

S-USIH
Society for U.S. Intellectual History
Executive Committee Meeting
June 2018, 2pm ET

Attending

Sarah Gardner, Kevin Schultz, Leah Gordon, Andrew Klumpp, Richard Candida Smith, Natalia Petrzela, Tim Lacy, Rebecca Brenner

Agenda

President's Update
Approval of Minutes
Secretary's Update
Treasurer's Update
Publication Chair's Update
2018 Conference Update
2019 Conference Update
Adjournment

President's update

Kevin Schultz:

Welcome to new members, especially the President who has an exciting new vision
Thank you Leah for being such a good treasurer
Excellent blog and also a fully functioning intellectual society
Kevin says that leaving is bittersweet

Sarah Gardner:

Thank you for confidence in abilities
Sarah will send email asking questions
Maybe formalize prize committees

Minutes are approved

Secretary's Update

Rebecca Brenner:

S-USIH Twitter is doing great, run by Sarah Georgini
Twitter has 804 followers
Rebecca will post minutes to web
522 members total, except 306 have lapsed their membership due to overdue renewal
Therefore ***S-USIH currently has 216 active members.***

Treasurer's Update

Leah Gordon:

Money in the bank is \$37,687
\$28,754 in the reserved fund
Leah will get in touch with the new treasurer Andrew Klumpp

Need Andrew Klumpp to have Wild Apricot access
Dorothy Ross and Dewey Society prizes have their own bank accounts
Henry May award comes from registration donations

Publication Chair's Update

Richard Candida-Smith:

Bloggers should have a discussion about the blog
Main initiative this year was the book review section
We now have 20 book reviewers
Book reviews should be livelier by the fall
Does take a lot of work to keep reviews going
Richard contacts everyone, so this should be more than one person's job
Want to set ambitious goals for what is available on the S-USIH website
Website should be where members go for all relevant books in intellectual history
In July we will start planning the 2018 newsletter
Four books per month would be ideal

Conference 2018 Update

Tim:

Important for everyone to feel appreciated, and a lot of work goes into Richard's job
Robert has been doing book reviews on a volunteer basis
Tim: In the midst of reviewing all the submissions to the conference
Large number of high quality submissions
Deciding whether to admit most of the full-panel proposals
Deciding whether to have a Sunday morning session
Need to get the hotel link working
Decent funds, but we need cushion as always. Always at least break even on the conference
Want to work more on chronological coverage, as well as working against the white male stereotype

Conference 2019 Update

Natalia:

Reinforces the idea of partner organizations for conferences
Involving K-12 history teachers because "education is huge"
Potential financial support from the New School
Open to "suggestions, warnings, and reprimands"
Lining up all the important participants

Sarah:

On the website under resources, there are some syllabi, maybe useful for high schools
She will email some questions

Meeting adjourned at 2:58