



**Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
20 June 2020**

Present: Tim Lacy, Sara Georgini, Andrew Klumpp, Richard Cándida Smith, Peter Kuryla, Ray Haberski, Sarah Gardner, Rebecca Brenner Graham, Benjamin Alpers

The incoming and outgoing members of the S-USIH Executive Committee met on Saturday, 20 June 2020, from 11:30am-12:45pm EST, via Zoom. Officers submitted precirculated reports.

The 27 April 2020 meeting minutes, as submitted by Brenner Graham, were approved.

As president, Lacy welcomed new members, and thanked outgoing officers for their service.

As secretary, Georgini reported that we record 754 active members in our Wild Apricot database. We also have 2,760 members in our Facebook group, and 2,647 followers on Twitter. Plans are in process for a Social Media Editor position to help us meet members—current and potential—where they are. This project would be a joint initiative between the leadership and the Executive Committee. Georgini has updated the committee and blogger website bios and resumed biweekly Members Notes emails to USIH colleagues to communicate news, conference updates, and more.

As #USIH2020 conference chair, Georgini reported on contingency plans to move forward with the meeting, which members discussed in greater detail, with special attention to virtual options, public health guidelines, travel feasibility, and the shared needs of the USIH community. The committee unanimously affirmed the revised #USIH2020 conference plan as presented.

As treasurer, Klumpp reported on the Society's financial portrait, which is one of good health. With an eye on lowering fees and improving onsite access, Klumpp is exploring banks beyond PNC. Klumpp recommended that the committee review and clarify officer duties as described in the S-USIH constitution and bylaws, a suggestion that was unanimously approved by members.

As publications chair, Cándida Smith reported that Lora Burnett resumed editorship of the blog and Andy Seal resumed working as an assistant editor. Robert Greene will finalize his choice of book review assistant editors by the end of June, with an announcement due in July. Both the blog and the book review page have slowed down the pace of publication compared to 2019. Cándida Smith observed that giving contributors more time to think about their subjects and avoiding burnout have been this year's priorities, while maintaining a regular, reasonably predictable schedule. Both Greene's and Burnett's positions will be up for review next year. Cándida Smith also proposed adding a page to the USIH website featuring long-form

scholarship, possibly with elements of peer review, an idea the committee will continue to discuss. He solicited officer reports and news for the #USIH2020 conference newsletter.

As #USIH2021 conference chair, Kuryla reported closing in on late October 2021 dates for the meeting, to be held at the Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville, Tenn., near Vanderbilt University. The annual meeting's many offerings, currently inspired by reconceptualizing the theme of "private and public," will highlight the diversity and complexity of the southern region.

Lacy provided an overview of new initiatives, including the establishment of a USIH archivist, the creation of a regular president's newsletter, fundraising plans, and USIH-approved podcasts.

Lacy recognized the committee's vote to add S-USIH as a signatory to the American Historical Association's June 2020 Statement on the History of Racist Violence in the United States. He presented Nursing Clio's 12 June 2020 Open Letter to the Stanton Foundation, which the Society has been invited to sign. The committee will review the document before moving to discussion.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Executive Committee meets next on Saturday, 18 July 2020.