

# **Business Meeting Minutes**

## **November 6, 2005**

### **Providence, Rhode Island**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 am.

President, Kim Rogers, thanked all those who helped with the annual meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve last year's Business Meeting minutes. (Charlton/Jefferson)

#### **Executive Secretary's Report**

Madelyn Campbell expressed how much she has enjoyed serving the Association this year. A new contract with Dickinson College has been finalized and OHA will continue to reside in Carlisle, PA through June 30, 2008.

The Endowment Fund has risen to \$153,000 due to a large transfer from the operating budget, which will end the year at around \$95,000. The financial health of the organization remains strong. Campbell reported that she has been working closely with the Finance Committee to maximize income from the reserve accounts.

Campbell encouraged everyone to support OHA by maintaining their membership or by joining OHA for the next calendar year.

#### **President's Report**

Kim Rogers reported on the revival of the standing committees. They are fully subscribed with strong committee chairs. Kimberly Porter, University of North Dakota, has been selected as the new editor of the Oral History Review. Rogers expressed great appreciation to Andrew Dunar, who has served as editor for the last six years. Transition should be completed by the end of the year.

She thanked Don Ritchie and Linda Shopes for their continued work on IRB issues. A chair for the Emerging Crises Research Fund will be selected and a call for proposals will be sent out early in 2006.

#### **2006 Annual Meeting**

Alphine Jefferson announced the theme for the 2006 meeting: Generational Links: Confronting the Past, Understanding the Present, Planning the Future. The meeting will be held in Little Rock, AR. Tracy K'Meyer and Al Stein will serve as program chairs and David Stricklin and Frances Ross will handle local arrangements. The program chairs are in the process of developing sessions, program themes and inviting speakers. OHA will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Jefferson invited all to attend and enjoy a visit to Little Rock. Charlton suggested incorporating OHA history into the National Archive.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Finance Committee**

Under the leadership of Jim Fogerty, the committee is working to maximize yields on reserves. They will work with Council to help review the new publishing contracts that are under consideration. The current contract with University of California Press will expire December, 2007. A decision is expected by October, 2006.

The committee is working to develop a model for a new Endowment Fund campaign that will be announced later next year.

### **Education Committee**

Amy Starescheski, chair, and the committee will work with the program chairs to develop education related sessions at the next annual meeting, including the Saturday workshop. They will be looking at scholarships for K-12 students and teachers. Information on sessions will be shared with local teachers. They hope to track teachers who are members and will attempt to make them aware of resources that would be of interest to them. The committee will soon be posting resources and information on the OHA website.

### **International Committee**

Anne Ritchie thanked the program chairs for all the international participants. She announced that a new chair will be appointed as her tenure ends. She announced the IOHA meeting in Sydney, Australia and encourage those who were able to attend.

### **Diversity Committee**

The committee met and discussed their role in 2006 meeting. They are looking at sponsoring a documentary series. They hope to develop a list of resources and increase their visibility on the web.

### **Publications Committee**

The committee, under the leadership of Irene Reti, is working on a new pamphlet: Using Oral History in Family History. They also hope to republish and new edition of Using Oral History in Community History Projects. They are looking for ideas to improve the website including the development of new content. They will be looking for a website editor to take charge of this initiative.

### **New Media and Technology**

Doug Boyd will chair this committee. The meeting was well attended and the committee will work to develop resources, which can be make available to the membership.

### **IRB Issues**

Linda Shopes indicated that there is still confusion about what constitutes oral history and does not. AHA is monitoring this and letters are being drafted. Shopes indicated she was not optimistic that this issue can be resolved at the national level and may have to be deliberated at the local department level. It will be a challenge to educate review boards on these issues. Don Ritchie announced a session will be help at the AHA meeting on

Institutional Review Boards. There is hope that AHA will publish a pamphlet on IRB issues.

### **Scholarship Committee**

Mehmed Ali announced that \$4425 was awarded to 13 participants and presenters. He thanked his committee which is composed of the chairs of Diversity, Education, Program and International committees. He thanked Linda Wood and the Brighton Hill Foundation for establishing the K-12 secondary teacher and student scholarship.

### **H-Oralhist**

Jeff Charnley reported that there were 1880 subscribers, which is an increase of 105. Messages average 72/month. There are about 25 different themes that are being archived and are available for searching. H-net continues to work to suppress spam which has reached about 800,000/month.

### **Nominating Committee**

The winners of this years election were announced:

First Vice President – Mehmed Ali

Council – Roger Horowitz

Nominating Committee – Albert Broussard, Elaine Eff, Andrew Russell

Kim Rogers passed the gavel to new President Elect, Rebecca Sharpless.

### **New Business**

Sharpless thanked NEOHA for their sponsorship of the Providence meeting, Pamela Dean and David Stricklin for developing a program full of intellectual vitality and thanked Linda Wood and Mehmed Ali for their work on local arrangements. She also thanked all the presenters and chairs who made the program such a success.

She looked forward to working with a superb Council which is perched to do good work in the coming year. She thanked Madelyn Campbell, Executive Secretary, for her work during the year and for handling all the details of the meeting.

She announced that Council will attend to a full agenda and will plan a long-range planning retreat in conjunction with the mid-winter meeting. There will be some discussion about sponsoring traveling workshops, which could be held during the year. An Endowment Campaign will launched in 2006.

The 2007 Annual Meeting will be held in Oakland, California. Norma Smith and Horacio Roque Ramírez will serve as program chairs and Nancy MacKay will chair Local Arrangements. The meeting will be held October 24-28, 2007, so mark your calendars.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30am.