



**Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
19 December 2020**

Present: Tim Lacy, Sara Georgini, Andrew Klumpp, Richard Cándida Smith, Peter Kuryla, Benjamin Alpers, Ray Haberski

The members of the S-USIH Executive Committee met on Saturday, 7 November 2020, from 11:30am-1pm EST, via Zoom and with members. Some officers submitted precirculated reports.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the 7 November 2020 annual business meeting and ExComm meeting minutes, as submitted by Georgini.

As president, Lacy reported successful completion of staffing all prize committees and proposed creation of a USIH writing group. Officers discussed potential models for such a workshop, including logistics, membership, and frequency.

As secretary, Georgini reported that we record 794 active members in our Wild Apricot database. We also have 2,800+ members in our Facebook group, and 3,335 followers on Twitter. Georgini has drafted minutes, managed the Society's social media channels, sent Members' Notes emails, posted calls for prize submissions, and advertised for the Social Media Coordinator position.

As #USIH2020 chair, Georgini reported on the ongoing success of our virtual conference. Georgini summarized money and tech updates, offered analysis of scholarly content presented, and sketched out the continuing work in securing conference partnerships and publicity. So far, we welcomed 1,135 registrants to our free webinars, featured the work of nearly 70 scholars across roundtables and blog publications, and tripled our Twitter friends. We've drawn 82,000 visitors to our website, racking up more than 108,000 pageviews in the past few months alone.

As #USIH2021 chair, Kuryla reported on Nashville venue availability and accommodation options, as well as CFP content and timing. The committee will continue to weigh public health guidance (local and federal) related to COVID-19 pandemic as the conference plans evolve.

As treasurer, Klumpp reported on the Society's solid financial health, and took general questions on banking practices.

As publications chair, Cándida Smith gave an overview of work done by the publications platform revision ad hoc committee. Officers discussed the ongoing search for a new blog editor.

Lacy thanked all officers and members for their support and service to the Society.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Executive Committee reconvenes on Tuesday, 12 January 2021, via Zoom.