for best book in United States history) and the Joan Kelley Memorial Prize in Women's History from the American Historical Association; and the J. Willard Hurst Prize from the Law and Society Association for best book in sociolegal history. Pascoe was also the author of *Relations of Rescue: The Search for Female Moral Authority in the American West, 1874-1939* (Oxford University Press,



1990). All of her work explored themes related to the multicultural past, especially but not only in the U.S. West, and women's complex place in that past. Her prize-winning book on miscegenation law posed challenging questions about why and how relations of race, gender, and sexuality in marriage had been historically structured as questions of self-evident nature rather than social power.

Peggy was a consummate professional who gave unstintingly of her time and talent to such organizations as the American Studies Association, the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the Western History Association, and the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians. She served as co-president of the Coordinating Council for Women in History from 1997 to 2000. She was a co-editor of the American Crossroads series at the University of California Press from 1996 until her death. In 2009, she was awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for fostering diversity at the University of Oregon. She took particular pride in promoting the work of graduate stu-

dents and mentoring junior faculty members and she took every opportunity to do both. The encouragement she offered to young scholars was legendary, and her ability to go to the heart of every problem, with diplomatic skill and calm, will be sorely missed by her university and professional colleagues.

Born in Butte, Montana, Pascoe said that the remarkable past of this

struggling mining town spurred her interest in the history of the U.S. West. She graduated from Montana State University with a B.A. in history in 1977 and earned her M.A. in Women's History at Sarah Lawrence College in 1980 and a Ph.D. in American history at Stanford University in 1986. She taught at the University of Utah for ten years before moving to the University of Oregon in 1996.

A fund in Peggy's honor has been established through the University of Oregon Foundation to support graduate student research in the UO Department of History. Contributions can be made to the UO Foundation: University of Oregon Foundation, 360 E. 10th Avenue, Suite 202, Eugene, OR 97401-3273 or online at <https://supportuo.uofoundation.org/> with a note designating gift to the Peggy Pascoe Graduate Student Fund in History.

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CWWH Members Remember Peggy Pascoe

When I think of Peggy Pascoe, the two words that come to mind are brilliant and generous. Peggy's scholarship is brilliant. Her first book, *Relations of Rescue*, moved the field of women's history in new directions, as it carefully examined how middle-class Protestant white women's reform movements could work to uphold racial, religious, and class ideologies and discriminatory practices in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Not content to only look at these women reformers, however, *Relations of Rescue* also explored the women they sought to rescue. Her book made a huge impact on me during my first year in graduate school. In fact, I credit it with setting me on my own intellectual journey. Peggy's second book, *What Comes Naturally*, on interracial marriage has won countless awards and is also changing how we think about gender and race in history. But Peggy was not only a brilliant scholar; she was a generous colleague, mentor, and friend. Having never met me, and working at a different institution, she agreed to read my dissertation chapters in progress. She provided invaluable guidance to me as a young scholar. But she also came to nurture me as a friend. Over the years, we met to catch up at conferences or when I visited Eugene, Oregon. Peggy also provided that kind of generosity to countless other students and colleagues. It is rare to encounter this winning combination of brilliance and generosity. I will sorely miss Peggy and will continue to look to her as a model of a feminist

scholar. **Margaret Jacobs, University of Nebraska - Lincoln**

At the University of Utah in the early 1980s, students were discouraged from studying Women's History because (1.) there would be no job in the future, and (2.) there was no one in the History Department who could teach it. Peggy Pascoe turned all of that around – she changed attitudes in Utah and provided a whole range of opportunities for eager students. Best of all, she proved that earlier "advice" terribly wrong. **Nancy Taniguchi, Ph.D., University of Utah, 1985**



I met Peggy Pascoe when she was a graduate student at Stanford University in about 1981. I was working on the editorial staff of *Signs*:

Journal of Women in Culture and Society and also finishing the last requirements for my M.A. at Arizona State University. Even though I was just writing a master's thesis, Peggy invited me to join a dissertation group filled with Stanford Ph.D. students, all of whom are now renowned scholars and teachers. From that moment on, Peggy served as a mentor and an inspiration to me. When she read a chapter of my thesis, she urged me to place my work in a broader historical context and to deepen my analysis. That advice gave me the refrain, "*context and analysis*," that still plays in my mind every day that I sit down to write history. Peggy was also a good friend, and she and Linda invited me into their home on countless occasions. Peggy and I had drifted apart over the years and even disagreed on matters that we later grew old and wise enough to forgive and forget. We reconnected in the past year, and in the last email message she sent to me, she was, true to form, offering me the encouragement of a mentor and the warmth of an old friend. Her path breaking scholarship on the historical workings of race and gender lives on, as does her commitment to recognizing without reifying the significance of region in North America's past. Just as important, her spirit and memory endure in the family she created, against the odds of history, with her life partner Linda and their children, Ellie and Joie. **Susan Lee Johnson, University of Wisconsin—Madison**

Photo: Susan Johnson & Peggy Pascoe, California, 1984. Photo by Linda Long.

Remembering Peggy Pascoe, cont.



Peggy Pascoe at the Berks.

Peggy was a warm and generous friend, someone to laugh with and think with. She was the perfect conference roommate, the most supportive colleague. I asked her to read a lot of my stuff, and she always had good advice. One time, she read a piece I was really excited about, and she said in the most kindly and firm way, "Well. You really don't want to publish that." You'd think that would be devastating, but it was-

n't. It was just good advice. **Virginia Scharff, University of New Mexico**

The *Pacific Historical Review* is running a forum in November based on the CWWH session about western women's history, retrospect and prospect last year, featuring Betsy Jameson, Margaret Jacobs, Susan Johnson, and Karen Leong. When we learned in July that Peggy had entered hospice care, the authors asked if they could dedicate the forum to her and we of course agreed. Everyone rushed to get their stuff completed and Betsy emailed it to her and I sent a hard copy, both with personal notes, which her colleague Ellen Herman read to her. I am so grateful that she knew how much she meant to us. **Susan Wladaver-Morgan, Pacific Historical Review**

I first met Peggy in the Western History Collection at the University of Colorado, Boulder, sometime in 1974-75 while we both researched our dissertations. From our first conversation, I was awed by her extraordinary clarity and the ele-

gant precision of her thought. One of my favorite memories is of her address to the 1989 Trails conference in Santa Fe, where she proposed that western women's historians focus on women of color at the cultural crossroads. I can think of no one who so consistently focused on the complexities of race and gender and their significance for American social relations. I taught *What Comes Naturally* last fall, hot off the press. I finished it at midnight November 26, and wrote Peggy immediately: "I just finished *What Comes Naturally*, having savored each chapter as I went. Wow. What a tour de force--of scholarship, and, as with all your work, of passion, precision, clarity, and justice. It is the best thing I have read in years. I know it was a long slog for you--it is also an immense gift to anyone who cares about the histories of race, gender, and justice. It is just terrific. Thanks so much." In retrospect, that's what I want to say about her whole career, that it was an ethically driven intellectual *tour de force*. We are so much richer for her work, and so much poorer for her loss. **Elizabeth Jameson, University of Calgary**

Become a Mentor or a Mentee

CWWH Mentor Program
Open to All CWWH Members



Coalition for Western Women's History
Advancing scholarship on Women in the West since 1983

For more information
or to volunteer
Contact Melody at
melodymmivamoto@gmail.com

Join CWWH

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Our membership year runs October to October, from annual meeting to annual meeting (which is held in conjunction with the WHA's annual meeting). We encourage members to renew their membership by com-

ing to the CWWH Annual Meeting, especially the CWWH Breakfast. Dues are pro-rated to members' annual income. No one will be excluded from membership in CWWH because of inability to pay.

Dues schedule:

Students: \$15

Income under \$40,000: \$30

Income over \$40,000: \$45

Institutions: \$100

Membership dues and contributions to the Armitage-Jameson Prizefund or the Irene Ledesma Prize fund should be sent to:

Susan Wladaver-Morgan

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Announcing the SILVER AWARD for MORMON WOMEN'S HISTORY – \$350

The Mormon Women's History Initiative is pleased to announce the new Silver Award for an outstanding published article or chapter in an edited volume on experiences of Mormon women, their lives and contributions in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. **Submission deadline for the 2010 year of publications is February 15, 2011.**

Electronic submissions must be sent as either "WordPerfect," "Word," or ".pdf" document. Articles and book chapters may be nominated by journal

editors and book publishers, or by individual MHA members.

Publishers/editors/authors may submit up to five separate publications. Send specific questions and article submissions to Spencer Fluhman at fluhman@byu.edu.

The award and cash prize of \$350 will be presented at the annual meeting of the Mormon History Association, to be held in St. George, Utah in May 26-29, 2011.

Please see <http://www.mhahome.org/>

for more information on membership and conference registration.

The Mormon Women's History Initiative Team (MWHIT) is an independent group of scholars from around the United States who encourage research, writing, and publications in the field of Mormon women's history. Initial funding comes from the Silver Foundation.

From the Editor

Thanks to everyone who contributed pieces to this issue of the CWWH newsletter. Remember to send me member news as well as any articles of interest to the membership.

As you will notice, there is no CWWH History Corner in the issue. I would

really like to see this a regular feature in the newsletter, so please consider sharing your CWWH experiences with the current membership. This is especially important in light of the upcoming 50th anniversary of the WHA. *Lori Lahlum*

Need a mentor? Want to be a mentor? CWWH has a program for you! See page 10 for details.

COALITION FOR WESTERN WOMEN'S HISTORY

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Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

By providing CWWH with your e-mail and street address, you agree that CWWH may contact you for purposes of requesting or sharing information about your professional activities and those of the CWWH. CWWH will not distribute this information outside the organization.

/ Please check this box if you do not wish CWWH to share your email address with other CWWH members.

Telephone: _____

FAX: _____

Affiliation: _____

New Member _____ or Renewal _____

Annual Dues (Dues are the same in U.S. and Canadian dollars.):

Students.....	\$ 15.00	
Income under \$40,000.....	30.00	
Income \$40,000 and over.....	45.00	
Institutions.....	100.00	
Contribution:		
Armitage-Jameson Award.....	\$ _____	
Irene Ledesma Prize.....	_____	
Unrestricted.....	_____	
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$ _____

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CWWH COMMITTEE LIST

(Note that the committee list will be updated after the October business meeting.)

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 Lynne Getz (2011)
 Linda English (2012)
 Dee Garceau (2012)
 Elaine Nelson, Graduate Student Representative (2010)
 Mary Ann Irwin, Ex. Officio

Officers

Treasurer: Susan Wladaver-Morgan
 Secretary: Lori Lahlum (2012)

Irene Ledesma Prize Committee

Kathleen Underwood, Chair (2010)
 Melody Miyamoto (2011)

Michael Lansing (2012)

Armitage-Jameson Prize Committee

Renee Laegreid, Chair (2010)
 Peter Boag (2011)
 Charlene Porsild (2012)

2010 Silent Auction

Amanda Taylor-Montoya
 John Wunder

Need one member—*preferably from close to the Oakland/California WHA site.*

Wednesday Roundtable Committee

2010 CWWH Roundtable, John Wunder (Roundtable ready)
 2011 Roundtable –Oakland/California (Susan and Mary Ann)
 2012 Roundtable—Denver/Colorado

Need two members for this rotating committee, preferably members from the area where the WHA/CWWH meeting will be held when they are chair.

Mentor Program

Melody Miyamoto
 Emily Wardrop
 Suzanne Kelley

CWWH-WHA Session Protocol Committee

Susan Wladaver-Morgan, Chair

Dee Garceau

Mary Ann Irwin

2010 CWWH Session: Patti Loughlin

By-Laws and Mission Statement Committee

Kathleen Underwood, Chair
 Lynne Getz
 Anne Hyde.

Writers Group

Renee Laegreid, Chair

Shannon Smith

Hillary Hallett

Fundraising

Paula Petrik, Chair

Need two members.

Think about volunteering to serve on a committee at the CWWH business meeting, the CWWH breakfast, or by contacting the chair of a committee directly.

CWWH MENTOR PROGRAM

The Western History Association Conference is rapidly approaching, and we hope to continue the CWWH Mentor Program.

If you are interested in being a mentor, or are in need of one, please contact Melody Miyamoto at melodymmiyamoto@gmail.com by 07 October.

Please specify if you want to BE a mentor, or if you are in NEED of a mentor. Once we compile a list of volunteers, we will then contact you and pair you up in time to meet one another at the Tahoe meeting.

Remember, if you have students who are also interested in being mentored, invite them to join the CWWH and we'll see if we can make a match! *Melody Miyamoto*

Letter from Kathleen Underwood on CWWH by-laws

Dear CWWH members,

At last year’s meeting we decided that the by-laws needed revisiting and revising to reflect how the Coalition is presently functioning and to move forward over the next several years. While the Coalition has grown tremendously since incorporation in 1985—annual awards, regular sessions at the WHA, etc—the by-laws have remained unchanged.

To that end, Anne Hyde, Lynne Getz, and I have reviewed the existing by-laws and suggested several changes, including rearranging the format to conform with guidelines for non-profits. I’ll summarize those changes and then explain them.

Changes from old by-laws (which are posted on the CWWH website).

Existing Bylaws	Revised Bylaws
Article I: Name	Article I
Article II: Purpose	Article I
Article III: Membership	Article II
Article IV: Meetings	Article V
Article V: Constituent Groups	Article IV—now Committees
Article VI: Officers	Article III
Article VII:—no article VII	
Article VIII: Rules of Order	Article VI
Article IX: Amendments	Article VI
Article X: Dissolution	Article VII

Detailed changes in by-laws revision:

Article I: Name, Purpose and Mission

1. Sect. 2, Purpose: added “gender” to our purpose statements to reflect changes in the discipline
2. Sect. 3: Mission: added a mission statement: Transforming the study of women and gender in the West through rigorous scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and collaboration.

Article II: Members

1. Sect. 2, Annual Dues: new section to clarify that dues are the determination of membership.
2. Sect. 3, Rights: clarification that dues must be paid on annual basis and certainly before acting as a member in voting, etc.

Article III: Officers—this part has the most changes—how Chair to be elected; appointed recorder and treasurer; how members of Steering Committee are elected

1. Sect. 1, Officers: Names how officers will function; adds recorder, treasurer, and former chair as *ex officio* position
2. Sect. 2, Chair: to be elected by membership. Our sense is that having the full membership determine the Chair will encourage engagement and makes Chair responsible to membership; duties reflect what SC chair

has been doing over that past several years.

Sect. 4, Recorder: New position

Sect. 5, Treasurer: New position

1. Article IV: Committees—this is a new section. In the original by-laws, we talked about constituent groups and state representatives. Neither of these are still part of the Coalition; now we function with several standing committees.

2. Article V. Meetings—this section has been changed to require annual meetings.

3. Article VI: Rules of Order

4. Sect. 1, Rules of Order: Unchanged

5. Sect. 2, Amendments:

Sect. 3. Added a section about review of bylaws periodically (i.e., more frequently than 25 years!)

Article VII: Dissolution—we are required to have this section to decide about what happens if we ever have to dissolve the organization. At present, the funds are designed to be dispersed to the Women's Studies Program at Washington State University.

There are lots of ways to think about what to do with funds at the end, but I don't believe those should be spelled out in the by-laws because changing our minds about this later means revising the by-laws. I believe that if we ever face dissolution, we can figure this out at that point.

Kathleen Underwood, Chair, Mission and By-Laws Committee



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BY-LAWS

COALITION FOR WESTERN WOMEN'S HISTORY

A Not for Profit Corporation incorporated under Idaho Law

ARTICLE I

NAME, PURPOSE, AND MISSION

Section 1. Name. The organization shall be called the COALITION FOR WESTERN WOMEN'S HISTORY, hereinafter referred to in these By-Laws as the "Coalition."

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the Coalition for Western Women's History is to:

- Create an association for all people involved with western women's and gender history, both professionally and personally;
- integrate western women's and gender history into the curriculum at all educational levels and into public understandings of the American West;
- share information and circulate materials on western women's and gender history through conferences, workshops, publications and media.

Section 3. Mission. Transforming the study of women and gender in the West through rigorous scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and collaboration.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERS

Section 1. Eligibility. Anyone interested in and supportive of the vision and mission of the Coalition for Western Women's History, including but not limited to students, community historians, K-12 teachers, independent scholars, the public, and teachers in colleges, community colleges and universities.

Section 2: Annual Dues. Membership dues are based on a calendar year. The Coalition has a sliding scale for dues, which may be changed by a majority vote at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Rights of Membership. Members who are up-to-date on membership dues are entitled to vote at annual meetings, to serve on committees, and to apply for awards.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Coalition shall consist of a chair and a steering committee of five members. Officers shall hold office for a three-year term and maybe reelected for a second term. In addition there are three *ex officio* members of the Coalition: a recorder, a treasurer and the former chair. *Ex officio* members will have no voting rights.

Section 2. Chair. The chair of the Coalition shall preside at all meetings. Subject to the direction and control of the

steering committee, the chair will have general charge of the affairs of the Coalition, sign and execute all agreements in the name of the Coalition, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the steering committee.

Section 3. Steering Committee. The steering committee shall consist of 5 members, who serve a three-year term on a rotating basis. The steering committee shall be charged with the on-going tasks involved in governing, developing and promoting the Coalition and its goals.

Section 4. Recorder. The recorder shall be responsible for keeping records of CWWH actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all Coalition meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to members, and assuring that corporate records are maintained. The recorder is a non-voting member of the steering committee. In the event that the recorder is not available for steering committee meetings, the steering committee will be responsible for maintaining a record of its own meetings.

Section 5. Treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of the finances of the Coalition shall keep a record of all the financial and business transactions of the Coalition. The treasurer will be appointed by the steering committee and will make a full report at the annual meeting.

Section 6. Former chair. The former chair will serve *ex officio* on the steering committee.

Section 7: Elections. New members of the steering committee and the chair shall be elected or re-elected by majority vote of the members at the annual meeting. The steering committee shall be responsible for nominating a slate of prospective steering committee members representing the Coalition's diverse constituency. In addition, any member can nominate a candidate to the slate of nominees.

Section 8. Steering Committee Meetings. Meetings of the steering committee may be called by the chair or by 3 members of the committee. Two-thirds of the members of the steering committee shall constitute a quorum. Ordinarily steering committee meetings will take place during the Western History Association's annual meeting. Steering committee meetings may also take place electronically or by telephone.

Section 9. Vacancies. Vacancies for any officer will be filled at the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees. The steering committee may create committees as needed, such as Wednesday roundtable, silent auction, writers' group, and CWWH-WHA session protocol.

Section 2. Award Committees. Each award committee is comprised of three members, named by the steering committee, who serve three-year rotating terms, chairing the committee in their third term.

Section 3. Interest Groups. Members of the Coalition may form groups on the basis of common interest and concern, by inserting a notice in the newsletter.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The Coalition shall meet as a whole during the annual meeting of the Western History Association. The steering committee shall make every effort to schedule the annual meeting to ensure full member participation.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Coalition may be called at the discretion of the steering committee or upon petition of 10 or more members.

Section 3. Quorum. Those members of the Coalition present at a meeting called in accordance with this article shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI

RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. Rules of Order. The Coalition desires to work by consensus whenever possible; actions or motions will first be held for consensus. If no objections are raised, the action will pass by consensus; if an objection is raised, the body will attempt to work out a compromise within an agreed-upon time limit. If no compromise is forthcoming and no consensus is possible, the membership may call for a voice or written vote on the issue. All votes and other procedures not covered by these by-laws shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 2. Amendments. These bylaws may be changed or amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership at the annual meeting. Amendments must be presented in writing at the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

Section 3. By-Law Review. These By-Laws shall be reviewed periodically as directed by the steering committee.

ARTICLE VII

DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the organization, any monies remaining in the organization's account shall be given to appropriate awards administered by the Western History Association.



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CFP: Mormon History Association

Mormon History Association 2011 Conference, St. George, Utah

From Cotton to Cosmopolitan: Local, National, and Global Transformations in Mormon History

The forty-sixth annual conference of the Mormon History Association will be held May 26-29, 2011, at the Dixie Center in St. George, Utah. The 2011 theme, "From Cotton to Cosmopolitan: Local, National, and Global Transformations in Mormon History," evokes both the specific history of St. George and environs, and Mormonism as a religious tradition more generally.

Once a sparsely populated corner of what became the American Southwest, St. George was founded as part of the LDS Church's Cotton Mission in 1861. This year's conference marks the sesquicentennial of the community's settlement and seeks to highlight the remarkable transformation of the city and the region from isolated outpost to recreation destination. The theme also refers to the transformations of the Mormon tradition, in all of its varieties, from its frontier American origins in the early nineteenth century to its contemporary global presence at the dawn of the new millennium. The conference also aims to further the transformation of Mormon history and historiography from its provincial origins to greater consideration of broader trends, themes, and connections, as well as new interpretations. It is emblematic that St. George, its region, and college were for decades the residence and intellectual home of one of the great change agents of Mormon historiography, Juanita

Leavitt Pulsipher Brooks.

The program committee welcomes papers and panels on all aspects of the transformations in the history of the Mormon-Restoration tradition. Studies focusing on the conference location and its environs (from Las Vegas to Colorado City), region-related themes, and/or notable anniversaries, are particularly encouraged. Accordingly, the following topics are of interest: the founding and history of the Cotton Mission (1861); the development of St. George and southern Utah; Mormon perspectives on and involvement in the American Civil War (1861-1865); the history and impact of Dixie College (1911); the environmental and agricultural history of the region, including the use and conflict over resources (particularly water and timber), the founding of national parks, the impact of nearby nuclear testing, and the development of nature-related tourism; and Mormon relationships with Native Americans.

While we encourage presentations related to the conference theme, we also welcome high-quality proposals related to any aspect of Mormon history. The Program Committee will give preference to complete two- or three-paper session proposals, but individual paper proposals and innovative formats will also be considered. Please send an abstract of each paper (no more than 300 words)

outlining your argument and sources, plus a short CV (no longer than 2 pages) for each speaker; complete panel proposals should also include a short abstract describing the rationale and contribution of the overall panel, as well as suggestions for session chairs and respondents. Previously published papers will not be considered. Since MHA is particularly interested in fostering a new generation of scholars, generous donors have offered to pay the travel expenses for some undergraduate and graduate students whose proposals are accepted. Students' proposals should include estimated expenses if applying for a travel grant.

The deadline for proposals is October 1, 2010. Proposals should be sent by e-mail to mhameeting2011@gmail.com. Hard copies of proposals can also be sent to Matthew Grow, Center for Communal Studies, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN 47712. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be made by January 1, 2011. Additional instructions and information are available on the MHA website at <http://www.mhahome.org>.



CFP: Organization of American Historians

Frontiers of Capitalism and Democracy

Frontier Airlines Center
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Thursday, April 19 to Sunday, April 22, 2012

The theme for the 2012 OAH/NCPH Annual Meeting is "Frontiers of Capitalism and Democracy." For the OAH/NCPH Meeting in Milwaukee, a shoreline city where immigrant leaders initiated innovative public policies during the industrial era, and on the 100th anniversary of two of the most potent third-party presidential challenges in U.S. history, we welcome panels that address the role of the evolving market system, class relations, and migrations over the long chronological sweep of American history, or that explore the frontiers of social imagination and/or territorial encounters that have altered understandings of other peoples and traditions. While we invite sessions on all aspects of U.S. history, we are especially eager to see those that stimulate reflection on tensions and/or interchanges between capitalism and democracy at "frontier" moments in the past.

The Program Committee is keen to encourage a wide variety of forms of conversation. Please feel free to submit such nontraditional proposals as poster sessions; roundtables that home in on significant debates in subfields; discussions around a single artifact or text; serial panels organized around a thematic thread that will run through the conference; working groups that tackle a common professional issue or challenge (see guidelines on the NCPH Web site, www.ncph.org); or workshops that develop professional skills in the documentation or interpretation of

history. Teaching sessions are also welcome, particularly those involving the audience as active participants or those that reflect collaborative partnerships and/or conversations among teachers, public historians, research scholars, and history educators at all levels and in varied settings.

We seek a program that includes the full diversity of the OAH and NCPH membership, so wherever possible proposals should include presenters of both sexes, members of racial and ethnic minorities, and historians who practice their craft in a variety of venues, including community colleges and precollegiate classrooms, consulting firms, museums, historical societies, and the National Park Service. We prefer to receive proposals for complete sessions, but will consider individual papers as well.

Registration and Membership Requirements

All participants are required to register for the Annual Meeting.

Submission Procedure

All proposals must include the following information:

- a complete mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, and affiliation for each participant
- an abstract of no more than 500 words for the session as a whole
- a prospectus of no more than 250 words for each presentation; and
- a vita of no more than 500 words for each participant

Proposals should be submitted electronically to the OAH Proposal System beginning October 1, 2010. Complete session proposals most often include a chair, participants, and, if applicable, one or two commentators (chairs may double as commentators, and commentators may be omitted in order for the audience to serve in that role). Session membership should be limited by the need to include substantial time for audience questions and comments.

Submission Deadline

The deadline for proposals is Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

Conference Calendar

October 3-16, 2010: Western History Association Annual Meeting, Lake Tahoe, NV

April 7-9, 2011: Western Association of Women Historians, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA

May 26-29, 2011: Mormon History Association Conference, St. George, UT

August 11-13, 2011: Pacific Coast Branch-AHA, Seattle

September 21-24, 2011: Northern Great Plains History Conference, Mankato MN

October 13-16, 2011: Western History Association Annual Meeting, Oakland

April 19-22, 2012: Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI

CFP: Northern Great Plains History Conference

Mankato, Minnesota

21-24 September 2011

Proposals for individual papers or panels in all areas of history are welcome for the 46th annual Northern Great Plains History Conference. The conference will meet September 21-24, 2011 in Mankato, Minnesota.

Paper or panel proposals (consisting of an abstract and a one-page vita) should be sent by March 31, 2011 to ngphc@mnsu.edu or to Northern Great Plains History Conference, History Department, AH 110, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Mankato, MN 56001.

A prize will be awarded to the best graduate student paper presented

at the conference. Direct email questions to ngphc@mnsu.edu.

CWWH members may also contact Lori Lahlum (lori.lahlum@mnsu.edu). She will try to organize CWWH co-sponsored sessions for the NGPHC. This conference is very friendly for students (graduate and undergraduate). Editor

CFP: 2010 Pacific Coast Branch—AHA

Horizons of Change The Unexpected, Unknown, and Un- forgettable

August 11th – 13th 2011, Seattle, Washington

The Program Committee for the 2011 Pacific Coast Branch—American Historical Association (PCB—AHA) annual meeting invites proposals for panels and papers on all historical subjects and time periods but with special consideration for those that fit the theme, “Horizons of Change: The Unexpected, Unknown, and Unforgettable.” This theme is meant to encourage innovative and imaginative perspectives and interpretations, focusing on transformative and meaningful events, movements, issues, and individuals related to recent PCB program areas of interest such as race, gender,

borders, and regions; but also to far-reaching fields such as colonialism, U.S. influence, globalism, and historiography. We hope to provide a forum for new research, new understanding, new methodology, and new teaching and learning approaches.

We welcome submissions for panels, roundtable discussions, workshops, and individual papers. We *also particularly welcome panels composed of or including graduate students. Graduate student participants are eligible to apply for Presidents’ Graduate Student Travel Awards* (see the [Presidents’ Graduate Student Travel Award](#) for additional details).

All submissions should be sent by email, with attachments in Word or RTF format; please write “Proposed PCB Session (or Paper)” in the subject line.

When submitting a panel proposal,

- include an abstract that outlines the panel’s theme
- designate one panelist as

contact person

- indicate audio/visual needs.

Each paper proposal, whether individual or part of a panel, should include, for each participant:

- one-page abstract
- audio/visual needs
- one-page c.v.
- address, phone number, and email.

The Program Committee assumes all members of proposed panels have agreed to participate.

The **deadline** for submissions is **Wednesday, November 15, 2010.**

Please email submissions to:

Kevin Leonard, Western Washington University
kevin.leonard@wwu.edu

Steven Hackel, University of California, Riverside
steven.hackel@ucr.edu

Job Announcements

Because of the large number of job announcements (that's a good thing) and the length of the newsletter, I have included just the position title, a URL, and an application deadline. Editor

**United States Women
Baylor
Waco, TX**

For position details and application information please visit:
http://www.baylor.edu/hr_services/index.php?id=57892.

Application deadline: November 15, 2010

**U.S. Women/Gender
Rutgers
New Brunswick, NJ**

<http://history.rutgers.edu>

Application deadline: November 01, 2010

**U.S. Women/Gender
Texas, Dallas
Richardson, TX**

<http://ah.utdallas.edu>

Application deadline: November 15, 2010

**20th-Century United States
Texas Christian
Forth Worth, TX**

<http://www.his.tcu.edu>

Application deadline: November 25, 2010

**19th-Century United States
NYU
New York, NY**

<http://history.fas.nyu.edu/page/employment>

Application deadline: November 15, 2010

**Asian American
Connecticut
Storrs, CT**

Interested applicants should apply online at <http://jobs.uconn.edu>.

Application deadline: October 29, 2010

**Early America/Women/Gender/
Sexuality
Wooster
Wooster, OH**

<http://www.wooster.edu/Academics/Areas-of-Study/History/>

Application deadline: November 15, 2010

**Director/Southwest Studies
Southern Methodist
Dallas, TX**

Application deadline: November 01, 2010

For more information go to the web site at <http://www.smu.edu/history>.

**Endowed Chair/Hispanic Borderlands
Southern Methodist
Dallas, TX**

Application deadline: November 01, 2010

For more information go to the web site at <http://www.smu.edu/history>.

**Endowed Chair/Mexico
Southern Methodist
Dallas, TX**

Application deadline: November 01, 2010

For more information go to the web site at <http://www.smu.edu/history>.

**Endowed Professorship/North
American West/Border
Colorado, Boulder
Boulder, CO**

Questions about the position can be sent to:
paul.sutter@colorado.edu.

Application deadline: November 01, 2010

**Open Field/Rank
Brigham Young
Provo, UT**

Potential applicants should visit the university's web page at <http://www.byu.edu> (employment).

Application deadline: October 01, 2010



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