

**ACTION ITEMS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN HISTORIANS  
EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
November, 2010



At its fall 2010 meeting at the Hilton Washington in Washington, D.C., on November 13–14, the OAH Executive Board took the following actions:

- Approved revisions to the OAH fiscal year 2011 budget.
- Approved the appointments of four new members to the *Journal of American History* Editorial Board: Nancy Isenberg, Mark Silk, Eileen Boris, and Maurice Jackson. The board also approved the appointment of Randall Miller to the Louis Pelzer Memorial Award Committee.
- Approved a list of proposed changes to the OAH Constitution for inclusion in the 2011 OAH Election. (To view the proposed changes, visit [http://www.oah.org/about/elections/2011\\_proposed\\_constitution\\_changes.pdf](http://www.oah.org/about/elections/2011_proposed_constitution_changes.pdf))
- Approved the following changes to the OAH Bylaws:
  - **Section II.D, Duties of Officers**, first sentence. Previous wording: “The **Executive Director** shall be responsible for the business affairs and operations of the Organization and shall keep current, timely, and accurate records and ensure legal and other compliance with external entities as required.” Revised wording adds the phrase “under the direction of the Board” to read: “The Executive Director shall be responsible for the business affairs and operations of the Organization under the direction of the Board and shall keep current, timely, and accurate records and ensure legal and other compliance with external entities as required.” **Rationale:** The Executive Director always acts under the direction of the board. Insertion of this language makes this clear.
  - **Section II.D, Duties of Officers**, second sentence. Previous wording: “The **Executive Director** shall have a job description of accountabilities, duties and responsibilities, and annual performance goals against which he/she shall be annually reviewed for performance.” Revised wording removes the word “annually” from the sentence to read: “The Executive Director shall have a job description specifying accountabilities, duties and responsibilities, and annual performance goals against which he/she shall be reviewed for performance.” **Rationale:** According to nonprofit best practices, personnel details should not appear in either the Constitution or the Bylaws.
  - **Section II.E, Duties of Officers**, second sentence. Previous wording: “The **Executive Editor** shall have a job description of accountabilities duties and responsibilities, and annual performance goals against which he/she shall be annually reviewed for performance.” Revised wording removes the word “annually” from the sentence to read: “The Executive Editor shall have a job description specifying accountabilities, duties and responsibilities, and annual performance goals against which he/she shall be reviewed for performance.” **Rationale:** According to nonprofit best practices, personnel details should not appear in either the Constitution or the Bylaws.
  - **Section II.F, Duties of Officers**, first sentence. Previous wording: “The **Treasurer** shall review all disbursements of funds . . .” Revised wording replaces “review all” with “supervise the” to read: “The Treasurer shall supervise the disbursements of funds . . .” **Rationale:** The words “review all” implies that the Treasurer is responsible for reviewing every single transaction of the organization. The review of all transactions is the job of staff not the Treasurer. The Treasurer supervises this review.
- Approved revised criteria for the Frederick Jackson Turner Prize. The new criteria for the award is as follows:
  - This award is given, annually to the author of a scholarly first book dealing with some aspect of United States history.

- Eligible books must be published during the calendar year preceding that in which the prize is given.
- The author may not have previously published a book-length work of history.
- Submissions will be made by publishers, who may submit such books as they deem eligible.
- Copies of the book must be sent by the presses to each of the three judges by a designated deadline. Publishers may send galley proofs of books that will be published before the end of the calendar year.
- The prize committee will consist of three members chosen by the current president.
- Authorized OAH Executive Director Katherine M. Finley to seek funding to continue the OAH Community College Workshop series.
- Approved the slate of committee appointments presented by the OAH Committee on Committees:
- **Committee on Community Colleges** (*Four-Year Term: May 2011–May 2015*)  
To replace Jennifer Helton and Amy Kinsel:
  - 1) Christine M. Stern, Rockland Community College, State University of New York
  - 2) James Ross-Nazzal, Houston Community College
- **International Committee** (*Four-Year Term: May 2011–2015*)  
To replace William Pratt and Yuka Tsuchiya:
  - 1) Beth Bailey, Temple University (Chair, May 2013–May 2014)
  - 2) Donald DeBats, Flinders University (Adelaide, Australia)
- **Committee on the Status of African American, Latino/a, Asian American, and Native American Historians (ALANA) and ALANA Histories** (*Four-Year Term: May 2011–May 2015*)  
To replace Amrita Chakrabarti Myers:
  - 1) Laurene McClain, City College of San Francisco (Chair, May 2013–May 2014)
- **OAH Committee on National Park Service Issues** (*Four-Year Term: May 2011–May 2015*)  
To replace Frederick Hoxie:
  - 1) Olivia Mahoney, Chicago History Museum (Chair, May 2013–May 2014)
- **Committee on Public History** (*Four-Year Term: May 2011–May 2015*)  
To replace Kathleen Franz:
  - 1) David H. Glassberg, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Chair, May 2013–May 2014)
- **Committee on Teaching** (*Four-Year Term: May 2011–May 2015*)  
To replace Margaret Harris:
  - 1) Donald Falls, University of South Florida
- **Committee on the Status of Women in the Historical Profession** (*Four-Year Term: May 2011–May 2015*)  
To replace Elizabeth Higginbotham and Emma Lapsansky-Werner:
  - 1) Dayo F. Gore, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
  - 2) Susan L. Johnson, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- **Ad Hoc OAH-Japanese Association for American Studies Japan Historians' Collaborative Committee** (*Four-Year Term: May 2011–May 2015*)  
To replace Christopher Jespersen:
  - 1) Mari Yoshihara, University of Hawai'i
- **OAH Delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies** (*Four-Year Term: January 1, 2012–December 31, 2015*)  
To replace Sarah Deutsch:
  - 1) Thomas Bender, New York University

- **Willi Paul Adams Award Committee** (*Four-Year Term: May 2011–May 2015*)  
To replace Manfred Berg, Anne Foster, Kristin Hoganson, and Nelson Ouellet:
  - 1) Charles J. McClain, University of California, Berkeley (Chair)
  - 2) Nancy L. Green, École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris
  - 3) Masako Lino, Tsuda College, Tokyo
  - 4) Mae M. Ngai, Columbia University
- **Erik Barnouw Award Committee** (*Three-Year Term: May 2011–May 2014*)  
To replace Elspeth Brown:
  - 1) Desirée Garcia, Arizona State University (Chair May 2012–May 2013)
- **Ray Allen Billington Prize Committee** (*Two-Year Term: May 2011–May 2013*)  
To replace Kathleen DuVal, David Rich Lewis, and Pablo Mitchell:
  - 1) Michael Lansing, Augsburg College (Chair)
  - 2) Colleen O'Neill, Utah State University
  - 3) Matthew Klinge, Bowdoin College
- **Binkley-stephenson Award Committee** (*Three-Year Term: May 2011–May 2014*)  
To replace Claire Strom:
  - 1) Gail Radford, University of Buffalo (Chair May 2012–May 2013)
- **Avery O. Craven Award Committee** (*One-Year Term: May 2011–May 2012*)  
To replace Tera Hunter, Anthony Kaye, and Hannah Rosen
  - 1) Edward B. Rugemer, Yale University (Chair)
  - 2) Chandra Miller Manning, Georgetown University
  - 3) C. Wyatt Evans, Drew University
- **Merle Curti Award Committee** (*One-Year Term: May 2011–May 2012*)  
To replace Margo Anderson, Mary Kupiec Cayton, Kevin Kruse, Bruce Kuklick, and Penny Von Eschen:
  - 1) Linda Gordon, New York University (Chair)
  - 2) Pekka Hämäläinen, University of California, Santa Barbara
  - 3) Scott R. Nelson, College of William and Mary
  - 4) Seth Rockman, Brown University
  - 5) Martha A. Sandweiss, Princeton University
- **Ellis W. Hawley Prize Committee** (*One-Year Term: May 2011–May 2012*)  
To replace Jennifer Klein, Bryant Simon, and Martin Summers:
  - 1) Meg Jacobs, MIT (Chair)
  - 2) Alison E. Isenberg, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
  - 3) Matthew Lassiter, University of Michigan
  - 4) Douglas C. Rossinow, Metropolitan State University
  - 5) Bruce J. Schulman, Boston University
- **OAH-Immigration and Ethnic History Society John Higham Travel Grants**  
(*Three-Year term: May 2011–May 2014*)  
To replace Elliott Barkan:
  - 1) Andrew K. Sandoval–Strausz, University of New Mexico

- **Darlene Clark Hine Award Committee** (*One-Year Term: May 2011–May 2012*)  
To replace Jennifer Morgan, Elizabeth Turner, and LeeAnn Whites:
  - 1) Mia Bay, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (Chair)
  - 2) Martha S. Jones, University of Michigan
  - 3) Lisa Levenstein, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
- **Lerner-Scott Prize Committee** (*One-Year Term: May 2011–May 2012*)  
To replace Natalia Molina, Susan Rugh, and Jacqueline Wilkie:
  - 1) Catherine Allgor, University of California, Riverside (Chair)
  - 2) Nancy Bercaw, The University of Mississippi
  - 3) Lisa Materson, University of California, Davis
- **Lawrence W. Levine Award Committee** (*One-Year Term: May 2011–May 2012*)  
To replace Jonathan Bryant, William Pretzer, Virginia Scharff, David Steigerwald, and Shirley Wajda:
  - 1) Ann V. Fabian, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (Chair)
  - 2) Kathleen M. Brown, University of Pennsylvania
  - 3) Susan A. Glenn, University of Washington
  - 4) Kimberley L. Phillips, College of William & Mary
  - 5) Casey Blake, Columbia University
- **Liberty Legacy Foundation Award Committee** (*One-Year Term: May 2011–May 2012*)  
To replace Leslie Alexander, Scott Kurashige, and Keith Mayes:
  - 1) Shirley Ann Moore, California State University, Sacramento (Chair)
  - 2) Thomas A. Guglielmo, The George Washington University
  - 3) Robert A. Pratt, University of Georgia
- **James A. Rawley Prize Committee** (*Three-Year Term: May 2011–May 2014*)  
To replace Karin Shapiro:
  - 1) Lisbeth Haas, University of California, Santa Cruz (Chair, May 2012–May 2013)
- **Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau Teacher of the Year Award Committee** (*Two-Year Term: May 2011–May 2013*)  
To replace Michael Flamm:
  - 1) Lisa L. Ossian, Des Moines Area Community College
- **Frederick Jackson Turner Award Committee** (*One-Year Term: May 2011–May 2012*)  
To replace Thomas Andrews and Leslie Brown:
  - 1) Bethany E. Moreton, University of Georgia
  - 2) Charlotte Brooks, Baruch College