



**Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
29 June 2021**

Present: Tim Lacy, Benjamin Alpers, Sarah Bridger, Sara Georgini, Robert Greene II, Ray Haberski, Andrew Klumpp, Peter Kuryla

The members of the S-USIH Executive Committee met on Tuesday, 29 June 2021, from 8:30pm-10:15pm EST, via Zoom. Some officers submitted precirculated reports.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the 12 May 2021 ExComm meeting minutes, as submitted and amended by Georgini.

As president, Lacy updated the committee on S-USIH prizes and solicited recommendations for OAH sessions to endorse. Lacy then discussed several precirculated documents: a rubric and criteria for evaluating potential partnerships, and a revised MOU with IUPUI. After discussion, ExComm unanimously approved the [revised MOU](#). Members also discussed a timeline for a more formal proposal for the fellows' program.

As secretary, Bridger reported 2,800+ members in the S-USIH Facebook group and nearly 3,700 followers on Twitter. Bridger proposed future discussions to consider what forms of public advocacy S-USIH might pursue, including possible revision of the S-USIH constitution to enable collective statements on public affairs. Haberski suggested raising this issue at the upcoming conference.

As treasurer, Klumpp reported on the Society's secure financial health, including substantial overall cash reserves and prize funds. Klumpp noted that some prize funds are not self-sustaining and may require additional fundraising in the long term. Klumpp also proposed transitioning to a new bank after the conclusion of the Nashville conference and solicited ExComm feedback on banking preferences. Klumpp will consult with treasurers from comparable academic societies and provide a more formal banking proposal this fall.

As #USIH2021 chair, Kuryla reported on new agreements for Nashville venues and accommodations. ExComm also discussed the ramifications of CA restrictions on state funds for travel to TN due to TN's anti-LGBTQ laws.

As #USIH2022 chair, Alpers reported on planning for the Boston conference.

As Publications Chair, Greene proposed a modification to Article III, Section 6 of the S-USIH constitution, affecting the structure of the Publications Committee. ExComm also discussed upcoming vacancies for book review and blog editor positions.

As Program Chair, Georgini proposed [minor changes to the S-USIH website](#), which ExComm unanimously endorsed.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Executive Committee reconvenes in September, via Zoom.