



**Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
16 February 2021**

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 Wednesday, 16 February 2021, from 9pm-10:30pm EST, via Zoom and with members. Some officers submitted precirculated reports.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the 12 January 2021 ExComm meeting minutes, as submitted by Georgini. Members discussed availability for day and meeting times.

As president, Lacy reported that all prize committees were staffed, and deadlines extended. opportunities via networks. He mentioned the highly successful launch of USIH writing group. Lacy expanded on plans for potential partnerships with other academic institutions via MOU.

As secretary, Georgini reported that we record 804 active members in our Wild Apricot database. We also have 2,800+ members in our Facebook group, and 3,505 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 continues work with Lacy, Haberski, and Klumpp on application for AHA affiliate status.

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. Two major teaching workshops are on deck in the spring: using material culture and Reacting to the Past to teach intellectual history. Georgini outlined the endgame reporting for this first-of-its-kind USIH conference, in terms of providing transparent analysis and new internal protocols.

As publications chair, Cándida Smith gave an overview of work done by the publications platform revision ad hoc committee. Cándida Smith discussed improving SEO at blog, considering impact of open-access publication, and new opportunities via refined metadata.

As treasurer, Klumpp reported on the Society's solid financial health, and answered questions on banking practices. Klumpp also answered questions regarding the Society's long- and short-term planning for awards funds as well as possible bylaws revisions regarding prizes.

As #USIH2021 chair, Kuryla reported that Nashville CFP has been posted and Program Committee formed. Kuryla outlined plans for keynote and plenary sessions. 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 Wednesday, 10 March 2021, via Zoom.