

American Society for Legal History
Board of Directors
Minutes of the November 13, 2008 Meeting
Ottawa, Canada
DRAFT – NOT YET APPROVED

Officers and Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): Constance Backhouse (President-Elect), Lauren Benton, Christine Desan, Charles Donahue (Immediate Past President), Mary Dudziak, William Forbath, Thomas Gallanis (Secretary), Annette Gordon-Reed, Michael Grossberg, Sally Hadden, Craig Klafter (Treasurer), Adam Kosto, Kenneth Ledford, Maeva Marcus (President), Linda Przybyszewski, Robin Stacey, Karen Tani, and Emily Tabuteau.

Also Present (in alphabetical order): Michael Churgin, Laura Edwards, Daniel Ernst, Thomas Green, Charles Grench, Hendrik Hartog, Craig Joyce, Laura Kalman, David Langum, Bruce Mann, David Seipp, David Tanenhaus, and Christopher Waldrep.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

1. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the October 2007 meeting in Tempe, Arizona, were approved.
2. Secretary's Report. Thomas Gallanis presented, and the Board accepted, the Secretary's report.
3. Treasurer's Report. Craig Klafter presented, and the Board accepted, the Treasurer's report.
4. Report of the Committee on Conferences and the Annual Meeting. Craig Joyce presented, and the Board accepted, the committee's report.
5. Report of the Advisory Committee on the Cromwell Prizes. Maeva Marcus reported that, on November 3, the Cromwell Foundation accepted the committee's recommendations. The winners of Cromwell Prizes will be announced at the annual luncheon on Saturday, November 15.
6. Report of the Committee on Documentary Preservation. Michael Churgin presented, and the Board accepted, the committee's report.
7. Report of the Finance Committee. The Board accepted the committee's report.

8. Report of the Committee on the Future of the Society. The Board accepted the committee's report. Maeva Marcus announced that a subcommittee of the committee will make recommendations for the Board to consider about how to use (or not use) the Society's financial resources.

9. Report of H-Law. Christopher Waldrep presented, and the Board accepted, the committee's report.

10. Report of the Committee on Honors. The Board accepted the committee's report.

11. Report of the Committee on the Hurst Memorial Fund. The Board accepted the committee's report. The Board charged the committee with making a report and recommendation, for the Board to consider at its next annual meeting, on whether the Institute should be moved to one (or more) institutions other than the University of Wisconsin for years after 2009.

12. Reports of Law and History Review and of the University of Illinois Press. David Tanenhaus presented, and the Board accepted, the Law and History Review ("LHR") report. For the strong support received from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Professor Tanenhaus asked the Board to authorize the President to send letters of appreciation to Dean John V. White of the School of Law, Dean Christopher Hudgins of the College of Liberal Arts, and Professor David Wrobel, Chair of the History Department. The motion **passed**. Professor Tanenhaus also sought feedback from the Board about testing the publishing market before the expiration of the journal's current contract with the University of Illinois Press ("UIP"). The Board directed the Publications Committee to solicit proposals from UIP and other publishers. For further action on this item, see number 17 below.

The Board accepted the University of Illinois Press's report.

13. Report of the Membership Committee. Sally Hadden presented, and the Board accepted, the committee's report.

14. Report of the Nominating Committee. Barbara Welke presented, and the Board accepted, the committee's report. The Secretary reported the results of the annual election:

a. For seats on the Board of Directors, Martha Jones, Michael Lobban, Matthew Mirow, Rebecca Scott, and John Wertheimer **stand elected**.

b. For a seat on the Nominating Committee, Christina Duffy Burnett **stands elected**.

15. Report of the Preyer Memorial Committee. Laura Kalman presented, and the Board accepted, the committee's report. The Board encouraged the committee to return to the former annual deadline of June 15 for the call-for-papers. The Board also encouraged future Program Committees to relax the one-person/one-presentation rule if necessary for the Preyer Committee to arrange appropriate commentators for the "Preyer Scholars" panel.

16. Report of the 2008 Program Committee. Laura Edwards and David Seipp presented orally, and the Board accepted, the committee's report. The Board directed that future program committees should alert graduate students, ideally in the call for papers, that some funding is available to assist them in participating in the annual meeting. A subcommittee of the Committee on the Future of the Society (see item 8, above) will develop a process for awarding those funds.

17. Report of the Publications Committee. Bruce Mann presented, and the Board accepted, the committee's report. On Law and History Review, the Board charged the committee with soliciting proposals from the University of Illinois Press ("UIP") and other publishers for the publication of the Review, and making a report and recommendation to the Board in time to accommodate a Board decision before the renewal date of the current contract with UIP, July 1, 2009. The Board indicated a desire to discuss the matter electronically, for example through a listserv, beginning at least a month before a decision need be reached.

On the future of the Newsletter, the Board agreed that the printed Newsletter should be discontinued effective immediately, with its functions to be discharged through other, primarily electronic, means. The Board charged the committee with preparing a report and recommendation about how and by whom the information contained in the Newsletter should be disseminated

The Board approved the decision of the Executive Committee to accept the recommendation of the Publications Committee for the Society to provide a \$5,000 subvention to the University of North Carolina Press for the publication of Warren Rosenblum's book, Beyond the Prison Gates: Punishment and Welfare in Germany, 1850-1933.

18. Report of the Committee on the Reid Book Award. The Board accepted the committee's report.

19. Report on the Committee on Research Fellowships and Awards. Hendrik Hartog presented, and the Board accepted, the committee's report, which is attached. A motion was made for the Murphy Award to be discontinued for lack of funding; for the Treasurer to use the (approximately) \$22 remaining in the fund to assist graduate students attending the Society's annual meetings; and for the President to write a letter expressing the Society's appreciation to Sandra Van Burkeo for her many years of support of the Murphy Award. The motion **passed**.