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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



At least one member reacted to my somber comments in the last newsletter rather like I respond to many mailings from animal welfare societies: the tales are so horrifying that one only wants to forget them. Some positive news is necessary to encourage active participation in any cause. With no criticism of my original message, our colleague deftly suggested another course: recalling that books in the field of ancient history are regularly listed as History Book Club selections or alternates, he wondered if we might not take some pride in these statistics. More than that, he offered to investigate. So, with my thanks for his nudge toward happier news, here are the findings.

During the past three years, 48 ancient history books were either major or minor selections. The list included Gibbon's *Decline and Fall*, Donald Kagan's *History of the Peloponnesian War*, new translations of Thucydides and of the Iliad and Odyssey and a couple of classical dictionaries. The rest were - in our investigator's words - "Genuine articles...on average, a selection on ancient history every month in recent years." Impressive figures! Perhaps we might extend this inquiry, asking major publishers to provide figures regarding books published annually on ancient historical topics. Ideas?

Another pro-active step would be to plan for a session at the annual AHA meeting *as an association* rather than relying only on enterprising individuals to submit proposals. As an affiliated society, we could hold a meeting, gaining a room without charge and a presence on the program. It is true that on several occasions, the AAH has hosted a reception; however, there has been no

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SPRING MEETING IN ILLINOIS

The Association of Ancient Historians will hold its annual Spring Meeting at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Accommodations and meals will be provided at the Allerton Mansion Conference Center and at the Best Western in nearby Monticello, IL.



The meeting will begin with registration and an evening reception on Thursday, April 30. The annual banquet will be on Friday evening. For those choosing to stay over Saturday night, entertainment will be provided Saturday evening and brunch will be provided on Sunday morning.

Registration materials and a preliminary program were mailed to members in February. **Please get your registration in by April 1.** If you did not receive the registration materials, please contact Dr. Mitchell at the address below.

The sessions are:

- * Friday morning: "From provincia to province."
- * Friday afternoon: "Asia Minor."
- * Saturday morning: "Great houses, great families, great wealth."
- * Saturday afternoon: "Younger scholars session."

A complete program and a copy of the registration form are available through the AAH web page (<http://weber01.u.washington.edu/~clio/aah/>) For more information, please contact Richard Mitchell, Department of History, 309 Gregory Hall, 810 South Wright Street, Urbana, IL 61801.

Professor Mitchell can also be reached via e-mail at rmitchll@uiuc.edu or by FAX at 217-333-2297.

A Chance to Help Spread the Word

Make contact with primary and secondary students—the historians of the future. Cathy Gorn, Executive Director of the National History Day program solicits the help of individuals and members in its efforts "to make history more than 'just a bunch of names and dates'". For more information, one can call the national office (301-314-9739) or visit the web site (<http://www.thehistorynet.com/NationalHistoryDay>).

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REGINA BOOKS

Post Office Box 280, Claremont, CA. 91711 Phone 909-624-8466 Fax: 909-626-1345

Regina Books offers the following discounts to AAH members:

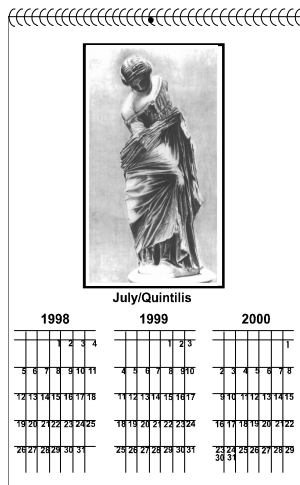
Title	Regular Price*	Member Price*
<i>Myth Becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece</i> , by Carol Thomas	\$19.95 (cloth) \$11.95 (paper)	\$16.00 (cloth) \$ 9.00 (paper)
<i>Ancient History: Recent Work and New Directions</i> , by Stanley Burstein, Ramsay MacMullen, Kurt Raaflaub, and Alan Ward	\$21.95 (cloth) \$12.95 (paper)	\$17.95 (cloth) \$ 9.00 (paper)
<i>Makedonica: Essays by Eugene N. Borza</i>	\$37.95 (cloth) \$18.95 (paper)	\$24.00 (cloth) \$12.00 (paper)
<i>A Guide to Graduate Programs in Ancient History</i> by Michael Arnush.	\$10.50 (paper)	\$ 8.00 (paper)
<i>Polis and Polemos: Essays on Politics, War, and History in Ancient Greece in Honor of Donald Kagan</i> , ed. Charles D. Hamilton and Peter Krentz.	\$39.50 (cloth) \$19.50 (paper)	\$24.00 (cloth) \$13.00 (paper)
<i>A Handbook for Ancient History Classes</i> , by Jack Cargill.	\$10.50 (paper)	\$ 7.00 (paper)
<i>Art and Archaeology in the Mediterranean World</i> , ed. A.L.H. Robkin	\$11.95 (paper)	\$ 8.00 (paper)
<i>Peacemaking in Medieval Europe: A Historical and Bibliographic Guide</i> , by Udo Heyn	\$34.95 (cloth) \$13.95 (paper)	\$19.00 (cloth) \$ 9.00 (paper)

*Plus shipping of \$2.50 for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional book.

Shades of Antiquity

This 3-year calendar (1998-2000), with its series of drawings of ancient art objects by Wallace Mead, is an excellent way to celebrate the end of another millennium. Copies can be purchased from Regina Books (see address above), or at the annual meeting, at \$9.95/calendar. Profits will be donated to the AAH through the generosity of the artist.

Calendar Size
approximately 17" x 11"



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formal presentation. This year's AHA gathering in Seattle drew about 45 guests and, in fact, one topic of conversation was the virtual absence of formal sessions devoted to our field. Member Philip Kaplan has offered to help rectify the situation in the future. Who else will join this effort?

Help of another sort is urgently needed if we are to have an up-to-date Directory of Ancient Historians in the United States. For more than two years, Konrad Kinzl has labored (voluntarily, with no assistance or compensation) to revise the original directory produced by Richard Talbert and Bob Wallace. Changes and additions have been incorporated into an on-line version. But many people have not responded. If you have not checked your entry, please do and respond to Konrad (kkinzl@trentu.ca). And remember to inform him on an ongoing basis of changes, either of your own entry, or information you have of others. Please include the URLs of your home pages and of your department. We believe that it will be valuable to have a hard copy version of the directory as soon as possible.

Awards will be given to help younger members with costs of attending this year's annual meeting. This is possible through the generosity of a member who has donated \$500 for the past several years to help defray expenses of the meeting. To establish these subsidies for the future, however, our fund requires about \$3500 more in contributions. No amount is too small: a graduate student who joined the Association at the Seattle gathering presented a \$5.00 bill asking that the \$2.00 remaining after the \$3.00 membership fee was paid go into the fund. Nor is any amount too large!

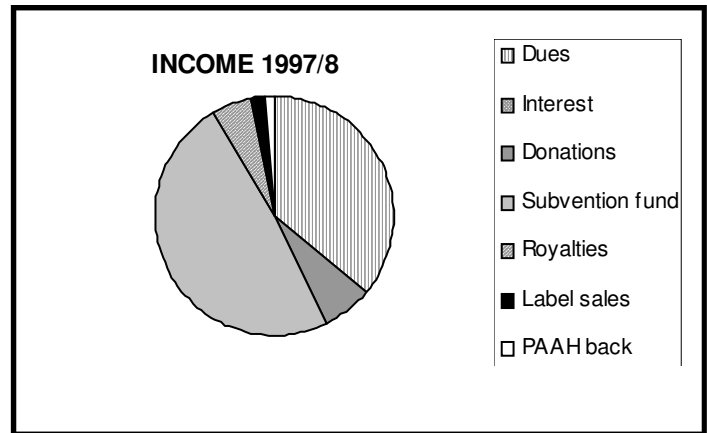
See you in Champaign,

Carol

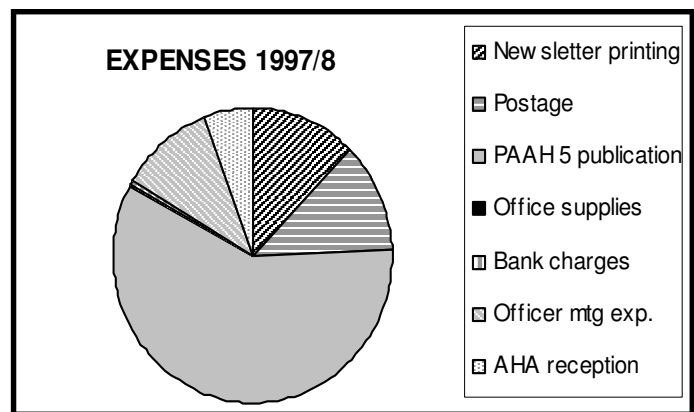
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PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT (AS OF MARCH 1, 1998)

Balance as of 3/14/97:	\$10686.54
Income:	
Dues received	3265.48
Donations	
General donations	585.00
Subvention fund	4401.00
Royalties	509.63
Interest	10.90
Label Sales	150.00
PAAH back issues	130.00
Total Income:	9052.01



[Income less subvention contributions]	[4651.01]
Expenses:	
Newsletters 72, 73, 74	
Printing	693.71
Postage	685.40
PAAH 5	3299.50
Office supplies	20.95
Bank charges	26.21
Officer meeting charges	619.00
AHA Reception	308.54
Total Expenses	5653.31



Balance 3/1/98 \$14,085.24

Motion to Change Dues

As can be seen from the information above, costs for the Newsletter, for postage, and for the publication series are beginning to outstrip income. With several new publications in the editing and/or planning stages, we anticipate that there will be significant outlays over the next few years.

The President and the Secretary-Treasurer propose, therefore:

That annual dues be increased to \$7.50 per year for regular members and \$5.00 per year for associate members.

This motion will be voted upon at the business meeting of the annual

conference at the University of Illinois.

A breakdown of current funds and prepaid dues is reproduced below:

Funds on hand	\$14,085
Subvention fund	<4,401>
Dues paid through 1999	<499>
Dues paid through 2000	<766>
Dues paid through 2001	<534>
Dues paid through 2002	<572>
Dues paid through 2003	<115>
Dues paid beyond 2003	<150>
Total current funds	\$ 7,048

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas
May 3, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 4:15. Carol Thomas, President of the Association, made two announcements: Alan Ward agreed to serve as Parliamentarian and Suzanne Martin agreed to take the minutes.

The Minutes of the 1996 Business meeting, as published in the spring newsletter, with one typographical correction, were approved unanimously.

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Secretary-Treasurer's Report: The AAH currently has a total membership of 767, including 616 regular member, 141 associate members, and 10 institutional members. 652 of the members come from the USA, 62 from Canada, and 49 from overseas. In the future the fiscal year will run from March 15th to March 14th. The Association currently has a healthy balance of \$10,774.81. More and more members are paying dues in advance; members are reminded that prepayment has been capped at 5 years in advance.

Diana Delia thanked the AAH for the opportunity to serve during the three years of her term as Secretary-Treasurer.

Discussion about the budget included questions about money for subvention to encourage students and younger professionals to attend the annual meeting and the possibility of putting the Association's money in a money market or other higher interest earning account. The Secretary Treasurer responded that until now everything has been in a savings account earning 3% because of the need for liquidity, but it might be possible to transfer some funds to an account earning higher interest in the future.

Future meetings: Richard Mitchell said that the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign was looking forward to hosting the AAH during the 1st week of May in 1998. The University of Illinois has a beautiful conference facility, Allerton Park, which will accommodate 83 people, although there will also be other accommodation available to those who wish. Expenses will probably be less than \$100 per person including food, accommodation, mailings, etc. There was discussion about possible topics for sessions, entertainment appropriate to the setting, and the pros and cons of having a session designed for graduate students. Richard Mitchell asked members to communicate their wishes and interests to him. Preliminary information about the 1998 meeting will be available on the AAH web page and questions can be answered through e-mail.

Zsuzsanna Varhelyi read a letter from Columbia University offering to host the AAH in 1999. President Carol Thomas

asked for a motion to accept the invitation. There was some discussion about whether to keep the meeting in early May (which will be more expensive) or to move the meeting to a later, less expensive, date. Colin Wells made a friendly amendment to the motion to keep the early May date. After discussion of concerns about expenses, including the possibility of providing some subsidy for younger members, the motion passed unanimously.

Carol Thomas asked the members for informal response to the idea of accepting an invitation to hold the annual meeting in Hawaii in 2000. There was positive response but other invitations and potential hosts are also welcome.

Publications: Carol reported that the revision and update of Chester Starr's volume for the AAH will be distributed to all members whose dues are paid up and a new volume on Makedonika by Eugene Borza is also forthcoming. She also announced 4 more volumes in the AAH series which are in preparation: a collaborative work by Stan Burstein focused on modern issues such as Gender and Ethnicity; a critical bibliography of works on Alexander the Great by Ernst Badian; a work on Ancient Law by R. Sealey; and a volume on the Roman Army by Colin Wells. In addition, Carol introduced Richard Burns of Regina Books and told the membership that he was helpful and willing to work with individual members on their own projects.

The Directory of Ancient Historians is currently "frozen" while Konrad Kinzl is out of the country, but Carol made a plea for members to submit up-to-date information. Konrad Kinzl has been awarded the Editors Choice award for his Web site based on the high quality and usefulness of the site, and the Association voted unanimously to send a formal expression of thanks to Professor Kinzl for his work on our behalf.

Electronic resources: A committee composed of Pat Dintrone, Mark Northrup, and Vanessa Gorman demonstrated some of the possibilities

which will be available in the (near) future. The AAH web site is currently being maintained by Shawn Ross, a graduate student at the University of Washington. The main page and a feedback form for comments should be available on the web by mid June. The Committee also distributed a Survey of Electronic Resources Preferences in order to better identify and serve the needs of members. Among the questions raised in discussion included potential ways to use the computer for communications, use groups, chat groups, etc.

Election: Pat Dintrone and Frank Holt were nominated to run for the office of Secretary-Treasurer and Pat Dintrone was elected for a 3 year term. The Association unanimously voted its appreciation to Diana Delia for her service as Secretary Treasurer during the past 3 years.

Announcements:

Gene Borza was unable to attend because of the aftermath of the floods in Fargo, North Dakota. His new house is on the Red River but thanks to hard work and good fortune they were spared serious flood damage. His address is 3602 River Dr. South, Fargo, N.D. 58104

Some US subscribers to the Ancient History Bulletin were accidentally overcharged and those who were overcharged will receive a rebate next year.

Stanley Burstein proposed that the Association express its thanks to our generous host, Colin Wells, and his associates at Trinity, for an excellent meeting. The following was approved unanimously:

The AAH expresses its thanks to Dr. Ronald Calgaard, President of Trinity, for providing from his presidential funds the opening reception and the banquet; to Dr. William Walker, Dean of Humanities and Arts, for his support of this project; to Classical Studies colleagues Jim Pearce, Joan Burton, and Mark Garrison, for their assistance; to the Classical Studies secretary Pamela Waddell; to the staff

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AAH INFORMATION FORM

Check boxes that apply:

Change of address (or use the on-line form at <http://rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/cbaweb/UPO/aah/update.html>)

New or renewal membership

New member: Regular (\$5/year) Associate (\$3/year*)

(*Associate membership is available only to students, retired professors, and non-residents of the U.S. or Canada)

Renewal Most recent year paid (from mailing label) _____

Payment enclosed: \$_____ for _____ years beyond last paid (limit 5 years)

Additional donation enclosed: \$_____. (For meeting subvention fund Yes No)

Check appropriate title (furthest left box will be used on your address label)

Prof. Dr. Ms. Mr. Other: _____

Last name: _____ Other names: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State or Province ____ U.S. 9-digit Zip _____ - _____

Other Postal Code _____ Country (non-North America) _____

DUES INFORMATION

Annual dues are payable on January 1 each year. Your most recent year of paid dues appears above your name on the mailing label. If that number is less than 1998, then your dues are in arrears. The rules of the Association require that members whose dues are three or more years in arrears be dropped from the mailing list.

Members are encouraged to pay dues up to five years in advance. This simplifies record-keeping for both the member and the organization. Due to rising printing and postage costs, payment of dues more than five years in advance cannot be accepted.

Please mail dues to the return address on this newsletter.

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of Continuing Education, above all Donna Stachowiak, who shouldered the routine business of organization and liaison with the hotel, the bus company, the catering department, and did everything over the last few days, down to making sure everyone actually got on the bus when they were meant to.



Conference of Interest

The Third Conference on Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity, "Urban and Rural in Late Antiquity," will be held at Emory University, Atlanta, 11 - 14 March 1999. For full details -- program, registration, lodging -- see the conference website <<http://wcv.emory.edu/worldclasses/rome/frontiers.html>>. Program inquiries should be sent to Professor John W. Eadie, Department of History, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824 <email: jweadie@pilot.msu.edu>; for all other matters contact Professor Thomas S. Burns, Department of History, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322 <email: HISTS@learnlink.emory.edu>.

MISSING MEMBERS

The following members have had mail returned. Please help us find them.

Dr. J. Sunskes Thompson
Dr. Linda Jones Hall
Mr. Phillip L. Lenihan
Mr. Jeremiah McCall

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New Books

Thomas M. Banchich published *Cebes Pinax* (Bryn Mawr Commentaries, 1997).

Phyllis Young Forsyth published *Thera in the Bronze Age* (Peter Lang, 1998).

Judith P. Hallett and **Marilyn Skinner** published *Roman Sexualities* (Princeton University Press). Other contributors include Sandra Joshel, Catherine Edwards, and Tony Corbeill.

Tom Watkins published *L. Munatius Plancus: Serving and Surviving in the Roman Revolution* (Illinois Classical Studies, Supplement 7) (Scholars Press, 1997).



New Scholar Activities

Daniel F. Caner completed his dissertation, *Wandering, Begging Monks, Social Order, and the Promotion of Monasticism in the Roman East, 360-451 C. E.* at the University of California under the direction of Susanna Elm, Anthony Long, and Robert Knapp.

Grants-in Aid Awarded

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Association was able to award two grants-in-aid to assist members in meeting travel expenses to the Illinois meeting. The winners of the \$165.00 awards are Steven L. Tuck from the University of Evansville, and Tim Bridgman from Trinity College. Both of these scholars will be presenting papers at the Conference. The Association is pleased to be able to support their academic growth.

AJAH Discount

Paid-up members of the AAH are entitled to a 20% discount on an annual subscription to the *American Journal of Ancient History*. Write to *AJAH*, Dept. of History, Robinson Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138. (Note: *AJAH* is not an AAH publication and the Secretary-Treasurer has no information about it; please direct all questions to the editors of *AJAH*.)

