



Society for U.S. Intellectual History
Executive Committee Meeting
14 June 2017, Noon EST

Attending

Kevin Schultz, Lora Burnett, Leah Gordon, Richard Candida Smith, Michael Kramer, Rebecca Brenner

Absent

Ray Haberski, Natalia Mehlman Petrzela, Sara Georgini, Cara Burnidge

Agenda

Welcome

President's Report

Officers' Reports

Website update

New business

President's Vision

Kevin Schultz:

Discusses where society has been and where it is going

- Relatively young organization: Blog 10 years ago and Society 6 years ago
- Dorothy Ross prize for published article by an emerging scholar
- Graduate student award for free entrance into conference
- Radical Historians' Newsletter available through website, maybe repository in future
- Mission is to promote American intellectual history

Digital versus manuscript collection of S-USIH's records – maybe in Indianapolis

Time to help direct the Society and its growth

Currently revamping website, live in month or two

- Website is largest expenditure other than annual conference

Need increased diversity – maybe a diversity committee

Ongoing discussions with Modern Intellectual History and Journal of History of Ideas

Ongoing question whether to start an academic journal

- Maybe publish best-unpublished article from graduate student – obstacle is rough submissions

Ray Haberski, founder of S-USIH, is permanent administrator without salary

There is Board of Advisors of senior scholars in field, such as Dorothy Ross

Arrangement with Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy

Seeking good relations with African American Intellectual History Society

Our next meeting is in August or September at beginning of academic calendar

Treasurer's Report

\$35,575 in bank account

Anticipate costs of conference and website

Website design going well, moving to new platform, and then launching it

Many past treasurers still involved in S-USIH

Michael Kramer

Ben Alpers editing blog and seeking regular bloggers

Rob Greene manages book review section – additional resources?

Matthew Linton working on Society podcast

Online encyclopedia always on backburner

2017 Conference Update

Lora Burnett:

Secured hotel space

Acceptance notices to everyone

Working on finding chairs for a few panels from single paper submissions

- Single paper submissions drew in people
- Single paper submissions from scholars in other countries

Have secured some corporate sponsors: University of Chicago Press and Oxford University Press \$350 each; UNC Press \$1000 sponsor

Book tables: 10 so far

\$20,000 for all the conference space, which is on par with food and drink in DC

\$158-9 per night

\$125 conference fee

Conference should pay for itself

Next step is to post and send out the schedule

Lora: Suggests insuring conferences in the future

Concerned what if public universities do not fund attendees due to Texas bathroom bill

Lora: Important that the conference is outward-facing for non-traditional careers

Keynote Annette Gordon-Reed

Public History angle is ideal for opening plenary

Maybe newsletter in conference program

2018 Conference Update

Tim Lacy:

Committee formed, hotel tentatively reserved in Chicago

Beginning work on plenaries

New Business: Newsletter

Include brief officer reports

Richard: Regular statements from the officers is a positive

Information should be available online and also in the conference program

Generally important for people to know what the Society is doing

Excerpt from a blog post that has drawn attention into the newsletter

Richard: Content of newsletter should be more intellectually substantive

Meeting adjourned 1:32pm