



**Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
14 April 2021**

Present: Tim Lacy, Sara Georgini, Andrew Klumpp, Benjamin Alpers, Richard Cándida Smith, Audrey Wu Clark, Robert Greene II, Michael J. Kramer

Absent: Peter Kuryla, Ray Haberski

The members of the S-USIH Executive Committee met on Wednesday, 14 April 2021, from 8:30pm-10pm EST, via Zoom and with members. Some officers submitted precirculated reports.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the 10 March 2021 ExComm meeting minutes, as submitted by Georgini.

As secretary, Georgini reported that we record 806 active members in our Wild Apricot database. We have 2,800+ members in our Facebook group, and 3,600 followers on Twitter. Georgini has drafted minutes, managed the Society's social media channels, sent Members' News emails, and posted calls for prizes. Georgini continues work on application for AHA affiliate status.

As #USIH2020 chair, Georgini reported on the ongoing success of our virtual conference as it wraps up. 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, on using material culture and Reacting to the Past, tapped into USIH members' desire to explore new forms of pedagogy. Georgini is working on how to tag and house all of the scholarly conference content created in the past year.

As Nominations Committee co-chair, Alpers presented a status report. Members discussed the protocols and procedures for the forthcoming S-USIH 2021 elections.

As president, Lacy reported on the continuing momentum of USIH writing groups. He recognized the diligent service of all prize committees members. Reports have been received from the Book Award and Ross Prize committees. Outstanding as of today are prize selections from MIH/S-USIH Grad Conference Paper and Ribuffo Dissertation Prize committees. Lacy outlined potential USIH partnerships with other academic institutions via MOU.

As treasurer, Klumpp reported on the Society's strong financial health.

As Publications Chair, Cándida Smith summarized the work of the USIH Publications Platforms Revisions Committee, with additional reporting from Wu Clark, Greene, and Kramer. Members reviewed the committee's findings, and asked questions regarding the money, time, staffing, open-access options, scope and theme of projected content, and members' support needed to realize these suggestions. Members advised using the Nashville 2021 onsite conference as a gathering point to survey USIH members on the future of the Society's publications. In addition, members discussed a possible constitutional amendment regarding the duties of the Publications Chair for an interim ballot, which will be revised and reconsidered at the next meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

The Executive Committee reconvenes on Wednesday, 12 May 2021, via Zoom.