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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

GREETINGS!

Let me start this column by wishing you all the best for 2007. WAWH had a very successful presence at the AHA in Atlanta. With CCWH, we co-sponsored a session titled "Women's History Organizations: Are They Still Relevant in the Twenty-First Century? Two Generations Respond." It was conceived by WAWH Executive Director Amy Essington, who also organized it in cooperation with CCWH Executive Director Jen Scanlon. About thirty people attended the session. WAWH was represented on the panel by Karen Offen, Amy, and myself as panel moderator. WAWH also had an affiliate table that Amy, Annie Russell and Sandra Dawson staffed. They gave out literature and information about WAWH. I would like to thank all three of them, especially Amy for providing yeo-woman service to the organization. In addition, WAWH member Carole Srole was awarded the Nancy Lyman Roelker Mentorship Award by the AHA.

I would like to thank the committee members who worked hard to update the guidelines for the Judith Lee Ridge Prize, the Keller-Sierra Prize, the Barbara "Penny" Kanner Prize, and the Founders' Dissertation Prize. This year, I appointed committees to review the bylaws for each of the awards. The committees made their suggestions, as did the board members. Changes were mostly in clarification of the meaning of existing language. The board voted on and approved the bylaws listed in this issue. At the business meeting, the membership will vote on the bylaws.

We are getting ready for the forthcoming WAWH conference on May 3-6, 2007, at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego. By now, most of you know that Asuncion Lavrin will be our keynote speaker. There will be a special session to honor Francesca Miller's contribution to women's history, especially in Latin American women's history. At the Awards Banquet, we will honor all winners of the Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize. WAWH has been recognizing the scholarship of its members published as articles since 1985. The recognition of the winners at the Banquet is part of the organization's focus this year on the Ridge Prize. See Susan Wladaver-Morgan's column on page 7 about the fund-raising for endowment. I hope to see many of you in San Diego!

Susan Wladaver-Morgan will be the WAWH Luncheon speaker at the PCB-AHA conference this July in Hawaii. Her talk will be "Vibrate in Memory": Reaching and Teaching History through Music." Elizabeth (Betsy) Jameson, University of Calgary, will introduce her. WAWH will also sponsor several sessions.

In 2009, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of WAWH. I have organized and am chairing a committee to plan for the event. Committee members are: Carol Gold (incoming president), Carole Srole, Barbara Molony (2008 Program Chair), Karen Offen, Peggy Renner, Susan Wladaver-Morgan, and Amy Essington (Executive Director, *ex officio*). We will keep you informed about the work of this committee.

I am ending this report on a sad note. Frances Richardson Keller's husband William (Bill) P. Rhetta died in December 2006. He was an honorary member and a loyal supporter of this organization. Frances and her family have requested that if anyone wants to honor Bill's memory, they should send a donation for the Keller-Sierra Prize to Amy. Our sympathies are with Frances and her family.

Nupur Chaudhuri

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the members who have joined between October 2, 2006 and February 1, 2007!

Sue Armitage
Christine Bard
Nancy R. Bartlit
Judith Lawrence Bellafaire
Mary Jo Binker
Lisa Chavez
Ann Fulton
Hend Gilli-Elewy
Devon Hansen
M. Anore Horton
Betsy Jameson
Jeanette Keith
Holly M. Kent
Lauren Kientz
Gwen Kirkpatrick
Sunu Kodumthara
Lisa Kohlmeier
Shira Kohn
Karen Krahulik
Eun Hye Kwon
Sandra K. Mathews

Veronica Martinez Matsuda
Kelli McCoy
Stephanie Moore
Linda Nash
Elaine M. Nelson
Sandy Polishuk
Patrick Pynes
Amy Randall
Jesse Siess
Ximena Sosa-Buchholz
Rita A. Soza
Jennifer R. Stanford
Shanna Stevenson
Bonnie Thompson
Megan Threlkeld
Maia Thrift-Perry
Rhonda L. Tintle
Patricia Tirado
Rachael Vorberg-Rugh
Linda Witt
Naomi Yavneh

THANK YOU DONORS

Thank you to the people who have made donations to the WAWH between October 2, 2006 and February 1, 2007.

Amanda Atkins
Robert Cherny
Wendy Gamber
Suellen and Walter Nugent Hoy
Margaret Jacobs
Michael Magliari

Michelle Nickerson
Rita A. Soza
Alice R. Wexler
Rachael Vorberg-Rugh
Linda Witt
Naomi Yavneh

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MEMBER NEWS

Ginette Aley, University of Southern Indiana, currently has two books under contract with Kent State University Press: *Preserving Unions: Midwestern Women, the Civil War, and the Un-Organized Home Front*, and *A Woman's Republic: the Personal Writings of Early 19th Century Ohio Women* and a forthcoming article in *Ohio History*: "A Republic of Farm People: Women, Families, and Market-Minded Agrarianism in Ohio, 1820s-1830s."

Gordon Morris Bakken is one of six authors of *World History: A Concise Thematic Analysis* (Harlan Davidson, 2007), two volumes. Brenda Farrington was the developmental editor for the press.

Lauren Coodley of Napa Valley College has two books appearing in 2007. Prentice-Hall will publish her textbook, *California: a Multicultural History in Documents* in April, and in June, Arcadia Publishing will publish *Napa: the Transformation of an American Town*, (2nd edition). Both books integrate women's history into the "master narrative." Her website is www.laurencoodley.com.

Amy Essington presented excerpts of her research on the integration of the Pacific Coast League, the minor baseball league in the West, at the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the AHA in August 2006, and at the Association for African American Historical Research and Preservation's Fourth Annual Black History Conference in February 2007. She participated in the roundtable "Regional Women's History Organizations: Are They Still Relevant in the 21st Century? Two generations respond" at the annual meeting of the AHA in January 2007. Amy is also the new newsletter editor the Coordinating Council for Women in History (CCWH).

Jill Fields, CSU Fresno, presented "On 'Pins & Needles': Gender, Glamour and the Fashion-Industrial Complex," at the "The Golden Age of Gotham's Clothing Industry" conference at The Graduate Center, CUNY in February 2007.

Danish Cookbooks: Domesticity and National Identity, 1616-1901, by WAWH President-Elect **Carol Gold** (University of Alaska, Fairbanks), will be published in May by the University of Washington Press.

Newly-promoted Associate Professor **Linda Heidenreich**, of Washington State University, published "Learning from the Death of Gwen Araujo? -- Transphobic Racial Subordination and Queer Latina Survival in the Twentieth-Century" in *Chicana Latina Studies* 6 No. 1(Fall 2006).

Joan Jensen's book, *Calling This Place Home: Women on the Wisconsin Frontier, 1850-1925* was published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press in 2006. Also I am on the cover of the Winter 2007 *Agricultural History* as a three-year-old tot atop a work horse! It accompanies "Agricultural History Talks to Joan Jensen" in the same issue. Jensen is Professor (Emerita), New Mexico State University.

Barbara "Penny" Kanner has authored fifteen entries on women and World War I in *Women and War: A Historical Encyclopedia from Antiquity to the Present*. Ed. Bernard Cook. Santa Barbara: Clio Press, 2006.

Kathleen Kennedy of Western Washington University has published, "A charge Never Easily Made: The Meaning of Respectability and Women's Work in the Trial of the Reverend William Hogan, 1822" in *American Nineteenth Century History* 7:1 (March 2006): 29-62.

Catherine Parsons Smith, University Of Nevada, Reno, *emerita*, has two forthcoming books. *Making Music in Los Angeles: Transforming the Popular* (University of California Press, expected late 2007). This is a social history of music making from c. 1887-1941, including the formation of professional music making, the transition from the Progressive Era to musical modernism, and the misfiring of musical modernism in LA. *William Grant Still*, (University of Illinois Press, expected 1908), is a short biography of an African American composer who worked in commercial music and composed symphonies and operas. From 1935, he lived and worked in LA.

The University of California Press recently published *The Emerging Female Citizen: Gender and Enlightenment in Spain*, by **Theresa Ann Smith**, Visiting Scholar at UCLA's Center for Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Studies and Chair of the Social Studies Department at Oakwood School in North Hollywood.

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

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

James B. Castles Fellowship

The James B. Castles Fellowship supports original scholarly research that contributes to public understanding of the history of the Columbia River Basin. The \$3,000 Fellowship is open to graduate students, professional historians and independent scholars. CCRH encourages proposals from diverse historical perspectives, including social, ethnic, political, cultural and environmental studies.

Fellows will be in residence at the Center for Columbia River History in Portland, Oregon/Vancouver, Washington for four weeks during the granting year (June 1, 2007-August 31, 2008). They will deliver a public talk on their research topic, submit an article for possible publication, and a written report on their activities.

To apply, submit three letters of recommendation, and six copies of the following: curriculum vita and a cover letter (800 words maximum) outlining your research project and the archives you intend to use. If your recommendation letters will arrive under separate cover, be sure to provide contact information for the writers. Send to the Center for Columbia River History, 1109 East 5th St., Vancouver WA 98661. Materials, including recommendation letters, should be received by MARCH 1, 2007. No electronic applications, please.

The Center for Columbia River History is a regional consortium of the Washington State Historical Society, Portland State University, and Washington State University Vancouver. Its mission is to promote the study of the history of the Columbia River region.

The Castles Fellowship is made possible by an endowment provided by the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust to CCRH in honor of James B. Castles, a founding trustee who promoted the heritage of the Columbia River throughout his life. For questions or more information, visit www.ccrh.org, email info@ccrh.org, or call 360-258-3289.

Huntington Library Women's Studies Seminar

"Women Writing in L.A.": A panel of scholars and writers, representing widely diverse perspectives, will offer an overview of what women are writing today in L.A. and will read from their own work.

Registration and coffee from 9:30; Seminar from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon with lunch available on the patio until 1:00 p.m.

The seminar is free to the public and all are welcome.

PRELINGER PRIZE APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Coordinating Council for Women in History (CCWH) will award \$20,000 to a scholar, with a Ph.D. or A.B.D., who has not followed a traditional academic path of uninterrupted and completed secondary, undergraduate, and graduate degrees leading to a tenure-track faculty position. Although the recipient's degrees do not have to be in history, the recipient's work should clearly be historical in nature. In accordance with the general goals of CCWH, the award is intended to recognize or to enhance the ability of the recipient to contribute significantly to women in history, whether in the profession in the present or in the study of women in the past. The Prelinger Committee encourages applications from independent and non-academic scholars. It is not intended that there be any significant restrictions placed on how a given recipient shall spend the award as long as it advances the recipient's scholarship goals and purposes. Recipients must be members of CCWH. For more information, application and membership forms, see the CCWH website at: theccwh.org. Deadline for receipt of applications is March 16, 2007.

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Executive Director's Column

By Amy Essington
WAWH Executive Director

Spring is the busiest time of year for WAWH in many ways. Conference preparation and membership renewal happen in the months leading up to the conference. Graduate students are finishing dissertations and interviewing for jobs. Independent scholars are continuing to research and write. Full-timers are interviewing and hiring and planning summer research trips. WAWH members are very active members of the profession and we gather once a year to share our work, network, see old friends and make new connections.

The 2007 conference program and registration information is posted on the organizational website (www.wawh.org). Current members should receive by now in their mailbox a program packet which includes the program and registration information as well as membership renewal information. Whether or not you plan on attending the conference, it is time to renew your membership for the 2007-2008 year. The membership year goes from conference to conference. The organization operates from membership dues. Keeping your membership current is the best way to help WAWH remain financially strong and growing.

The 2007 conference is the first time the organization has met in Southern California south of Los Angeles. Pamela Radcliff, 2007 Program Chair, and her committee have put together an exciting program of diverse panels. The schedule for the 2007 conference will include an informal welcome reception Thursday evening. The conference will begin Friday morning with an 8:30am session and end with the banquet on Saturday evening. To participate in all of the conference activities, please plan on arriving on Thursday afternoon and departing on Sunday. More open time has been incorporated into the schedule to allow for the socializing and networking at which WAWH members excel. Please plan on attending the banquet. This year it will be the culmination of the conference and the four awards and prizes will be presented.

Beginning with the 2007-2008 year, the award and prizes committees will begin three-year cycles. Each committee member will be appointed to a three-year term. Each year a one member will rotate off and a new member will rotate on. This new system gives four members the opportunity to serve the organization each year. I have developed a list of members who are interested in serving on the award committees or on other board positions. If you are interested in serving WAWH, please let me know. If you are not able to serve as board or committee member, there are other tasks which need volunteers. One-time jobs and small projects are always in progress and need to be completed.

If you have not already made your donation to the Ridge Prize, please include it with your membership renewal. We are in a final push to raise enough money to fully endow the Ridge Prize and secure its future. Nupur has been working to secure the future of each of the awards.

As Nupur mentioned in her column, in December, the organization lost one of its long-time honorary members, Frances Richardson Keller's husband, William Rhetta. Bill was always in attendance with Frances at WAWH conferences. He attended the conference at last year at Asilomar and was a faithful supporter of the organization over the years. Frances has asked that donations be made to the Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize in Bill's memory.

GRADUATING In 2007 ? The NETWORKER Wants To Hear From You!

IF YOU ARE A WAWH MEMBER WHO HAS OR WILL
GRADUATE DURING THE 2006-2007 ACADEMIC YEAR,
WE WANT TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!
SEND YOUR NAME, SCHOOL, AND DISSERTATION TITLE

To: arussell@absw.edu

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Member News (continued)

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Nancy C. Unger of Santa Clara University published "The 'We Say What We Think' Club: Rural Wisconsin Women and the Development of Environmental Ethics," in *Wisconsin Magazine of History* Vol. 90, No. 1 (Autumn, 2006), and presented "Gendered Turning Points in Environmental Justice History," at the Women's Studies Seminar Series at the Huntington Library and Gardens in February 2007.

Cheryl Krasnick Warsh, Malaspina University-College, Nanaimo, British Columbia, has a couple of forthcoming publications of potential interest to WAWH members. They include "The Canadian Cigar and Tobacco Journal in the Forties: A Remembrance," *Social History of Alcohol and Drugs* 21, 1 (Fall 2006), and (with Penny Tinkler), "In Vogue: North American and British Representations of Women Smokers in Vogue, 1920s-1960s," *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History* 24, 1 (2007).

Announcements (continued)

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Malaspina University-College in Nanaimo, British Columbia is proud to present Nobody's Child, Everybody's Children: An International Conference on New Reproductive & Genetic Technologies - May 24-26, 2007 - <http://www.mala.ca/nrgt/>. Speakers and delegates from all over the world will gather to critically consider legal, legislative, and medical issues related to the development and implementation of new reproductive and genetic technologies.

Supporting a confluence of perspectives and philosophies, this conference is attracting the attention of academics, researchers, scientists, physicians, counselors, policy makers/analysts, activists, lawyers, philosophers, ethicists, students, individuals with lived experience and adult children conceived by new reproductive and genetic technologies. Among the prominent speakers who have agreed to present are Ms. Maureen McTeer and Drs. Louise Vandelac, Jeffrey Nisker and Eric Blyth.

Please visit our website <http://www.mala.ca/nrgt/> to view our conference programme and to register on-line at <https://www.gemssecure.com/events/nrgt/2007/delegate-e.php>

JUDITH LEE RIDGE ARTICLE PRIZE FUND NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Editor's Note: This is an edited version of an article that originally appeared in the Fall 2006 Networker.

WAWH used to hold our meetings at the Huntington Library every other year, where Martin Ridge, my grad school mentor and former editor of the *Journal of American History*, was the senior research fellow. Well known for his teasing, he was needling Frances Richardson Keller about this new women's history organization of hers, saying that any self-respecting scholarly organization had to give prizes if it wanted to be taken seriously. So Frances promptly said, "OK, how much will you contribute to our prize fund?"

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

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

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

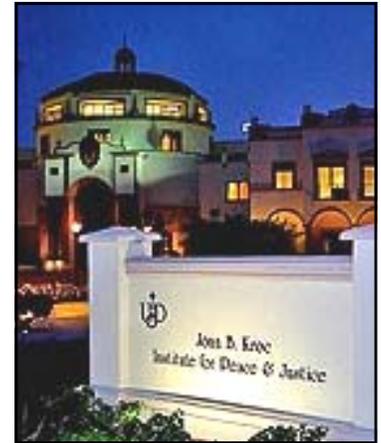
I know that many of you have contributed to this prize fund over the years, last May at Asilomar, and in the months since that meeting. If you have already donated, I thank you for your generosity. Our goal is to be able to announce at our meeting in San Diego that we have permanently endowed the Ridge Prize, *and* that we are able to fund it at a higher level than its current modest level (\$100). This is a prize for which all our members are eligible, one that honors that basic building block of scholarship, the article. Will you please join me, and those who have already supported this endeavor, in contributing your gift, of whatever size, to honor a man who gave so much to the WAWH and to honor ourselves, his historian god-daughters?

Susan Wladaver-Morgan
Pacific Historical Review
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Portland State University
Portland, OR 97207-0751

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

39th Annual WAWH Conference May 3-6, 2007

Join us at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice on the campus of the University of San Diego for WAWH's first-ever California conference south of Los Angeles!



The program packets were mailed in February to all current members. A complete copy of the 2007 program, along with registration forms, can be found online at [Http: www.wawh.org](http://www.wawh.org).

Preregistration will be due **MARCH 27, 2007**.
LATE PREREGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**LODGING RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE SEPARATELY
FROM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**
(See Page 9 for information on official conference hotel)

When making your travel arrangements, please note that the schedule for the 2007 conference will be slightly different from previous years, including Thursday evening activities and earlier start times for sessions (see Page 9 for details).

You are encouraged to travel on Thursday and Sunday.

39th Annual WAWH Conference May 3-6, 2007

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Thursday, May 3

4:00 PM-6:00 PM

5:00 PM-8:00 PM

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Executive Committee Board Meeting

Registration

Evening Welcome Activity

Friday, May 4

8:00 AM-5:00 PM

8:30 AM-10:00 AM

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

12:00 PM-1:30 PM

1:30 PM-3:00 PM

3:30 PM-5:00 PM

5:00 PM-6:30 PM

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Registration and Book Exhibits

Session I

Session II

Lunch

Session III

Session IV

Graduate Student Reception

Dinner

Saturday, May 5

8:00 AM-5:00 PM

8:30 AM-10:00 AM

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

12:00 PM-1:30 PM

1:30 PM-3:00 PM

3:30 PM-5:00 PM

5:30 PM-6:30 PM

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Registration and Book Exhibits

Session V

Session VI—Keynote with Ascuncion Lavrin

Lunch

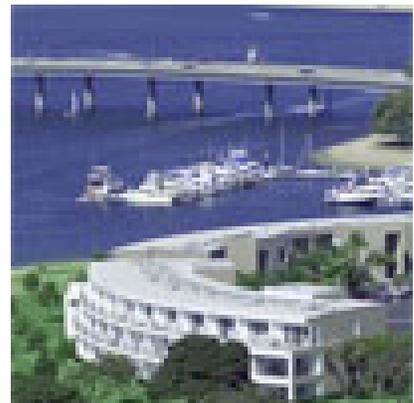
Session VII

Session VIII

Business Meeting

Awards Banquet

The Dana on Mission Bay will be the official hotel for 38th Annual Meeting. The Dana is located at 1710 W. Mission Bay Drive in San Diego. It is five miles from the University of San Diego campus and over looks the Mission Bay area of San Diego. The discounted rate is \$129, plus tax. Contact the hotel at 619-222-6440 or 800-445-3339 to make your reservation. Reservations may also be made online, go to www.thedana.net. Be sure to mention WAWH when making your reservation. A continental breakfast, free parking, and free shuttle service are included.



WAWH PROPOSED BY-LAWS REVISIONS

On this page, and the three following pages, you will find proposed revisions to the WAWH By-Laws to be voted upon by the members at the May meeting in San Diego. All of these revisions deal with changes to the language governing the four annual WAWH Awards: The Founder's Dissertation Fellowship, the Barbara "Penny" Kanner Award, the Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize, and the Judith Lee Ridge Prize.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BY-LAWS FOR FOUNDERS' DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

1. The Founders' Dissertation Fellowship is an annual award to 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 expenses for research, attendance of scholarly conferences, and the preparation of the dissertation.
2. Applicants to the Founders' Dissertation Fellowship must be current members of WAWH when they submit their application. Current WAWH board members are not eligible to apply. Applicants may only apply once.
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 Founders' 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 how the dissertation project will advance our understanding of the issue(s) under study, a survey of the major primary sources, a discussion of the historiography, a summary of research already accomplished, and an indication of plans for completion of the dissertation in no more than five double-spaced pages.
 - C. One confidential letter of recommendation from a dissertation committee member sent directly to each member of the Founders' Dissertation Fellowship Committee. A file maintained by a university office is not an adequate substitute for the specified letters of reference.
 - D. Applicants who want acknowledgement of receipt of application materials must send them to each committee member by certified mail with a return receipt. Applicants who do not meet the deadline for submission or include all the required materials will not be considered.
5. The Award Committee Members shall:
 - A. Be appointed by the President for a three-year term.
 - B. Have terms that are staggered in a three-year cycle. Each year a new committee member will be appointed. In case of an incomplete term of service, an appointment will be made to complete the term of service
6. The Award Committee Chair shall:
 - A. Ideally have at least one year experience on the particular committee prior to taking over the position of Chair.
 - B. Be responsible for overseeing the work of the committee, including checking to see if applicants are WAWH members and contacting each committee member to determine if each member has the same number of applications, for the timely determination of award recipient(s), and for the notification of the decision to all applicants, selected or not, as well as the Executive Director.

WAWH PROPOSED BY-LAWS REVISIONS

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BY-LAWS FOR BARBARA “PENNY” KANNER AWARD

1. The Barbara “Penny” Kanner Award is an annual award to honor distinguished achievement in two areas: 1) scholarly bibliographic and historiographic guides to research focused on women and/or gender history and 2) learned studies of autobiographical writings focused on women and/or gender history published by a WAWH member. The research guide award and the autobiography award will be given in alternate years, with submissions for each award considered for two-year intervals from the date of publication.
2. Applicants to the Kanner Prize must be current members of WAWH when they submit their book. Current WAWH board members are not eligible to apply.
3. The Kanner Award is intended to promote the practice of biblio-methodology. The research guide award should reflect the essential tools of the historian’s craft (historical knowledge, bibliographic and research skills) as they have been used to construct a research guide focused on women and/or gender history; the prize is not intended for a standard library catalogue. Substantial published guides of less than book length (e.g. articles or relevant chapters from a book) will be considered. The work submitted for the autobiography award should focus on women and/or gender history. Critical or annotated editions of autobiographies should reflect the essential tools of the historian’s craft (historical knowledge, bibliographic and research skills). Learned studies of a person(s) autobiographical writings set in historical context will also be considered; the prize is not intended for autobiographical material presented without scholarly analysis. Entries may only be submitted for consideration once.
4. Applicants for the Kanner Award must submit the following to the selection committee:
 - A. An award application form.
 - B. One copy of the entry for each committee member.
 - C. Statement that the applicant is a member of the WAWH.
5. The Award Committee Members shall:
 - A. Be appointed by the President for a three-year term.
 - B. Have terms that are staggered in a three-year cycle. Each year a new committee member will be appointed. In case of an incomplete term of service, an appointment will be made to complete the term of service
6. The Award Committee Chair shall:
 - A. Ideally have at least one year experience on the particular committee prior to taking over the position of Chair.
 - B. Be responsible in overseeing the work of the committee, including receipt and distribution of applications to committee members, timely determination of award recipient(s), and notification of the decision to those applicants selected and not selected as well as the Executive Director.
 - C. Present, or appoint someone to present, the award to the winner at the annual conference.
 - D. Make a summary report to the Executive Board at the annual meeting.

WAWH PROPOSED BY-LAWS REVISIONS

REVISIONS TO THE BY-LAWS FOR THE FRANCES RICHARDSON KELLER-SIERRA PRIZE

1. The Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize is an annual prize that recognizes the best monograph in the field of history published by a WAWH member.
2. Applicants to the Keller-Sierra Prize must be current members of WAWH when they submit their book. Current WAWH board members are not eligible to apply.
3. The book must be a single-authored monograph based on original research. Anthologies and edited works are not eligible. The book must have been published in the year prior to the prize. Books may only be submitted for consideration once. Books cannot be submitted a second time as paperbacks or new editions. All fields of history are eligible.
4. Applicants for the Keller-Sierra Prize must submit the following to the selection committee:
 - A. A prize application form.
 - B. One copy of the entry for each committee member.
 - C. Statement that the applicant is a current member of the WAWH.
5. The Prize Committee Members shall:
 - A. Be appointed by the President for a three-year term.
 - B. Have terms that are staggered in a three-year cycle. Each year a new committee member will be appointed. In case of an incomplete term of service, an appointment must be made to complete the term of service.
6. The Prize Committee Chair shall:
 - A. Ideally have at least one year experience on this committee prior to taking over the position of Chair.
 - B. Be responsible in overseeing the work of the committee, including receiving and distributing applications to committee members, timely determination of prize recipient(s), and notifying all applicants, selected and not selected, and the Executive Director of the decisions made by the committee.
 - C. Present, or appoint someone to present, the prize to the winner at the annual conference.
 - D. Make a summary report to the Executive Board at the annual meeting.
7. Each prize committee member shall review and rate each application for the Keller-Sierra Prize. From their individual ratings, Committee members shall reach a consensus on the recipient(s) of the Keller-Sierra Prize.
8. 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.
9. The prize will be determined by the Keller-Sierra Prize Committee subject to funding availability and the applicant pool.
10. The Keller-Sierra Prize recipient(s) shall be announced at the annual conference.

WAWH PROPOSED BY-LAWS REVISIONS

REVISIONS TO THE BY-LAWS FOR THE JUDITH LEE RIDGE PRIZE

1. The Judith Lee Ridge Prize is an annual prize that recognizes the best article in the field of history published by a WAWH member.
2. Applicants to the Ridge Prize must be current members of the WAWH when they submit their article. Current WAWH board members are not eligible to apply.
3. The article must have been published in one of the two years preceding the prize year. Any articles may only be submitted once. 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. A prize application form.
 - B. One copy of the entry for each committee member.
 - C. Statement that the applicant is a member of the WAWH.
5. The Prize Committee Members shall:
 - A. Be appointed by the President for a three-year term.
 - B. Have terms that are staggered in a three-year cycle. Each year a new committee member will be appointed. In case of an incomplete term of service, an appointment will be made to complete the term of service
6. The Prize Committee Chair shall:
 - A. Ideally have at least one year experience on the particular committee prior to taking over the position of Chair.
 - B. Be responsible in overseeing the work of the committee, including receipt and distribution of applications to committee members, timely determination of prize recipient(s), and notification of the decision to those applicants selected and not selected as well as the Executive Director.
 - C. Present, or appoint someone to present, the prize to the winner at the annual conference
 - D. Make a summary report to the Executive Board at the annual meeting.
7. Each member of the Committee shall review and rate each application for the Judith Lee Ridge Prize. From their individual ratings, Committee members shall reach a consensus on the recipient(s) of the Judith Lee Ridge Prize.
8. 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.
9. The prize will be determined by the Judith Lee Ridge Prize Committee subject to funding availability and the applicant pool.
10. The Judith Lee Ridge Prize recipient(s) shall be announced at the annual conference.

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