



**Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
12 January 2021**

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

In an email vote of 20 January 2021, the Executive Committee approved making SUSIH a signatory to the American Historical Association's January 2021 [Statement](#), "AHA Condemns Report of the Advisory 1776 Commission."

The members of the S-USIH Executive Committee met on Tuesday, 12 January 2021, from 11:30am-1pm EST, via Zoom and with members. Some officers submitted precirculated reports.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the 19 December 2020 ExComm meeting minutes, as submitted by Georgini.

As president, Lacy reported on the membership's positive feedback regarding USIH action as a signatory to AHA advocacy statement. Lacy urged ExComm to distribute prize opportunities via networks. Lacy also outlined plans to create USIH writing group, which ExComm affirmed.

As secretary, Georgini reported that we record 795 active members in our Wild Apricot database. We also have 2,800+ members in our Facebook group, and 3,381 followers on Twitter. Georgini has drafted minutes, managed the Society's social media channels, sent Members' Notes emails, and posted calls for prize submissions. Georgini recommended that USIH apply for AHA affiliate status, which ExComm unanimously approved. Georgini, Lacy, Haberski, and Klumpp will draft application for spring 2021 submission; wider ExComm input is most welcome.

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. Our 2021 kickoff plenary on "How We Teach the Presidency" netted 300+ registrants. The Program Committee offered feedback via email, and is working to roll out two major teaching workshops in the spring: using material culture and Reacting to the Past to teach intellectual history.

As publications chair, Cándida Smith gave an overview of work done by the publications platform revision ad hoc committee. Preliminary findings touched on organizing USIH publication priorities and how to connect conference events with publications, with an emphasis

on understanding where to find and recruit USIH audiences. ExComm also discussed the ongoing search for a new blog editor, which will continue throughout spring.

As treasurer, Klumpp reported on the Society's solid financial health, and answered general questions on banking practices. Klumpp and Lacy discussed long-term planning for awards and prospects for dedicated fundraisers, via a strategic plan.

As #USIH2021 chair, Kuryla reported on Nashville venue contract 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 #USIH2022 chair, Alpers reported on CFP theme and formation of Program Committee.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

The Executive Committee reconvenes on Tuesday, 16 February 2021, via Zoom.