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President's Column

As we'd hoped, our first conference outside of California forecasts some positive changes for WAWH. The program committee has assembled a strong slate of papers, some from our steadfast California members but some from Pacific Northwest newcomers to our organization. It is hoped that our new presenters and audiences will like what they see in our organization, stay with us and become active, strengthening our size and usefulness.

Among the new faces in Portland will be that of Lauren Kessler, Professor of Journalism and Communication at the University of Oregon. She will present the President's Dinner address on her newest book, *Happy Bottom Riding Club: The Life and Times of Pancho Barnes* (Random House, 2000) which has been warmly received, even by David Letterman! The biography of this 1930s aviator, dwarfed by Amelia Earhart's fame, is only the most recent in a long and wild career of exploring topics in history. Lauren has written books about northwest woman suffrage, women and basketball, three generations of a Japanese American family, 1960s idealism, aging, grammar and media. Her wide interests, steady efforts, and great success make her an impressive new addition to the WAWH. Her contributions and those of our other new participants bode well for the health of WAWH.

All of our membership can boost the success of our May 18-20 meeting in Oregon by attending and by inviting new colleagues to attend. Unaccustomed as women historians might be to seeing us north of California, we hope for a grand turnout. Please do publicize our conference!

It has been a pleasure to serve as President of WAWH for the last two years because of the reliable cooperation of so many dedicated officers and members. Most notably, WAWH flourishes today because of the ingenuity and hard work of Treasurer Amy Essington, Program Chair Caroline Litzenberger, Portland Conference Local Arrangements Chair Susan Wladaver-Morgan, the entire Newsletter Collective at Claremont Graduate School, and the members of the four prize committees. My warmest thanks go to you for your spectacular efforts.

By Karen Blair
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Announcements

Would you like to receive your *Networker* as an Email?

Beginning with this issue, this *Networker* is available in email form. If you would like to receive your *Networker* as a email, rather than as a paper copy, please contact Amy Essington at aessington@aol.com and you will be put on the list.

Online Membership News Form

You may now submit member news online. Go to the web page at www.wawh.org and select Online Member News Form. The form will open in a new window. Type in your information and hit the submit button to send. Your information will be included in the next edition of the *Networker*.

Conference Opportunity

The Victorian Interdisciplinary Studies Association of the Western United States (VISAWUS) will hold its sixth annual conference at UCLA, October 25-27. The focus for this year is "The Victorian World: Britain, the Empire, and the United States in the Nineteenth Century." Proposals (a maximum of two double-spaced pages) for twenty-minute papers or full panels that focus on the connection between Victorian Britain and the Empire, and Britain, the Empire, and the United States may be sent to: Richard D. Fulton, 518 Willow Road, Bellingham, WA 98225; 360-647-3270. Proposals may also focus on what constitutes "Victorianness," cultural awareness, all of those "others," political and military relations, art and literary relations, etc.

Member News

Laurie Carlson, Washington State University, has a new book coming out this fall, *Cattle: A Social History*, from Ivan R. Dee, Chicago. Also, will present a paper, "Swamps and Salem: Disease and Colonial Witchcraft" at the American Society for Environmental History/Forest History Society annual meeting in Durham, North Carolina, March 28-April 1, 2001.

In November, 2000, at the bi-annual conference of the American World War II Orphans Network (AWON)* held in San Diego, California, **Norma Nicol Hamilton**, and two life-long friends, delivered a presentation entitled: "The Navy as Anchor: the Coronado Connection and Life-Long Friendship of Three Navy Juniors". The hour-long journey back in time focused on the significant Navy connections of their girlhood and contained elements of their immediate post-WWII experiences in Coronado. Their personal stories included information about their Navy officer fathers. The presenters' fathers were all United States Naval Academy graduates; they were all United States Navy aviators; the aviators' widows [the presenters' mothers] all settled in Coronado after WWII to raise their children following the loss of their husbands. Additional commentary addressed the ties that have encircled the women in the supportive bonds of life-long friendship. The presentation was visually enhanced by overhead projection of archival family photographs. Hamilton is affiliated with California State of Sacramento and Jesuit High School, Sacramento.

The latest addition to **Bonda Lewis'** repertory of shows on women writers and activists is "The Powder Keg," a study of the development of the nursing service as attached to the armed services. Between 1809 and 1949, women who nursed the American and British armies rose from camp followers to commissioned officers. How did it happen? Who was in-

involved? Research for the show was done at the Royal Army Medical Corps Museum and Queen Alexandras' Imperial Nursing Service archives in Ash Vale, Surrey, at the Library of Congress and National Archives, the archives of Women in Military Service of America, the Army Center for Military History, and oral interviews of World War II nurses in the United States, England and Scotland. The show is appropriate for armed services installations, libraries, nursing programs, universities and clubs.

Maureen Murphy Nutting would like to thank the other WAWH members for their support in her successful bid for AHA council.

Elizabeth Reis (Department of History, University of Oregon) published *American Sexual Histories* for Blackwell's Social and Cultural History in America series. *American Sexual Histories* is an edited collection of fourteen articles and corresponding primary documents on the history of sexuality in America from the colonial period to the present. Reis also recently edited and published her grandmother's memoir, *Dear Lizzie: Memoir of a Jewish Immigrant Woman*.

Lynn Sacco (USC, Ph.D. Candidate), received a UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowship, which will be administered through the Women's Studies Program at UCSB.

Nancy Weston (St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN) has a new book, *Daniel Maclise: Irish Artist in Victorian London*, (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2001) 323 pp, 60 ill, \$55, ISBN 1-85182-574-6 that is now available through Amazon or International Specialized Book Services: orders@isbs.com.

2001 Conference Program

Thirty-Second Annual Conference Program
May 18-20, 2001 Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon

Note: This is a tentative program. The schedule and presenters are subject to change. Please check the web page, www.wawh.org, for updated information.

Friday, May 18

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

Registration

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Scholars reading from their books, including Patricia Schechter on Ida B. Wells, and Kathleen Sheldon on Mozambiquan women

Saturday, May 19

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

SESSION ONE: 8:45am – 10:15 am

I. "Gender, Ethnicity & Mining Labor in the American West" (Ph.D. Research)

A. Yvette Huginnie (Chair & Comment)

Shirley Johnston, "A Mine is a Terrible Thing to Waste: Josephine Roche and the use of Progressive Labor Policies at the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company"

Sondra Cosgrove, "Unlikely Miners: The Chinese in Clifton, Arizona, 1854–1886"

II. "Medieval Women Access their Power"

TBA (Chair & Comment)

Lois Huneycutt, "'Anglo-Norman Queens and their Public: Power, Patronage, and Piety."

Julie Neuffer, "The Power of Holy Women"

Donna Broderick Gavac, "Two Unforgettable Women in Pursuit of Their Dreams"

III. "Take a . . . : Western Women's Creative Response to Their Surroundings"

Lillian Schlissel (Chair & Comment)

Susan Butruille, "Necessity, Creativity, and Spirituality: A Multicultural Approach to Western Women's Food Preparation and Preservation"

Mary Bywater Cross, "Quilts: Stitched Visual Records of Personal Experience"

Susan Doyle, "Narratives of Travel: Preserving Women's Experience on the Overland Trails"

Carole Glauber, "Deciphering the Photograph: A Case Study of Myra Albert Wiggins."

IV. Roundtable: "Community College Roundtable: Teaching and Curriculum"

Participants: Florence M. Baker, Katherine Sturdevant, Gloria Miranda & Marguerite Renner

SESSION TWO: 10:30 – Noon

V. "American Reformers in Africa, Native America, and Chinatown: Gender and Cross-cultural Encounters" (Ph.D. Research)

Peggy Pascoe (Chair & Comment)

Rachel Jean-Baptiste, "African Christian Womanhood: American Protestant Missionaries in the Belgian Congo, 1900–1930"

Cecilia Tsu, "'Winning the Americans for Christ': Protestant Women and the Vision of Chinese American Assimilability in California, 1870–1920"

Kim Warren, "Girls to Women: Native American Boarding School Students and the Formation of 'American' Identities, 1870–1930"

VI. "Early Modern Women exercise their Power and Authority"

TBA (Chair & Comment)

Caroline Litzenberger, "Women's use of Power to Support and Promote their Religion in Early Modern England"

Elizabeth McCartney, "Madame qui est nostre mere: The queens' authority in early modern France."

VII. Roundtable: "Primary Sources in Local History Archives: Three Examples (Museum of History and Industry, University of Washington Library, Oregon Historical Society)"

Participants: Carolyn J. Marr, Susan Seyl & Nicolette Bromberg

Noon – 1:00 a.m. Lunch

SESSION THREE: 1:00pm – 2:30 pm

VIII. "Embodied Knowledge: Comparative Perspectives from Early Modern Europe"

Alison Lingo (Chair & Comment)

Lisa Silverman, "An Epistemology of the Body: Pain as a Means to Truth in Early Modern France"

Elsbeth Whitney, "The Gendering of the Witches' Body: The Case of Johannes Weyer and Reginald Scot"

Mary Elizabeth Perry, "The Morisca Incarnate: Self-identity and Oppression in Early Modern Spain"

IX. "Women and the Built Environment"

Lauren McCroskey (Chair & Comment)

Gail Dubrow, "Interpreting Japanese American Women's History at Historic Places"

Shanna Stevenson, "Where were the Women? Finding and Exploring Women's Roles in the Past"

Mary Wright, "Places for the People: Indigenous Women as Builders in the Pacific Northwest Plateau"

X. "Women's Performances in the American West"

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2001 Conference Program Continued

TBA (Chair & Comment)

Catherine Parsons Smith, "An Operatic Skeleton on the Western Frontier: Zitkala Sa, William F. Hanson and The Sun Dance Opera"

Renee M. Laegreid, "It's not going to be a social event': Challenging the Definition of Rodeo Royalty at the 1947 Tri-State All-Girl Rodeo"

XI. Roundtable: "Present at (or nearly at) the Creation: Teaching Women's History in the Early 1970s"

Participants: Howard Shorr, Susan Armitage & Elizabeth Jameson

SESSION FOUR: 2:45pm – 4:15 pm

XII. "Women's Activism in 20th Century America"

Gayle Gullett (Chair & Comment)

Mary Ann Irwin, "The Emanu-El Sisterhood for Personal Service: Questions about Jewish Women's Settlement Work, 1894–1969"

Julie Allen, "More than 'Angels': Anna Rochester's and Grace Hutchins' Development of the U.S. Communist Party Press"

Susan Starbuck, "Hazel Wolf at the Grassroots"

XIII. "Women and Work in Early Modern England" (M.A. Research)

Muriel McClendon (Chair & Comment)

Lisa Griffen, "Motivations for the 1546/7 Closure of the Southwark Stews"

Juli Gurevich, "A Sour Tongue for Sweet Revenge: Gendered Language and the Praxis of Identity in the 17th Century English"

Debate on Womanhood, A Case Study"

Tiffany Shumaker, "Women in the Face of Death: The Role of Poor Women in Plague Relief, Ipswich 1579-1586"

XIV. Roundtable: "From Ads to Offers: A Roundtable Discussion about the Academic Job Market"

Participants: Nancy Page Fernandez, Carole Srole & Emily Rader

XV. Discussion: "Open Forum on Revisions to the Constitutional and Bylaws"

(Topics discussed will include: the need for revisions; award criteria, including membership requirements; organizational structure; and leadership roles. Comments/questions/Critique from the audience encouraged.)

Discussion Leaders: Karen Lystra, President-Elect and Amy Essington, Treasurer

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Business Meeting

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Graduate Student Reception / Fundraiser

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. President's Banquet with Speaker, Dr. Lauren Kessler, of the University of Oregon: "Aviatrix Pancho Barnes: Her Context"

9:00 p.m. on Singing around the Fireplace

Sunday, May 20

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast

SESSION FIVE: 10:00am – 11:30 am

XVI. "A New Look at Some Old Topics in Pacific Northwest Women's History" (Ph.D. Research)

Karen Blair (Chair & Comment)

Brenda K. Jackson, "Knitting Needles AND Business Savvy Required: Middle Class Women in the late 19th Century Inland Empire"

Nancy A. Driscoll Engle, "Debating Suffrage? The 'Still Hunt' in Spokane, 1898"

Jennifer Ross Nazzal, "Re-examining Two Washington Suffragists: Emma Smith De Voe and May Arkwright Hutton"

XVII. "Women view the British Empire"

David Savage (Chair & Comment)

Nupur Chaudhuri, "'Let's break the shackles:' an Indian woman's colonial encounter in late nineteenth-century London."

Tamara Hunt, "Colonialism versus Feminism: Harriet Martineau's Travel Account of Post-famine Ireland"

XVIII. "Homemaking in 20th Century America"

TBA (Chair & Comment)

Linda Heidenreich, "Me and Betty Crocker, or From Aryan to Mestiza Betty, 75 Years of General Mills"

Jennifer Kerns, "Reorganizing Gender Relations in the Domestic Sphere: Federal Housing Projects in the 1930s."

XIX. Roundtable: Dissertations in Progress

Participants: TBA

(If you would like to participate in the "Dissertations-in-Progress Roundtable", please contact Caroline Litzenberger at litzenbergerc@pdx.edu)

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch and Performance of "'Marie Pantalon'" by Susan Butruille

Look for full conference details and registration information in your mail soon.

For the latest conference information, please check the web page at www.wawh.org.

Constitution and Bylaws

To the membership:

I have been working with Karen Lystra on the application for federal tax-exempt status for the WAWH. At this stage, we need to circulate documents that will be voted on by the membership at the business meeting during the Annual conference in May in Portland.

This explanation covers the following information:

- 1) History of problem,
- 2) Required documentation,
- 3) Steps for filing.

1) History of the Problem

I realize there may be some confusion as to why this needs to be done. At the business meeting of the 2000 conference, the membership voted to file for federal tax-exempt status. We may have been tax exempt at one time, however, we currently are not. At some point in 1998, our EIN number (like a social security number for organizations) was deleted from the IRS system. My understanding is that the EIN number was deleted because we had not filed yearly tax forms. Due to our income level, we were not legally required to file yearly. (The IRS has since changed this policy of deleting numbers for organizations that do not file every year). In the Fall of 1999, I requested a new EIN number. This number gives us non-profit status with the federal government, NOT tax-exempt status. The deletion of our EIN number deleted all records of tax-exempt status we may have had. I have not been able to locate any records to show otherwise. I have been in contact with the non-profit section of the IRS several times and they have not been able to find any records of us. Therefore, we must re-file for tax-exempt status federally (we are fine with the state of California as we are both non-profit AND tax-exempt).

2) Required Documentation

In order to re-file for tax-exempt status, we need several things. 1) A signed Constitution and the minutes from the meeting in which it was approved.

2) Signed by-laws of each award and the minutes from the meeting in which they were approved. 3) A statement of disillusionment (what happens to our money in the event the organization folds). I was not able to find any of these documents in the treasurer's materials, nor was I able to find anyone who had them. Therefore, working with Karen Lystra, I have created a draft of the required documents using old copies of the constitution and current web page descriptions of the award committees.

3) Steps for Filing

The process to establish the documents as acceptable to the IRS is as follows:

- 1) The constitution and bylaws must be drafted. This has been completed.
- 2) The documents must be circulated among the membership before the conference. They will also be put on the web page and be available at the conference.
- 3) The majority of the membership must vote to approve the Constitution and Bylaws at the conference.
- 4) The constitution and bylaws must be signed by the officers and the minutes of the meeting in which they were approved must also accompany them.
- 5) The application form with the required documentation will be submitted to the IRS.
- 6) Hopefully sooner rather than later we will be approved as a tax-exempt group.

Please let Karen Lystra or me know if you have any questions/concerns/comments about any of the documents. This is a time consuming thoughtful process, but one that is important to our organization.

Thank you.
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Constitution

Article I Name

The name of the organization shall be the Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH).

Article II Purposes

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote the interests of women historians both in the historical profession and the field of history.

Article III Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be open to anyone who supports the purpose of this organization and who pays annual membership dues.

Section 2. Dues shall be set by the general membership at the business meeting of the annual conference.

Section 3. Yearly membership shall apply to the interval between annual conferences, or June 1st if a conference is not held.

Section 4. All members in good standing shall be eligible to vote at the business meeting.

Article IV Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1. Officers of the Association shall be: President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each person elected shall be a member in good standing.

Section 2. The officers shall perform the duties described in the parliamentary authority and the bylaws of the organization.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected by a majority at the annual meeting, and shall hold office for two years. Their term of office shall begin with the adjournment of the annual meeting.

Section 4. No person shall hold office if not a member, and no member shall hold more than one office.

Section 5. The management of the business of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Committee composed of the officers, the immediate Past President, and committee chairs or other representatives as appointed by the executive committee.

Section 6. The officers shall establish standing committees and other positions deemed necessary to achieve the goals of the organization.

Section 7. The officers shall make interim appointments to fill vacancies until the next annual meeting.

Article V Meetings

Section 1. The Association will hold one annual business meeting, at such time and place, as the officers shall determine. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to call additional meetings of the membership.

Section 2. The organization shall meet in convention annually, the time and place to be chosen by the officers, arranged by the President, and approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. All official business of the Association shall be ratified at the annual meeting by a majority of those members in good standing in attendance.

Article VI Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a motion made at the annual business meeting and approved by a majority of those members in good standing in attendance. Proposals must then go through the process of ratification as described in Section 2, 3, and 4 below.

Section 2. The text of proposed amendments to the constitution shall either be printed in the newsletter immediately preceding an annual conference or be distributed with the program and reservation forms sent to members in advance of the meeting. Copies shall also be made available at the time of registration.

Section 3. Amendments must be approved by a majority vote of those members in good standing present and voting at the business meeting.

Section 4. Amendments so approved shall be publicized in the next regular issue of the newsletter. If one-third plus one of the members in good standing object within three months, the amendment shall be submitted to the members in good standing by mail ballot. Two-thirds of those returning their ballots must approve the measure.

Article VII Dedication

Section 1. Upon the disillusionment of the WAWH, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the corresponding section of any federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a federal purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the association is located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as the said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Bylaws

Article I Membership

Section 1. Membership dues for full-time employed, part-time employed, retired, graduate students, independent scholars, and lifetime membership will be determined by the executive committee subject to approval at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Only members of the Association who have paid dues for the current membership year have voting privileges. Institutional members shall be entitled to representation at any meeting by one delegate who may vote, but, if that delegate is also an individual member, he/she may not cast a second vote.

Article II Duties of the Officers

Section 1. The President shall:

- 1) Be the chief executive officer of the Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH).
- 2) Appoint the chair and members of standing and ad hoc committees.
- 3) Represent the organization in its dealings with other groups.
- 4) Arrange for the representation of the WAWH on panels and luncheons during professional conferences, call meetings of the executive board when necessary, run all board and business meetings, and perform such other tasks as the executive board shall authorize.
- 5) Choose the location of the annual conference, coordinate the activities of the program and arrangements chairs, and select the speaker for the president's dinner.

Section 2. The President-Elect shall:

- 1) Assist the president and prepare to assume the presidency at the end of their respective terms.
- 2) Be in charge of job information and referrals and participate in liaison with other groups. At the end of the term, the president-elect shall become the president.

Section 3. The Secretary shall:

- 1) Take minutes and notes for board meetings and business meetings. If the secretary is unable to attend a board meeting and/or a business meeting, the secretary shall designate an appropriate substitute to take minutes. If the secretary is unable to act, the president shall appoint an appropriate substitute to take minutes.
- 2) Present the minutes of the previous conference for approval at the next business meeting.
- 3) Have responsibility for membership recruitment and follow-up.
- 4) Maintain the mailing lists and dues records and continuation of the computer directory.
- 5) Produce hard copies of the directory for sale at specified annual meetings.

- 6) Provide mailing labels and appropriate records to the editor of the newsletter, and, under appropriate circumstances, to the other officers and members.
- 7) Handle the correspondence of the WAWH.
- 8) Meet those responsibilities required by state and federal law.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall:

- 1) Maintain the financial records.
- 2) Deposit all receipts in appropriate accounts; pay all expenses with funds drawn on the proper accounts.
- 3) Present a financial report at the annual meeting.
- 4) File, with the authorities, the reports required by state and federal law.

Section 5. The Editor of the newsletter shall:

- 1) Be responsible for publishing a minimum of three issues a year, with input from other members of the board and from the membership.

Section 6. The Graduate Student Representative(s) shall:

- 1) Be responsible for representing the particular interests of the graduate students in the organization.
- 2) Maintain a liaison with other graduate student groups.

Section 7. The Local Arrangements Chair shall:

- 1) Supervise the physical arrangements for the annual conference.
- 2) Make summary report to the secretary and treasurer of income and expenditures for each annual conference.

Section 8. The Program Chair shall:

- 1) Arrange the program content of the annual conference in cooperation with other officers.
- 2) Make arrangements for the speaker and panelists.
- 3) Form a committee to assist in the completion of these tasks.
- 4) Make a summary report to the executive committee.

Section 9. The Social Action Coordinator shall:

- 1) Bring to the attention of this organization relevant professional or social issues for action by the group or by individuals in the organization.

Article III Amendments

The Executive Committee is authorized and directed to initiate amendments to the Bylaws as may be desirable to regularize the administrative practices of the Western Association of Women Historians. An up-to-date copy of these Bylaws shall be made available upon request. Any part of the Bylaws shall be subject to review and amendment at the annual meeting by a majority vote of those members in good standing in attendance.

Award Bylaws

Bylaws for WAWH Barbara Penny Kanner Award

1. The Barbara Penny Kanner Award has been established by the WAWH to honor the distinguished achievement in two areas: scholarly bibliographical and historiographical work or autobiography in historical context with a focus on Women's History or Gender History. 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.
2. All recipients shall be members of the WAWH.
3. The Kanner Award is intended to promote the practice of bibliomethodology 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.
4. Applicants for the WAWH Barbara Penny Kanner Award must submit the following to the selection committee:
 - a. Three copies of their work.
5. The Committee shall be composed of three members of the WAWH named by the President to serve two-year terms. Each member of the Committee shall review and rate each application for the Barbara Penny Kanner Award.
6. The Selecting Committee shall use the following criteria in selecting recipients:
 - a. Appropriateness and clarity of bibliographical/textual apparatus.
 - b. Significance of the topic.
 - c. Comprehensiveness and accuracy of research.
7. The award will be determined by the Barbara Penny Kanner Award Committee subject to funding availability and the applicant pool.
8. From their individual ratings, Committee members shall reach a consensus on the recipient(s) of the Barbara Penny Kanner Awards.
9. Barbara Penny Kanner Award recipient(s) shall be announced at the annual conference.

Bylaws for WAWH Graduate Dissertation Fellowship

1. The purpose of the WAWH Graduate Dissertation Fellowship is to encourage graduate students who show promise of significant contributions to historical scholarship. Funds from these Awards may be used for purposes directly or indirectly related to the dissertation, such as research expenses, scholarly conferences, preparation, or dissertation.
2. All recipients shall be members of the WAWH.
3. All recipients shall be graduate students in history who have been advanced to candidacy and are writing the dissertation at the time of application. They should expect the Ph.D. no earlier than December of the calendar year in which the award is made.
4. Applicants for a WAWH Graduate Dissertation Fellowship must submit the following to the selection 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. Three confidential letters of recommendation sent directly to the Committee. A file maintained by a university office is not an adequate substitute for the specified letters of reference.
5. The Committee shall be composed of three members of WAWH named by the President to serve two-year terms. Each member of the Committee shall review and rate each application for the Graduate Dissertation Fellowship.
6. The Committee shall use the following criteria in selecting recipients:
 - a. Scholarly potential of the graduate student;
 - b. Significance of the dissertation project for historical research;
 - c. Progress already made toward completing research on the dissertation.
7. The award will be determined by the Graduate Dissertation Fellowship Committee subject to funding availability and the applicant pool.
8. From their individual ratings, Committee members shall reach a consensus on the recipient(s) of the Graduate Dissertation Fellowship.
9. Graduate Dissertation Fellowship recipient(s) shall be announced at the annual conference.

Award Bylaws

Bylaws for WAWH Judith Lee Ridge Prize

1. The purpose of the WAWH Judith Lee Ridge Prize is to recognize the best article in the field of history published by a WAWH member.
2. All recipients shall be members of the WAWH for at least one year prior to submission
3. The article must have been published in one of the two years proceeding the award year. All fields of history will be considered, and articles must be submitted with full scholarly apparatus.
4. Applicants for a WAWH Judith Lee Ridge Prize must submit the following to the selection committee:
 - a. Three copies of the entry.
 - b. Statement that the applicant is a member of the WAWH.
5. The Committee shall be composed of three members of WAWH named by the President to serve two-year terms. Each member of the Committee shall review and rate each application for the Judith Lee Ridge Prize.
6. The Committee shall use the following criteria in selecting recipients:
 - a. Clarity of the article.
 - b. Originality and cogency of the argument presented.
 - c. Originality and appropriateness of the research.
 - d. Significance of the article as a contribution to historical knowledge and interpretation.
7. The award will be determined by the Judith Lee Ridge Lee Prize Committee subject to funding availability and the applicant pool.
8. From their individual ratings, Committee members shall reach a consensus on the recipient(s) of the Judith Lee Ridge Prize.
9. The Judith Lee Ridge Prize recipient(s) shall be announced at the annual conference.

Bylaws for WAWH Sierra Book Prize

1. The purpose of the WAWH Sierra Book Prize shall be to recognize the best monograph in the field of history published by a WAWH member.
2. 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 California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, or Oklahoma; and WAWH members residing in other states who have paid membership for three years (not necessarily consecutive years).
3. The book must be a monograph based on original research (not an anthology or edited work). It must be published in the year prior to the award. Books cannot be submitted more than once. The Prize is open to all fields of history.
4. Applicants for a WAWH Sierra Award must submit the following to the selection committee:
 - a. Three copies of the book.
5. The Committee shall be composed of three members of WAWH named by the President to serve two-year terms. Each member of the Committee shall review and rate each application for Sierra Book Prize.
6. The Committee shall use the following criteria in selecting recipients:
 - a. Originality of conception and analysis.
 - b. Wide research and careful documentation.
 - c. Clarity of expression.
7. The award will be determined by the Sierra Book Prize Committee subject to funding availability and the applicant pool.
8. From their individual ratings, Committee members shall reach a consensus on the recipient(s) of the Sierra Book Prize.
9. The Sierra Book Prize recipients(s) shall be announced at the annual conference.

WAWH Executive Board 1999-2001

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