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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*By Carol Gold, WAWH President
University of Alaska, Fairbanks*

As WAWH moves towards its fourth decade of active existence, this seems a good moment to take stock of where we are as women historians. In 1971, when I was hired by the History Department at the University of Minnesota, I was the first woman hired for a faculty position in history in fifty years. When I attended my first department meeting in the Ford Room, I was told that I was the first woman *ever* in that room! I doubt that such stories are possible today. Women receive about forty per cent of the Ph.D.'s awarded in history today, and are hired at rates about equal to those of men. However, women are still concentrated at entry level positions, make up a miniscule percent of full professors, and earn lower salaries. We can no longer say that such conditions exist because there are no women in the pipeline. We are all aware of the various "leakages" in that pipeline that contribute to this state of affairs; for example, women being discriminated against or dropping out for various reasons.

I would like to call attention to a relatively new theme which I find particularly worrisome. In the recent Supreme Court decision on late term abortions, *Gonzales vs. Carhart*, Justice Kennedy wrote, "Respect for human life finds an ultimate expression in the bond of love the mother has for her child." While conceding that they "find no reliable data to measure the phenomenon," the opinion goes on to say, "it seems unexceptionable to conclude some women come to regret their choice to abort the infant life they once created and sustained." Women who have abortions will suffer "[s]evere depression and loss of esteem." Therefore, the majority of the court concluded that one particular form of abortion should be outlawed. There is, of course, an inconsistency here, because with this reasoning, not only particular late-term abortions, but all abortions, should be prohibited. I am distressed both by this specific decision on abortion and the rationale which is used to support it.

Such a rationale hearkens back to old stereotypes: women are not rational creatures. Women are specifically and uniquely defined by our maternal love and connection to children, without consideration of paternal love and connection to children. Therefore, since women are obviously not capable of making their own decisions, then the state needs to step in and make decisions to protect women. Justice Ginsburg found the decision "alarming."

Eternal optimist that I am, I would like to think this is the last throes of a desperate backlash, but Justice Kennedy's argument, echoed elsewhere by other right-wing groups today, makes this difficult. We are up against a new set of arguments, and if we do not take charge of this debate, I fear we will lose much ground, and not just concerning abortion. For if women are incapable of one set of decisions, what is to stop the court or the state from finding other decisions that we are also incapable of making? For example, perhaps women need to stay at home to care for children, out of "maternal love," and ought not, therefore, to work.

So it is crucially important for us, as women historians, to continue working, researching, writing, mentoring, keeping the historical record straight. We need to make sure that younger generations of women understand the history, know where we have been, understand that issues have not all been settled, that ground gained can be lost, and that we need to continue to be vigilant. Understanding the past, we can perhaps be prepared for the future.

In thinking about what I would like to accomplish for the next two years as President of WAWH, I keep returning to the issue of mentoring. We cannot solve all the world's problems, but perhaps we can help coming generations of women and men to understand and try to find solutions to the issues facing women in the historical profession today.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Anna Andrade
 Brooke Barbier
 Jill Briggs
 Lara Campbell
 Kate Cannon
 Teri Castelow
 Jessica Christian
 Krassimira Daskalova
 Esther Fernandez
 Sarah Fried-Gintis
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 Niki A. Nibbe
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 Monique Vallance
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FRANCES RICHARDSON KELLER

1915-2007



-photo courtesy of Bill Keller

As this issue was going to press, WAWH learned of the death of Frances Richardson Keller in Cleveland, Ohio., at the age of 92.

Frances, a member of WAWH since 1973, was a past president. Among her legacies to this organization is the endowment of the annual Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize.

Although she retired from her teaching position at San Francisco State University in 1975, she continued her scholarly activities. In June, she attended WAWH's annual conference at the University of San Diego.

Burial services were private. A public memorial service will be held on September 29, 2007, at 10:30AM at the Dunsmuir Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California.

Information will be posted on www.wawh.org as it is available.

Donations may be made in Frances' memory to the Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize.

An appreciation of Frances Richardson Keller will appear in the Fall issue of *The Networker*.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Greetings!

Two years have gone by very quickly. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Board and the various committee members with whom I have worked quite closely during that time. A major goal of my presidency was to endow all three of our awards. Thanks to the generous contributions of our membership, not only has my goal been reached, we have been able to substantially raise the amount of our awards.

Amy Essington, Executive Director, and I experimented with changing the dates of our annual meeting from Friday, Saturday and Sunday to Thursday, Friday and Saturday. As you may know by now, we took a membership poll and the majority of respondents like the present format. Both Amy and I have received very positive comments on this year's conference. I want to thank Pamela Radcliff, the chair, and the members of the Program Committee, as well as Catherine de Luca, chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, for their hard work.

I would like to thank both Penny Kanner and Frances Richardson Keller for coming to this year's conference. The organization and I appreciate their generous contributions of their time to the organization and endowment of the Kanner Prize and the Keller-Sierra Prize, respectively. Thanks to Carol Gold, Susan Wladaver-Morgan, Alexandra Nickliss, Linda Mollno, and Mary Ann Irwin for their help over these last two years. My special thanks go to Annie Russell who graciously volunteered to edit the newsletter when I was desperately searching for a newsletter editor. Finally, because of Amy Essington's assistance, my job became much easier, and for that I would like to thank her.

I wish our incoming President, Carol Gold, and her new board all the success for the next two years.

Nupur Chaudhuri
Immediate Past President, WAWH

Volunteer Archivist Needed!! A Request from Carol Gold, WAWH President

The WAWH Board has been discussing a policy for our archives, which are located at Sacramento State University. We think it would make sense to have an Archivist, who would work with the executive director and oversee the selection of materials which would be deposited. Would any one of our members like to volunteer for such a position? We must have people capable of acting as archivists among our members. Thank you.

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

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Executive Director's Column

By Amy Essington, WAWH Executive Director

For the thirty-eighth time, WAWH members gathered for their annual meeting. About 160 people gathered at the University of San Diego the first weekend in May. When the site was chosen, I did not realize that it had a connection to WAWH that extended all the way back to its very first conference in 1969. In that year, Sister Agnes Murphy boarded a bus by herself to Asilomar from the San Diego College for In 1972, San Diego College for Women, and a men's institution, San Diego University, were merged under the name of the University of San Diego. Not only was Sister Murphy one of the twelve original conference attendees, she was also the only one to come from southern California, and is immortalized in the WAWH Song.

The conference is the end of the year for the organization. This year we had several board members end their term of service who gave WAWH a combined thirty-two years of service. They are: Patricia Cline Cohen (President-Elect, President, Past-President, 6 years); Catherine de Luca (Local Arrangements Chair, 1 year); Mary Ann Irwin (Secretary, 4 years of service); Julia Kehew (Graduate Student Representative, 2 years); Alexandra Nickliss (Founders' Dissertation Fellowship, 1 year member, 7 years chair); Pamela Radcliffe (Program Chair, 1 year); Sarah Stage (Judith Lee Ridge Prize Chair, 2 years member, 2 years chair); Jessica Weiss (Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize, 1 year member, 3 years chair); Shirley Yee (Barbara "Penny" Kanner Prize, 2 years). Thank you to all of our volunteers for their service.

New board members who began their term with the end of the conference include Carole Srole (President-Elect); Sandra Dawson (Secretary); Lilia Raquel Rosas (Graduate Student Representative 2007-2009); Karen Blair (2008 Program Chair); and Shirley Yee (2008 Local Arrangements Chair). Please join me in welcoming our new board members.

I would also like to welcome the new members of our prize committees: Kimberly Jensen (Western Oregon University), Lois Huneycutt (University of Missouri, Columbia), Carolyn Herbst-Lewis (University of California, Santa Barbara), and Lynn Sacco (University of Tennessee, Knoxville).

Listed below are the WAWH prize committees and their members:

Founders' Dissertation Fellowship Committee

Francesca Miller, Chair (2005-2008)
Kimberly Jensen (2007-2009)
Lois Huneycutt (2007-2010)

Judith Lee Ridge Prize Committee

Barbara Molony, Chair (2005-2008)
Elinor Accampo (2006-2009)
Carolyn Herbst-Lewis (2007-2010)

Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize Committee

Eileen Boris, Chair (2006-2009)
Patricia Schechter (2005-2008)

Barbara "Penny" Kanner Prize Committee

MariaElena Raymond (2005-2008)
Susannah Baxendale (2006-2009)
Lynn Sacco (2007-2010)

Just before this year's conference began, we rolled out a redesign of our website. If you haven't looked at the WAWH website recently, please check it out at www.wawh.org. Susan Kullmann has designed a professional site, which is a vast improvement from our previous one. The site includes old information and new features. In the next year, more information will be added to it, so check it regularly for news and information.

The minutes of the 2007 business meeting are printed on pages 9 and 10. If you attended the meeting and see needed corrections, please contact Susan Wladaver-Morgan at swladamor@aol.com. Susan graciously filled in as secretary at the business meeting. The meeting also serves as a business summary for those not in attendance.

The success of this year's conference was built on the foundation of the work of both the program committee and local arrangements chair. Pamela Radcliff, (University of Cali-

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foria, San Diego), chaired the 2007 program committee. The committee members included: Paula de Vos (San Diego State University); Iris Engstrand (University of San Diego); Angela Feres (Grossmont Community College); Anne Lombard (California State University, San Marcos); Carmen Nava (California State University, San Marcos); and Rebecca Plant (University of California, San Diego). Many thanks to Pamela and the committee for their excellent work. Catherine De Luca (University of California, Riverside/California State University, Fullerton) handled the numerous details of hotel and onsite arrangements. Thank you to Catherine for her work.

The conference was located in the building of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. The staff of the IPJ was extremely helpful and courteous. I would recommend the site for anyone planning a conference in San Diego. I would particularly like to thank Louis Capella who worked with me in making the initial arrangements in December 2004, and attended to details throughout the preparation as well as during the conference itself. For the first time this year, an awards banquet coordinator oversaw the running of the Awards Banquet. Sandra Dawson did this as well as writing the draft of the archival policy which the board is discussing for future implementation. Other people helped with the conference preparation. Kimberley Jensen assisted me in contacting journals to include advertisements in the program for the first time. This was successful and we plan to do it again next year. Anyone interested in included an ad should contact me. Cris Hernandez (California State University, Long Beach) applied her artistic skills to the program cover design.

When she first became President, Nupur Chaudhuri set a goal of ensuring the financial future of the WAWH awards. Only one of our four awards was endowed when she began her two-year tenure in 2005. At this year's Awards Banquet, Nupur announced that all four of the awards are now endowed, securing them for the future. The Founders' Dissertation Fellowship received the funds it needed to enhance the endowment. The Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize was endowed in 2006, but it received additional donations this year in memory of Bill Rhetta, Frances' husband (and honorary WAWH member) who passed away last December. The organization also made a donation in Bill's memory. Susan Wladaver-Morgan led the efforts to fundraise to endow the Judith Lee Ridge Prize. Martin and Sally Ridge, both long time supporters of WAWH, had been generous for many years in funding the prize, so endowing this prize honored their memory. A donation was also made to this prize by the organization in memory of Martin Ridge. The final award endowment came at the conference. Ed and

Penny Kanner responded to Nupur's personal appeal with a very generous donation, thus endowing the Kanner Prize. Because of these generous donations by the previously mentioned individuals, and the financial support of WAWH members over the past few years, the organization will now be able to honor and support the work of our members for many years to come.

This combined generosity has now also allowed WAWH to raise the award amounts of two of the prizes. The Ridge Prize has increased from \$100 to \$400. The Keller-Sierra Prize, which was \$250 in 2005, and \$500 in 2006, is now \$800. We will continue to accept and encourage donations to any of these prizes and/or the general fund with the hope of increasing the award amounts in the future.

For me, one of the best moments of the conference occurred at the banquet. For the first time in about a decade Frances Richardson Keller and Barbara "Penny" Kanner were both in attendance. Both Frances and Penny are past Presidents of WAWH. Among their many contributions, both were central to the creation of WAWH awards, and both made generous donations of endowment. Frances and Penny spent all of their free time together at the conference, with heads together, talking of the past, present, and future. Seeing the two reunited after so many years made me realize how many friends I have made through WAWH. I hope that in three or four decades we are as happy to see one another as Frances and Penny were when they reunited. I think this story represents the best aspect of WAWH, the personal connections that are made in a supportive environment. The reunion takes on added meaning with the death of Frances on June 25. She was more than a former WAWH President and historian, she was a great lady and she will be greatly missed.

We can continue the work of Frances Richardson Keller by continuing to strengthen WAWH for ourselves and the future scholars of twenty-first century. How can you do that? Keep your membership current. Bring in new members. Volunteer. Attend the conference! The organization runs on membership dues, and the strength of our organization is in the number and diversity of our membership. We have many opportunities to assist the organization, ranging from board positions to smaller, one-time jobs. Make plans to come to the University of British Columbia on May 15-18, 2008, and Santa Clara University on April 30-May 3, 2009. The 2008 conference is our first meeting outside of the U.S. We hope this will be the beginning of a continuing relationship with our Canadian neighbors. 2009 will be our fortieth anniversary year and one to celebrate.

MEMBER NEWS

Ginette Aley published "A Republic of Farm People: Women, Families, and Market-Minded Agrarianism in Ohio, 1820s-1830s," in *Ohio History*, vol. 113 (Spring 2007). She also has two book projects under contract with Kent State University Press: *Preserving Unions: Midwestern Women, the Civil War, and the Rural Home Front*, and a collection of essays, *The Union at Home: the Midwest's Civil War Home Front*.

Sandra Dawson recently won the Twentieth Century British History Essay Prize. Her article, "Working Class Consumers and the Campaign for Holidays with Pay," will be published later this year in the *Journal of Twentieth Century British History* 18: 3 (2007).

Amy Essington presented her research on the integration of the Pacific Coast League, the minor baseball league in the West, at a Spring 2007 Research Seminar at the History Department at California State University, Long Beach in March, and at the 60th Annual Pacific Northwest History Conference in April. She also participated in the "Dissertations and Diapers: A Conversation about Graduate School Policies and Family Life" session at the WAWH conference in May, 2007.

The Oregon Council for Humanities has just announced WAWH member **Diane L. Goeres-Gardner** has been accepted as a Chautauqua speaker. The appointment begins Sept. 2007 and extends thru August 2010. Her program is titled "Justice in Frontier Oregon, 1851-1905" and will focus on the 63 hangings that took place in various Oregon counties during that time period. After five years of research, Diane's book, *Necktie Parties: A History of Legal Executions in Oregon, 1851-1905*, was published by Caxton Press in October 2005.

The University of Texas Press has just published "*This Land Was Mexican Once*": *Stories of Resistance from Northern California*, by **Linda Heidenreich**.

Susan Kullmann and collaborator Marvella Thompson are finishing up a photographic essay, *Blessed Are These Hands: A Celebration of American Women's Values*. This collection shows 99 pictures and tells 99 stories of American women from infancy to 80, each holding something representing her deepest values and suggesting the depth of American women's spirituality in the early 21st century. A website, www.blessedarethesehands.com, has been created to accompany the book.

Jeanne Farr McDonnell's book, *Juana Briones of 19th Century California: A Biography*, will be published by the University of Arizona Press in 2008. McDonnell is one of the founders of The Friends of the Briones House, which focuses on the preservation of Briones's farmhouse in Palo Alto, California.

Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Perry was invited to lecture and teach at the University of Granada, Spain, during the month of May. Although now retired from active teaching at Occidental College, she has been granted Fulbright Senior Specialist standing to teach and present workshops at foreign universities.

Cynthia Culver Prescott has accepted a position as assistant professor of women's history at the University of North Dakota. Her first book, *Gender and Generation on the Far Western Frontier*, will be published by the University of Arizona Press in November 2007.

Amy Goodpaster Strebe's newest book, *Flying for Her Country: The American and Soviet Women Military Pilots of World War II*, will be published by Greenwood Publishing Group on August 30, 2007.

How did the March on Washington's Critique of American Democracy in the 1940s Awaken African American Women to the Problem of Jane Crow?, a documentary project by **Cynthia Taylor**, appears in the March 2007 edition of the online journal *Women and Social Movements*.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECONNECTION II "Celebrating the Kansas Exoduster Colonies"

Sponsored by the Votaw Colony Museum, Inc., Reconnection II celebrates the establishment of independent Black towns in Kansas following the Civil War. This event will bring together descendants of many of these original settlements as well as educators, historians and genealogists from throughout the United States. Proclamations and letters of support have been received from many of the towns being celebrated as well as the Kansas State Senate and the Embassy of the Republic of Liberia, Africa.

For two days, August 8th and August 9th, a full slate of activities acknowledging the incredible stamina and little known contributions of these early pioneers will be shared. Workshops, presentations and a theatrical production, will illuminate the true story of historic towns such as Nicodemus and individuals like Junius Groves, once known as the "Potato King" and owner of the largest potato producing property in the United States.

For more information please contact Nat Fitz, Director of the Votaw Colony Museum, Inc., at: (510) 620-0919 or email to: reconn2@comcast.net. WAWH member, Dr. Tisa M. Anders, is on the Planning Committee for this public history event. She and fellow independent scholar, Angela Doyle Radicia, are working on the biography of Exoduster Junius G. Groves.

Call for Papers

Women's Clubs at Home and in the World
A Special Issue of *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*

Special Issue Editors:

Karen Blair, Central Washington University,

Karen.Blair@cwu.EDU

Gayle Gullett, Arizona State University, Gayle.Gullett@asu.edu

Scholarship on "women's clubs"—organizations created and controlled by women—has flourished in the humanities and social sciences for the past thirty years. This special issue of *Frontiers* calls for retrospective examinations of the field and for essays whose innovative questions forecast its future. The topics for these essays are open. Possible themes include asking how clubs construct numerous types of identities to how they shape notions of place, from local to global. Papers can explore how clubs engage in culture productions, genteel and popular, and all kinds of politics, ranging from personal to transnational, radical to conservative.

An inter- and multidisciplinary journal, *Frontiers* welcomes submissions of creative works such as artwork, fiction, and poetry, as well as scholarly papers. Works must be original, and not published or under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Due date for Receipt of Papers is January 2, 2008.

Submissions can be sent by email to frontiers@asu.edu or on disc according to submission guidelines at <http://www.asu.edu/clas/history/frontiers/submit.html>. Authors' names should not appear on the manuscript; please list contact information separately.

Address:

Editors, *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*, Department of History, Arizona State University, P. O. Box 874302, Tempe, AZ 85287-4302.

MINUTES OF THE 2007 WAWH BUSINESS MEETING

Western Association of Women Historians
Business Meeting, May 5, 2007
Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego
San Diego, California

I. The business meeting of the WAWH was called to order at 5:35 pm, May 5, 2007, at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, with between 20 and 30 members attending, a better than average turnout. President-elect Carol Gold presided.

II. Approval of the agenda of the business meeting: moved, seconded, passed.

III. Approval of the minutes of the 2006 business meeting: moved, seconded, passed.

IV. a. Bylaws revisions: Changes in the bylaws had been publicized in the *Networker* and via emails to all members. These concern eligibility for the 4 WAWH prizes and awards. The bylaws for each fellowship and prize were presented and discussed separately.

1. Founders' Dissertation Fellowship

a. motion to strike the limitation that "Applicants may apply only once," on the grounds that a dissertation is an ongoing project, not a completed work, and therefore its eligibility need not be consistent with that for prizes given for completed works. MOVED, SECONDED, PASSED.

b. motion to amend this section further to state: "Applicants for the fellowship may apply for it more than once but may win only once." MOVED, SECONDED, PASSED.

c. This bylaw, as amended twice: MOVED, SECONDED, PASSED.

2. Judith Lee Ridge Prize bylaw revision, without amendment: MOVED, SECONDED, PASSED.

3. Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize bylaw revision, as referred by committee; without amendment: MOVED, SECONDED, PASSED.

4. Barbara Penny Kanner Prize bylaw revision, as referred by committee; without amendment: MOVED, SECONDED, PASSED.

IV. b. All 4 of our awards have now been fully endowed, thanks to donation on May 5, 2007, by Ed Kanner, on behalf of himself and his wife, Penny Kanner, of \$10,000 for the Kanner Prize.

IV. c. The 2008 conference will take place at University of British Columbia, May 16-18; deadline for proposals is November 1, 2007. Karen Blair is program chair. ALL NON-CANADIAN CITIZENS OR RESIDENTS INTENDING TO PARTICIPATE NEED TO HAVE VALID PASSPORTS.

IV. d. The 2009 conference (40th anniversary) will take place at Santa Clara University, April 30-May 2, 2009; Barbara Molony is the program chair.

V. a. Reports

1. President: all prizes have been endowed; this conference, for the first time, we had a successful book exhibit; the executive board has agreed to donate WAWH funds to both the Ridge and Keller-Sierra Prize endowments.

2. President elect: seeks volunteers for various committees, especially someone to oversee and make policy for our WAWH archives at Sacramento State.

3. Executive director: deals with massive email correspondence that needs to be managed (and eventually archived); serves as liaison with other organizations; 159 people pre-registered for this meeting (comparable with the meeting at Berkeley several years ago); current membership is 509; next year's conference registration will be conducted exclusively online; thanks to Susan Kullmann, we have a new and improved website; thanks to Kimberly Jensen, we have paid ads in our conference program (defraying the cost); and thanks to Sandra Dawson, we have a draft archive policy to work with and refine. Our main goal for the future, now that all the prizes have been endowed, is to increase membership and also conference attendance.

4. Treasurer: presented a printed report and announced that we will be establishing an auditing committee to oversee our finances and will also periodically hire an outside auditor—necessary because our endowments mean that our finances are

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greater and potentially more complicated than in the past.

5. Newsletter: less than half our members receive their newsletter via email; past issues of the newsletter will become available through our website (though the old ones, from the days before computers, may be more of a challenge). The deadline for the next issue is June 1, 2007.

6. Grad reps: had 3 accomplishments: a panel on grad students' work/life issues; a listserv that proved underutilized; and help in conference preparation. Goals include making sure that every conference has a grad student issues panel and to increase grad student attendance and participation. Lois Banner has suggested sending letters to senior professors encouraging them to bring their students. Donna Schuele suggested having a 40th anniversary poster that profs could have up in their offices soon, as a talking point, and perhaps with tear-offs with contact information, as a means of spreading the word among students.

7. Prize chairs/committees to announce prizes at banquet (in interest of time)

8. Program chair asked local women historians to help her and they did most of their work in person. They received 9 complete panels, 3 partial panels, and 47 "orphan" papers, from which they assembled the program, sometimes recruiting participants to fill out panels.

9. Local arrangements: Presented a printed report. In spite of not having lodgings at the conference site, the Dana worked out fairly well.

V. b. Report on executive board meeting

1. Prize amounts have been set at \$400 for the Ridge Prize, \$800 for the Keller-Sierra Prize, \$1000 for the Founders' Fellowship, and \$500 for the Kanner Prize.

2. The board reaffirmed that the executive director's annual payment of \$2000 is reimbursement of organizationally related expenses for the upcoming membership year, as has been the case since the position of executive director was established.

3. The board clarified eligibility for graduate representatives. The new language reads: "The graduate student representative must be a graduate student at the time of election."

4. A question about WAWH-sponsored (or co-sponsored) panels was referred to the business meeting. President-elect Carol Gold proposed the following language: "In WAWH sole-sponsored sessions, at least 50% of panel participants should be WAWH members; for co-sponsored sessions, at least 50% of panel participants should be members of the co-sponsoring organizations." Co-sponsorships put the WAWH name before a wider audience, but does it, or should it, do or mean more? This question was discussed but no motion was made, so the present ambiguous policy continues.

V.c. Elections. The following slate of officers was presented for election (executive director position continues for a longer term):

President: Carol Gold

President-elect: Carole Srole

Secretary: Sandra Dawson

Treasurer: Linda Mollno

Newsletter editor: Annie Russell

Graduate student representative, position 2: Lilia Raquel Rosas

This slate was elected, with a motion to make their election by acclamation. MOVED, SECONDED, PASSED

VI. Adjournment: moved, seconded, passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Wladaver-Morgan
Acting Secretary

Special WAWH 2007 Conference Moment



Past Presidents, early members, and WAWH prize endowers Barbara (Penny) Kanner and the late Frances Richardson Keller were seen like this many times during the 2007 Conference at the University of San Diego.

-photo by Susan Kullmann

NEW WAWH WEBSITE

A special thank you from the organization to Susan Kullmann. Susan has redesigned the WAWH web site with a professional new look and has added many new features. Her photographic skills captured many moments from the conference, as the picture above shows. If you have not looked at it recently, please visit the new website.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

WAWH offers members the choice of whether they will receive the newsletter mailed as a paper copy or emailed as a PDF. You are encouraged to select the choice you prefer, but please think about receiving the newsletter by email. Email newsletters save paper and postage. If you select an email copy and do not like it, you can change your preference at any time. Contact Amy Essington at amyessington@wawh.org to change your option.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WAWH 2008 Conference

May 16-17, 2008

University of British Columbia

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Bring your passports! Join us for our first venture
outside of the United States.

WAWH 2009 Conference

Santa Clara University

Santa Clara, CA

April 30-May 3, 2009

WAWH 2010 Conference

Southern California

TBA

VOLUNTEER FOR THE WAWH

There are many ways individuals can help support the WAWH.
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Award Committees

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