

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 17 February 2022

Present: Tim Lacy, Ben Alpers, Sarah Bridger, Sara Georgini, Robert Greene III, Andrew Klumpp

The members of the S-USIH Executive Committee met on Thursday, 17 February 2022, from 8:08pm-9:51pm EST, via Zoom.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the 20 January 2022 ExComm meeting minutes, as submitted by Bridger.

As president, Lacy confirmed ExComm's interim vote to endorse the AHA's <u>Statement Condemning Violations of the Presidential Records Act</u>. Lacy also updated the ExComm on the status of current S-USIH prize committees, the ongoing solicitation of S-USIH-sponsored panels for the OAH 2023 conference, and plans for the upcoming S-USIH business meeting, scheduled for 17 March 2022. Proposed revisions to S-USIH's constitution and bylaws will be noted at the business meeting. Finally, Lacy discussed possible conference chairs and locations for the 2024 S-USIH conference. Georgini suggested formalizing the process of conference location and chair selection, including drafting an open call.

As Publications Chair, Greene proposed hosting an expanded set of S-USIH publications on the current website. ExComm discussed the plan and expressed interest in voting on a written proposal.

As Treasurer, Klumpp reported on the Society's secure financial health and cash reserves, but noted the need for future fundraising to support the Ross and Dewey Prize funds. Klumpp updated the ExComm on the work of the *ad hoc* Committee on Grants and Partnerships. Klumpp also proposed modifying the scope and stewardship of the May Fund. The ExComm voted unanimously to follow the most recent precedent of designating May Fund monies for summer research fellowships for graduate students, and to shift responsibility for the May Fund to the S-USIH President, who would then create an annual May Fund Award committee.

As Secretary, Bridger reported on membership levels and a proposal to amend the S-USIH constitution to enable the issuance of public statements. Bridger will circulate a draft proposal to ExComm to be discussed virtually.

As #USIH2022 chair, Alpers will circulate an update virtually.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51pm.

The Executive Committee will next reconvene in April 2022, via Zoom. Members will attend S-USIH's business meeting on 17 March 2022.