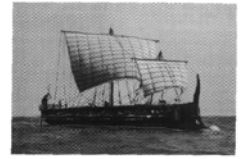




# The Association of Ancient Historians Newsletter



Randall S. Howarth, Editor

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## President's Column

Spring is here at last, and things are set for the meeting in Vancouver. The complete final program for the meeting begins on this page and is continued on p. 5. The registration form is on p. 4, but is also available on line at the conference website (<http://www.cnrsconferences.arts.ubc.ca>). Please note that the registration deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>; though one can still register for the meeting after that, the fees go up. Also please take note of the special update for Accommodations and Lodging on p.7. Finally, for all attendees arriving from outside Canada, please remember to bring your passports. The program is a strong one, the setting delightful, and I hope to see you all there!

In connection with the meeting, I would like to announce the recipients of the Subvention grants-in-aid. We were pleased to be able to support four individuals for this year's meeting: Rachael Goldman from CCNY, who is also the recipient of the Betty Coate Award; Christopher Furhmann, from the University of North Texas; Michael Helfield from the University of Toronto; and Brian Turner from UNC, Chapel Hill. Three of these recipients will also be giving papers at the meeting. As is our tradition, I know you will make them feel welcome. I would also like to take the opportunity to appeal for donations to the Subvention Fund, which is a vital part of our ongoing program. My thanks also are due to the Subvention Committee (Denise Demetriou, John Lee, and Randy Howarth) for their hard work.

Please note the motion calling for the establishment of a Web Coordinator for the Association on p. 8. As I commented in the last Newsletter, there has been a growing amount of IT work required of the Secretary-Treasurer, which is not strictly part of the brief for the job. Randy has done an outstanding job with this, but we need someone with both the specific expertise and dedicated time to deal with these functions. A consensus of the former Presidents agreed, and the proposal is for a two year renewable appointment. There has been interest expressed in this already from the last Newsletter, and the proposal will be discussed and voted on in the upcoming business meeting.

Finally, I would also like to make an appeal for sponsors for our upcoming Annual Meetings. Jenny Roberts opened discussions with some individuals, and I will follow up with them, but I encourage others to think about sponsoring a meeting. I know that these are difficult times for many institutions, not the least my own, but this is the chief function of our organization and vital to our future. Please feel free to contact me about this. I will be happy to talk about the process and benefits of doing this, not only from the standpoint of the organization, but as someone has put on an Annual Meeting and will do so again next year.

*W. Lindsay Adams*

## Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians May 14-16, 2009 at the University of British Columbia, in Vancouver

### Thursday, 14 May

5:00 – 6:00 pm: CAC Keynote Address and AAH Plenary Session

Dr. Edward Champlin, The Power of Myth: Tiberius Caesar and the Heavenly Twins.

Reception to follow

### Friday, 15 May

8:15 am: Welcome

8:30- 10:30: **Contests and Competition Panel**

Dr. Meg Butler, Tulane University, Coming off the bench: Semi-peripheral states in the fourth-century BCE Aegean

Dr. Mark Golden, University of Winnipeg, War & Peace in the Ancient & Modern Olympics

Dr. Scott Perry, University of South Florida, "Oh, the mildness of the gods!": Patristic Discourses on the Violent Athlete

Matthew Sears, Cornell University, Stifled Competition: Why Thrace Appealed to Athenian Elite

(AAH Meeting Continued on page 5)

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at substantial discounts to members. Order directly from Regina Books, Post Office Box 280, Claremont CA 91711. Phone 909-624-8466, Fax 909-626-1345. Please add \$2.50 S&H for first book and \$1.00 for each additional.

#9 *Pastoral Politics: Animals, Agriculture, and Society in Ancient Greece*. Timothy Howe (2008) Member price (paper) \$14.00.

#8 *Current Issues in the History of the Ancient Near East*. ed. Mark W. Chavalas (2007). Member price (paper) \$14.00.

#7 *Current Issues and the Study of Ancient History*. Stanley M. Burstein, Nancy Demand, Ian Morris, Lawrence Tritle (2002). Member price (paper) \$9.00.

#6 *Before Alexander: Constructing Early Macedonia*. Eugene N. Borza (1999). Member price: (paper) \$9.00

#5 *Ancient History: Recent Work and New Directions*. Stanley M. Burstein, Ramsay MacMullen, Kurt A. Raaflaub and Allen M Ward. directed by Carol G. Thomas (1997). Member price: (paper) \$9.00

#4 *Myth becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece*. Carol G. Thomas (1993). Member price: (paper) \$9.00.

*The Coming of the Greeks*. James T. Hooker (1999). Member price: (paper) \$9.00 (cloth) \$16.00.

*Makedonika: Essays by Eugene N. Borza*. Ed. by Carol G. Thomas (1995). Member price: (paper) \$12.00 (cloth) \$24.00.

*Directory of Ancient Historians in the United States*. comp. by Konrad [H.] Kinzl. 2nd ed. (1999). Member price: (paper): \$9.00

*A Guide to Graduate Programs in Ancient History*. Michael Arnush (1997). Member price: (paper) \$7.00.

*A Handbook for Ancient History Classes*. Jack Cargill (1997). Member price: (paper) \$7.00.

\*\*\*\*\*Other Regina titles by AAH members\*\*\*\*\*

*Roman Agrarian History*. Max Weber trans. Richard I. Frank (2008) member price: (paper) \$20.00

*Alexander's Empire: Formulation to Decay*. Eds. Waldemar Heckel, Lawrence Tritle, Pat Wheatley (2007). Member price: (paper) \$15.00.

*Crossroads of History: The Age of Alexander*. Eds. Waldemar Heckel and Lawrence A. Tritle (2004). Member price: (paper) \$13.00 (cloth) \$24.00.

*Mercenary of the Gods: Memoirs of a Greek in Service to Judah and Egypt*. Jack Cargill (2004). Member Price: (paper) \$16.00.

*Feelings in History, Ancient and Modern*. Ramsay MacMullen (2003). Member Price \$20.00.

*Polis and Polemos: Essays on Politics, War, and History in Ancient Greece in honor of Donald Kagan*. Eds. Charles Hamilton and Peter Krentz (1997). Member price: (paper) \$13.00 (cloth) \$24.00.

*Text and Tradition: Studies in Greek History and Historiography in Honor of Mortimer Chambers*. Eds. Ronald Mellor and Lawrence Tritle (1999). Member price: (paper) \$13.00 (cloth) \$24.00.

The editor solicits items of interest to members. Notices of publications, honors received, dissertations defended, etc., are all appropriate for this section. In addition, letters to the membership on subjects of general concern to members and/or our organization are solicited and will be printed, space permitting. All submissions are subject to editing for length. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is August 21st.

Alan Appelbaum's article, "The Idumaeans in Josephus' The Jewish War," appears in the *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic and Roman Period* volume 50.1.

Gregory S. Aldrete's *Daily Life in the Roman City: Rome, Pompeii, and Ostia* was just published in a new, revised, paperback edition by the University of Oklahoma Press (2009). The previous edition was published by Greenwood Press, 2004.

Ian Morris and Walter Scheidel (eds.), *The Dynamics of Ancient Empires: State Power from Assyria to Byzantium* (OUP New York 2009) is now out, as is Walter Scheidel (ed.), *Rome and China: Comparative Perspectives on Ancient World Empires* (OUP New York 2009). These are the first titles in a new series, 'Oxford Studies in Early Empires', co-edited by Nicola di Cosmo, Mark Lewis and Walter Scheidel.

Mark Golden's *Greek Sport and Social Status* is now available from University of Texas Press (2008).

Ramsay MacMullen's *The Second Church: Popular Christianity AD 200-400* is due this week SBL/Brill (SBL=Society of Biblical Literature).

Timothy Howe and Jeanne Reames expect their edited volume, *Macedonian Legacies: Studies in Ancient Macedonian History and Culture in Honor of Eugene N. Borza*, to be available from Regina Books (2008) at the meeting in Vancouver.

The 2nd edition of Sallust's *Bellum Catilinae*, with commentary by J. T. Ramsey (OUP 2007), is being reprinted with minor corrections this spring. Now available on the Companion Web site for this title

(<http://www.oup.com/us/companion.websites/9780195320855/?view=usa>) as free downloads are the following: the complete Latin text in Word and PDF format; Supplementary Annotated Bibliography comprising 68 titles; a "Who's Who"; complete Latin to English vocabulary; and Errata et Corrigenda.

Please note a new edition of *The "History" of Zonaras from Alexander Severus to the Death of Theodosius the Great*. Translation by Thomas M. Banchich and Eugene Lane. Introduction and Commentary by Thomas M. Banchich. London and New York: Routledge, 2009.

Judith P. Hallett and Christopher Stray have just published *British Classics Outside England: The Academy and Beyond*, with Baylor University Press. Contributors include Ward Briggs, Ceri Davies, Eleanor Irwin, Barbara McManus, Mick Morris and Phiroze Vasunia.

Sabine R. Huebner and David M. Ratzan have just published *Growing Up Fatherless in Antiquity* with Cambridge University Press. Contributors include Walter Scheidel, Mark Golden, Marcus Sigismund, Daniel Ogden, Myrto Malouta, Louise Pratt, Georg Wöhrle, Judith P. Hallett, Sabine Müller, Ann-Cathrin Harders, Neil Bernstein, Raffaella Cribiore, and Geoffrey Nathan.

Kurt A. Raaflaub and Hans van Wees (eds.), expect their *A Companion to Archaic Greece* (Malden MA and Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009), to be published in April in the UK, and in May in the US.

Tom McGinn is winding up a three-year term as the Andrew W. Mellon Professor-in-Charge of the School of Classical Studies at the American Academy in Rome. His most recent book, *Widows and Patriarchy: Ancient and Modern*, was published last year by Duckworth.

T. Corey Brennan will be replacing Tom McGinn as the Andrew W. Mellon Professor-in-Charge of the School of Classical Studies at the American Academy in Rome.

D. Brendon Nagle's *Ancient Rome: A History*, is now available from Sloan Publishing (2010). This is a comprehensive survey of Roman History from the founding to the eighth century.

Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians  
May 14-16, 2009 – University of British Columbia

**REGISTRATION**

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**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

- Registration \$75 (includes continental breakfasts on Friday and Saturday)
- Student Registration \$40 (includes continental breakfasts on Friday and Saturday)
- Banquet Ticket \$50 (for registered participants) – main course will be B.C. salmon
- Extra Banquet Ticket(s) \$60 \_\_\_\_ (number, if more than 1 extra)
- One-day Registration for May 14<sup>th</sup> panels of Classical Association of Canada Annual Meeting \$25** – if you wish to attend more of the CAC conference please register for the entire conference at [www.cnrsconferences.arts.ubc.ca](http://www.cnrsconferences.arts.ubc.ca).
- Late Registration \$90 (after March 31<sup>st</sup>)

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**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

**MARCH 21, 2009**

**(AAH Meeting from page 1)**

10:30 – 11:00: Coffee

11:00-12:30: **Law Panel**

Dr. Bruce Frier, University of Michigan, Regulation of Incestuous Marriage in the Roman Republic

Dr. Matthew Perry, City University of New York, "Non faci mihi officium": Status, Sexuality, and the Moral Duty of Freedpersons

Kelcy Stagstetter, University of Pennsylvania, A paternity crisis in the wake of the Sicilian Expedition: The decrees of the Demotionidal reconsidered

12:30 – 2:00: Lunch

2:00 – 4:00: **Military Affairs Panel**

Dr. Lee Brice, Western Illinois University, Mutiny and Unrest in Ancient Militaries, A New Explanation

Dr. Christopher Fuhrmann, University of North Texas, Milites latrones: Soldiers as bandits in Roman law and literature

Dr. Andrew Goldman, Gonzaga University, Who DOES the shoe fit? The Roman Hobnail Burials at Gordion (Turkey)

Brian Turner, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, The Clades Variana and Roman Responses to Defeat

4:00-4:30: Coffee

4:30 – 6:00: **Aspects of Personal Adornment Panel**

Rachael Goldman, City University of New York, Keeping Up With Appearances: Freedman and Colored Clothing in the Ancient Novel

Dr. Kelly Olson, University of Western Ontario, Dandies, Effeminacy & Masculinity in Roman Antiquity

Dr. Kaius Tuori, University of Helsinki, Dig. 34.2.33pr: The Return of the Cross-dressing Senator

**Saturday, 16 May**

8:30 – 10:00: **Tensions and Conflict in the Private Sphere Panel**

Dr. Serena Connolly, Rutgers University, Trouble and Strife in Roman Marriage

Dr. Kathy Gaca, Vanderbilt University, Soldiers and their Marital Baggage in Antiquity

Dr. Hagith Sivan, University of Kansas, The Mapping of Murder in Mesopotamia and Ancient Israel

10:00 – 10:30: Coffee

10:30 – 12:30: **Near Eastern/Classical Interconnections Panel**

Dr. Georgia Bazemore, Eastern Washington University, Greeks, Greek Identity, and the Greek Alphabet on Cyprus

Stefan Kamola, University of Washington, Sons and lovers: Achaemenid and Macedonian models for the succession of Antiochus Soter

Dr. Kurt Raaflaub, Brown University, Greek Concepts of Law and Justice in a Mediterranean Context

Dr. Seth Richardson, Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, Ex Oriente flux: problems and preconditions in transmission

12:30 – 2:00: Lunch

2:00 – 3:30: **Historiography Panel**

Dr. Sulochana Asirvatham, Montclair State University, The Genre of Polyaeus' Stratagems

Jennifer Gerrish, University of Pennsylvania, Tacitus' Excursus on the Jews: Ethnography as a Mirror for Rome

Mark Thatcher, Brown University, Educating the Statesman: Polybius and Cultural Conflict

3:30 – 5:30: Business meeting

7:00: Banquet

Minutes of the 2008 meeting held at the University of South Florida

Called to order 4.30 PM by Jennifer Roberts.

2007 minutes with one spelling correction -change Bryce to Brice-approved (Borza, Hall).

President J. Roberts gave a brief overview of the AAH, its purpose and activities, for the benefit of newer members and attendees. In this context, a discussion about the Directory of Ancient Historians developed. Concerns were raised that it was outdated. Greg Anderson volunteered to take a leadership role and assign regions. Suggestion: links to web pages and sample syllabi. Q: shall there be included historians in Canada? A: Depends on K. Kinzl and G. Anderson. Motion of (Harl, Murray) carried that it be the sense of the meeting that Canadian historians be included. On the recent passing of colleagues; these names were mentioned: Helen Bacon, Zeff Stewart, and Nicholas Coldstream. Roberts called for a moment of silence.

S/T R Howarth report:

Finances : Balance of operating funds in Princeton was 18, 837.76. Total income from Princeton to USF meetings was 4504.60 (Dues, 3,065.21, Royalties 626.69, Label Sales 150.00, CD interest 662.70). Total expenses was 3815.49 (Newsletter 509.55, Postage 640.52, Conference Expenses 1111.42, web services 54.00, down payment to print PAAH #9 1500.00). Balance of general funds as of USF meeting was 19, 526.87. Balance of Subvention Fund after 2007 disbursements was 16, 012.31. Investment gain was 1307.88, donations were 780.00, disbursements in 2007 were 1500. Balance of fund after 2008 disbursements was 16, 585.19.

Membership: More vigorous reminders have culled inactive names from membership list. Member totals down to 597 from 644, of which 501 is US, 50 Canada, 46 misc. 121 behind on dues (from 188 in 2007). 415 on virtual mailing list (from 364 in 2007). 96 on electronic newsletter only (from 26 in 2007).

Web site and Ad hoc web committee report by Howarth

The web site platform has been improved rendering moot many of the issues brought up in the previous year. Howarth has redesigned the website substantially. The site looks much better than before and now has Pay Pal for the convenience of all members but especially off shore members. Total costs are about \$100 a year plus Pay Pal commissions. The potential still exists to use the site to provide digital access to PAAH back numbers and/or other potential revenue generators. Howarth promises to keep working on this and the continued digitization of archival documents, many of which are now already up on the site.

Subvention Committee report by chair Lindsay Adams. For the 2008 meeting, grants were made to six individuals (Seth Bernard, Miles Doleac, Danielle Kellogg, Jeremy LaBuff, Mark Thatcher, and Georgia Tsouvala) for a total of 1500.00. Lindsay Adams' term on the committee expires with this meeting. John Lee is appointed to rotate on. Denise Demitrious moves up to chair the committee (S/T is *ex officio* third member). Adams reiterated an appeal for donations to the fund. Roberts underscored that appeal.

Publications Committee report by Roberts (for Brice, Chavalas, Garfinkle, Roberts, and Thomas).

PAAH #9 is in the mail, some members have already received their copy. Applause to the editor Timothy Howe (present) from the membership. K. Harl and C. Wells have undertaken to collaborate on an Army and Frontier volume. Late Antiquity needs a new author. Law volume still in discussion, new ideas are solicited. Brice and Roberts making progress on a military history volume. Ancient World History volume may be spearheaded by M. Chavalas.

Publisher transition coming soon. R. Burns of Regina planning to retire; Georgias Press interested in taking over. Discussion ensued on potential retention of e-publication rights.

Presidential Race. One of the two properly nominated candidates, Ken Harl, withdrew his name from nomination. The remaining candidate, W. Lindsay Adams, was declared winner by rule, his office to begin at the conclusion of the meeting. The current president, Jennifer T. Roberts, congratulated Adams, noted Harl's long service to the organization, and thanked the body for her own opportunity to serve in a significant manner. A poem (published verbatim in the September 2008 newsletter) was read by the S/T to Roberts.

Two of the three Ballot issues (as moved and seconded in advance and printed in the Spring 2008 newsletter) were passed unanimously

Item 1: That the constitutional changes printed in the Spring 2008 newsletter be made

Item 2: That the membership dues be increased as outlined in the Spring 2008 newsletter.

Item 3: withdrawn

#### Old Business

Leanne Bablitz presented some information concerning hotel pricing and logistics for the 2009 meeting in Vancouver as well as the likely array of panels. Discussion arose concerning panel time and discussion formats. A consensus from the floor emerged that fewer papers with longer discussion opportunities was preferable. Leanne noted that the CAC conference ended on Thursday and that their banquet would be on that Thursday for those of the AAH who wanted to participate.

#### New Business

Lindsay Adams invited the AAH to the University of Utah for the spring of 2010. The specific dates: April 14-17. He made a brief presentation concerning transportation, restaurants, panel venues and hotel choices. The invitation was accepted unanimously (Ward, Harl).

Motion of Thanks to the Promoters of the 2009 meeting passed unanimously (Adams, Nimchuk)

As was the Motion to adjourn (Cargill, Adams) at 5.25 pm.

## AAH 2009 Annual Meeting: Accommodations and Logistics

Transportation: For US academics, remember you are travelling to a foreign country. **BRING YOUR PASSPORT**. The airlines and border crossings keep changing their policies; the easiest is just to use your passport. If you don't have one – make sure you check what the ID requirements are for your travelling method. As for flights, book early to get the best rates. You can fly directly into Vancouver International Airport which is served by many major airlines. Taxis to UBC from airport: \$35-40. City bus to the campus (takes a bit longer but is actually pretty painless): \$3.50. See website below for directions. If you're planning to rent a car and perhaps stay a bit longer in the area, you may want to consider flying into Seattle and getting your car there and then driving to Vancouver. It can make a big difference to the cost of the plane ticket if you're flying from a US location. The drive is 2 hours (Seattle to Vancouver) – but you must add to that the border crossing which can range in wait time from 20 minutes to 3 hours depending on what is going on in world politics and holidays.

Hotel: A block of rooms have been set aside at the University Conference Centre. We have booked two room styles with prices ranging from \$49/per night to \$139/per night. All have kitchen access. All our events will be within a 15 minute walk of the rooms. I encourage everyone to stay on campus – the bus system is excellent for getting off-campus, and it is nice to have a nap after lunch before the next session! Our room block is being saved for us until April 11, 2009. So book your room by then!

**NB: IMPORTANT CHANGE** Due to renovations, of which I was not notified until recently, our room block has been moved. The room types are identical, and we are actually going to be in a much newer building. However, the location on campus has changed, which makes the information provided in the last AAH paper newsletter outdated. Our room block is no longer located directly across the street from the bus loop. It will now be a 5-10 (depending how slow you are) minute walk from the accommodations to the bus loop. I do hope that this will not be a problem for people. When you book your room, the address will be something involving "Marine Drive". This is the new location. As we get closer, we will be putting up a map for you to use when you are arriving. To select your room on line and to book, use this link [RESERVE ROOM](#) (once you're in the website click on "check availability" to see the room styles available) If you wish to book by phone, call the Conference Centre at (Toll-Free) 1 888 822 1030. As usual, remember to mention that you are attending either the CAC or the AAH conference when you book.

For those who want to stay downtown and either take a bus or cab to campus I can recommend two hotels that offer different downtown experiences. The Sylvia Hotel is an old Vancouver hotel that is located on the beach (English Bay). The buses aren't the easiest from there to campus, but they exist (by bus allow a maximum of ¾ hour each way door-to-door). If you don't mind a bit of a struggle....it's a beautiful location. Website: <http://www.sylviahotel.com/>. If you want to be downtown with very good bus connections (you can get to campus by bus in 25 minutes) and close to shopping I would suggest The Holiday Inn. Website: <http://www.holidayinn.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/YVRDT/>.

Up-to-date information regarding directions, restaurants, tour companies, etc.  
can be found on our website.

Conference Website: <http://www.cnrsconferences.arts.ubc.ca>.



at the University of Texas at Austin announces courses in Intensive Beginning Greek, Advanced/Graduate Latin and Advanced/Graduate Greek for Summer, 2009.

UT-Austin's renowned program in Intensive Summer Greek will continue this summer from June 5-August 17: Professors Lesley Dean-Jones and Thomas Palaima will lead students through all the fundamental elements of Greek morphology and syntax and extensive readings in Homer, Euripides, Lysias and other authors. Professor Jennifer Ebbeler will offer a three-week Summer Advanced Latin course, "Taming Tyranny: Seneca, Nero, and the Limits of Philosophy," June 8-26. Professor Timothy Moore will offer an advanced/graduate course in Menander from July 13-August 17. For both the advanced Latin and the advanced Greek courses, students may receive three credits of either graduate or upper-division undergraduate credit. For more information consult the department's web site (http://www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/classics/) or contact Lynn Gadd (ugclass@www.utexas.edu).

A motion is here made and seconded that the President have the power to appoint a web coordinator for a fixed and renewable term of two years whose duties will consist of, in coordination with the Secretary/Treasurer, maintaining the association web site, the electronic mailing list, PayPal Portal and other electronic extensions of the AAH. Further, in recognition of the growing importance and scope of these duties, that reasonable travel expenses of the web coordinator to and from the meeting be underwritten by the AAH, if no other institutional funds are available. (W. L. Adams, R. Howarth)

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Jack Cargill



Donald Lateiner spoke on Valentine's Day to an overflow audience for a panel on "The Science of Kissing" at the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Chicago. His topic was "Greek and Roman Kissing: Occasions, Protocols, Methods, and Mistakes." Other topics included the chemistry of kissing (oxytocin, saliva swapping), neuron mirroring, etc., but Lateiner addressed Ancient Social, Deferential, Familial, as well as the expected Erotic occasions and procedures. The idea of kissing as a source of Roman defamation and numerous slides of ancient Near Eastern (proskynesis), Greek, and Roman kissers excited the audience. He discussed the apparent Mentagra outbreak that provided the Flavian poet Martial with so many poetic opportunities to grow anxious and decline social kisses on the Roman street.



# AAH Information Form

**Dues Information:** Annual Dues are currently \$12.50 a year for regular members and \$10.00 a year for Associate members (students only), Members who choose to receive the newsletter exclusively by electronic means can claim a 5.00 per year discount on renewals\*. Payments received in 2009 can cover years up to and including 2014 in addition to any back dues. The last year for which our records indicate you paid dues can be found on the first line of your mailing label. Please let us know if this or any other member information is incorrect. Life memberships are available; please inquire. Members are automatically dropped from mailing list after three years of non-payment of dues.

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Payment enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (limited to five years in advance)

Additional donation :\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Is this additional donation designated for the subvention fund? \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle appropriate title: \_\_\_\_\_ Prof. \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please specify)

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**Notes from the Secretary:** In the previous *Newsletter* I exhorted members to check the date next to their name on the mailing label in order to check their dues status. I then proceeded to omit the aforementioned date from the mailing label (oops). Anyway, it should be there this time so please do check to see that our records concerning your status are correct. If the date noted is 2008 or earlier, please note the renewal form above. Remember, we are volunteers, so please consider renewing for several years at a time as this does make our job easier. My six year tenure as Secretary Treasurer of the AAH will expire at the end of the business meeting in Vancouver. This will therefore be my last *Newsletter*. My successor will undoubtedly put his or her own stamp on the format. If members have any suggestions about how the next few years of the *Newsletter* might be an improvement on the last few, they might consider sending suggestions for the benefit of the incoming S/T. New address information will be provided through the email list and the Fall Newsletter. In the meanwhile, you can continue sending e-mail and messages to me; I will forward them to my successor. It has been a pleasure to be of service to the AAH and its members. See you in Vancouver.

*R. Howarth*

Members are reminded that nominations for Secretary of the AAH are in order for the three year term commencing May 17th, 2009. A candidate becomes eligible when three members in good standing—all employed at separate institutions—submit written nominations to the secretary two weeks in advance of the 2009 meeting and the candidate indicates a willingness to serve. So far, one candidate, Cindy Nimchuk, has been properly nominated.

Mike Clover asks, "Is anyone working on Balkan Wars 220-200 BCE?" If so, he would love to trade notes: fmclover@wisc.edu

**Interim financial report (May 2008 to March 2009)**  
 Operating Funds on hand May '08 \$19,526.87  
 Income May to March 15 \$4724.78  
 Total Expenses May to March \$4876.41\*  
 Operating Funds on hand March 15 \$19,375.24  
 Subvention Account Balance March 31, 2008:\$16,585.19  
 Total Income (as of March 15, 2008) \$2143.50\*\*  
 Subventions disbursed March 15 \$1100.00  
 Subvention Balance (after disbursement) \$17,628.69  
 Total Assets of the Association \$37,003.93  
 (Last year at this time \$35, 821.08)  
 \* This figure does not include printing and mailing costs for this newsletter.  
 \*\* Est. pending March quarterly report of Investment Account

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