

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 9 November 2021

Present: Tim Lacy, Sarah Bridger, Sara Georgini, Robert Greene II, Peter Kuryla, Andrew Klumpp (late arrival)

The members of the S-USIH Executive Committee met on Tuesday, 9 November 2021, from 8:00pm-9:42pm EST, via Zoom.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the 5 October 2021 ExComm meeting minutes, as submitted by Bridger.

As president, Lacy proposed converting the Ad Hoc Committee on Nominations to a permanent standing Committee on Nominations. The ExComm unanimously approved the change. Lacy reported that he had met with Greene and Georgini to discuss updating constitutional bylaws. Given the upcoming business meeting and the regularly scheduled May election, the ExComm discussed possible timelines for voting on constitutional changes. Georgini recommended a possible February ballot and suggested ways to improve participation. Finally, Lacy discussed the schedule of future executive committee meetings.

As #USIH2021 chair, Kuryla updated the committee on the successful in-person component of the October conference and the upcoming virtual schedule. The committee discussed the logistics of registration, Zoom link distribution, and access to recorded sessions. Kuryla also reported on conference finances. He updated the committee on his continuing venue negotiations, including hotel arrangements and possible programming for a second in-person event to be held May 27-28, 2022.

As treasurer, Klumpp reported on the Society's secure financial health and cash reserves. Klumpp updated the committee on his ongoing work to apply for the <u>AHA-NEH</u>'s Grants to Sustain and Advance the Work of Historical Organizations Program.

As Publications Chair, Greene updated the committee on the results of the search for two new editors: Audrey Wu Clark and Michael Kramer will join the S-USIH editorial team. Clark will serve as book review editor, bringing strong experience to the role. Kramer, who applied for the blog editor position, proposed reimagining the role of the blog and digital content more broadly, especially as the Society considers the potential launch of a peer-reviewed journal. Given this larger vision, the ExComm discussed possible changes to the blog editor title. Suggestions included S-USIH editor, digital editor, or digital projects editor.

As secretary, Bridger reported on gradual growth in membership and social media statistics. Bridger updated the committee on changes for public groups on Facebook.

As Program Chair, Georgini updated the committee on S-USIH's application for AHA affiliation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm.

The Executive Committee reconvenes in December 2021, via Zoom.