President’s Column

Greetings everyone,

Deep in the grip of another Illinois winter, it is a pleasure to think about the coming Annual Meeting at UC Santa Barbara. The schedule for the meeting is now available on the webpage and in this newsletter along with the registration materials. The conference schedule looks most promising. I wish to draw your attention to a couple of our generous sponsors. The Alexander the Great panel is sponsored by the Scott R. Jacobs Fund, and the keynote speaker is sponsored by the Argyropoulos Hellenic Studies Endowment. We are immensely grateful for their generous support, as we appreciate the support provided by UCSB. The conference is going to be great fun and I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. Be sure to get your documents to the organizers soon so you can take advantage of the early registration discounts.

In preparation for the business meeting, we are asking candidates for the Secretary-Treasurer post to provide statements and CVs which we will post on the website. These documents will make it easier to learn more about the candidates before arriving in California. The minutes for last year’s meeting are in this newsletter. Any constitutional motions or other potential agenda items will appear in the next newsletter so if you wish to make a proposal please let Cindy know soon.

Finally, I remind everyone that membership in our collegial association matters now more than ever. Benefits of membership include participation in the annual meeting, information relating to the field distributed through the newsletters and by e-mail at different times of the year, and the PAAH volumes (probably one this academic year and two next year). But we also face a membership challenge. Like our field, we need more diverse representation. When I call for diversity I do mean it in the ways we think of diversity in the workplace, but also in other important ways including specializations, institution types, and geographic regions. Variety of experiences, backgrounds, and views are strengths on which we can and should draw. We can take steps in the right direction by simply encouraging more of our students and colleagues to join. Be sure to encourage colleagues and alumni to join. It remains eminently affordable. Also, if you are advising students in ancient studies please consider sponsoring associate memberships for them. The cost is small and Cindy can help you make the arrangements. Current students are the future of the field. Let’s encourage the habit of membership.

I hope all of you have a healthy, safe winter. Take care and relax often,

Lee L. Brice

AAH Annual Meeting 2015
University of California at Santa Barbara
7 – 9 May 2015

The 2015 AAH annual meeting will be hosted by the University of California, Santa Barbara, May 7–9, 2015. The organizers are Beth Digeser, John Lee, and Bob Morstein-Marx. It is jointly sponsored by the UCSB Departments of History and Classics, with generous support from the UCSB College of Letters & Science, the UCSB Division of Humanities & Fine Arts, the UCSB Argyropoulos Hellenic Studies Endowment, the Scott R. Jacobs Fund for Research and Study of Alexander the Great, and the AAH President’s fund.

Preliminary Program

NB: precise times and order of papers are subject to change.

THURSDAY, 7 MAY
5:00-7:00pm Opening wine reception at Pacifica Suites Hotel

FRIDAY, 8 MAY
All sessions will be held at Loma Pelona Center on UCSB campus

7:45 & 8:15 am – Bus leaves Pacifica Suites Hotel (15 minute trip, 2 trips)
8:30 am coffee & pastries

8:45 am Session 1: Greek and Roman Historiography: Literature and History
Chair: Mark Toher (Union College)
Nino Luraghi (Princeton University): Herodotus, Athens, and Egypt
Dylan Sailor (UC Berkeley): Arminius and Flavus across the Weser
10:30-10:40 am Coffee Break

10:40 am Session 2: Empires, Identities, Interactions
Lynn Roller (UC Davis): Greeks & Phrygians
Sara Cole (Yale University): Cultural and Artistic Hybridization in Ptolemaic Egypt
Federico Russo (University of Konstanz): The Function of the Trojan Myth in Early Roman Expansionism in Greece and Asia Minor
Andrea Gatzke (State University of New York- New Paltz): Writing in Tongues: Language, Citizenship, and Civic Identity in the Cities of Roman Anatolia

12:20 pm Lunch Break

1:45 pm Session 3: Roman Urban Cultures
Chair: TBA
Duncan MacRae (University of Cincinnati): A Curse on the Council (CIL 11.4639): witchcraft and writing in Imperial Italy
Andrea Angius (University of Rome III): Rumors, Mimes, and Graffiti: the Political Vitality of Roman Neighborhoods
Karen Acton (Washington University St. Louis): Rome the Imperial City: Power and Urban Space in the First Century

3:25-3:40 pm Break

3:40-5:20 pm Session 4: Alexander the Great and his Successors (Sponsored by the Scott R. Jacobs Fund for Alexander Studies)
Chair: TBA
Joseph Roisman (Colby College): Battle Descriptions in Diodorus
Timothy Howe (St. Olaf College): Artaxerxes V, Alexander III and Ptolemy I: Legitimate Kings and Pretenders in the Ancient Near East
Christel Fischer-Bovet (University of Southern California): A reassessment of Ptolemaic imperialism: the case of southern Anatolia
Paul Kosmin (Harvard University): A Monopoly of Legitimate Time? The Seleucid Era

5:30 & 6:00 pm ~ Bus departs for Pacifica Suites (15 minute trip, 2 trips)

SATURDAY, 9 MAY
Conference sessions at Corwin Pavilion on UCSB campus; Banquet at Loma Pelona

8:15 am ~ buses leave Pacifica Suites Hotel (2 buses)

8:30 am Welcoming coffee and pastries at Corwin Pavilion

8:45-10:25 am Session 5: Writing in the Ancient World
Chair: Anthony Barbieri-Low (UC Santa Barbara)
Sarah Bond & Lekha Shupeck (University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill): Lege et Recede: ‘No Trespassing’ Signs in the Roman Empire
Cristina Carusi (University of Texas at Austin): From stone to archives and back: a case study on the recording of contracts in classical Athens
Paul Keen (University of Massachusetts- Lowell): Epichoric Writing Systems and Political Power in Late Classical and Early Hellenistic Cyprus

10:25-10:40 am Break

10:40-12:20 pm Session 6: Political Science and Ancient History: Formal Models and Quantification
Chair: Robert Morstein-Marx (UC Santa Barbara)
Commentator: Josh Ober (Stanford University)
Matthew Simonton (Arizona State University): Surviving the Game: Game Theory and the Breakdown of Oligarchies in Classical Greece
Roland Oetjen (Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel): Civic and Royal Euergetism: Some Thoughts on its Nature and Origin from a Rational-Actor Perspective

12:20-1:45 pm Lunch Break

1:45-3:25 pm Session 7: Religious Conflict and Violence
Chair: Susanna Elm (UC Berkeley)
Wendy Mayer (Australian Catholic University/University of South Africa): Theorising religious conflict in the ancient to late-ancient Mediterranean world: Part 2
Gerhard van den Heever (University of South Africa): When the End Comes Violently. Apocalyptic Discourse, Practice, and Geography of Sacred Space
Eric Fournier (West Chester University): Exiling Bishops after Constantine: Solidifying the Pattern

3:25-3:30 pm Break
3:30-4:45 pm  AAH Business Meeting
4:45-5:00 pm  Break
5:00-6:15 pm  Closing Lecture (and 2015 Argyropoulos Hellenic Studies Lecture)
Robin Osborne (Cambridge University): Realising the revolution in ancient Greek history
6:15 pm  Closing Banquet at Loma Pelona (sunset at 7:49pm)
8:30 pm  ~  Buses depart for Pacifica Suites

All conference sessions will be held on UCSB campus. Interactive campus maps may be found at http://www.aw.id.ucsb.edu/maps/.

UCSB, the airport, and the conference hotel are all located in the Goleta area, about ten miles west of downtown Santa Barbara.

The conference will open with an evening reception at Pacifica Suites Hotel on Thursday, May 7th. There will be sessions on Friday and Saturday, ending with a capstone lecture on Saturday afternoon, and a closing barbecue on campus (in sight of the Pacific Ocean) on Saturday evening. There will be no Sunday sessions.

HOTEL:
We have booked a conference rate at Pacifica Suites (http://www.pacificahotels.com/pacificasuites), five minutes driving distance from campus. The hotel address is: 5490 Hollister Ave, Santa Barbara, CA 93111.

Wednesday 5/6/15: 20 suites
Thursday 5/7/15: 60 suites
Friday 5/8/15: 60 suites
Saturday 5/9/15: 60 suites
Sunday 5/10/15: 20 suites

The conference rate is available for Wednesday (6 May) and Sunday (10 May) nights for attendees who wish to extend their stay in Santa Barbara.

A suite includes one King or two Double beds, plus a separate room with a sofa sleeper bed. A suite can accommodate up to four (4) adults. We have set up a roommate finding service for attendees who wish to share a suite (see below).

Rates for Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday nights are $159.00/night. Rates for Friday and Saturday nights are $179.00/night.

These rates are for single and double adult occupancy. There will be a charge of $10.00 per adult per night for each additional adult in a suite, up to the maximum occupancy of four (4) adults.

The rate includes:
- Complimentary full cooked-to-order breakfast (served 6:30-10:00am daily)
- Complimentary parking
- Complimentary wireless internet access
- Complimentary local calls
- Bathrobes and complimentary bottled water in all rooms
- Complimentary shuttle service to and from Santa Barbara Airport and Goleta Amtrak Station, Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm

Please note that Santa Barbara is a desirable year-round tourist destination and hotels are expensive. We have done our very best to select a conference hotel that is affordable, comfortable, and convenient to campus.

Room Sharing List If you would like to find a roommate to share the cost of a hotel room at Pacifica Suites, submit your information for our roommate finding service. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YzMdaB8asMsq0R907nZsEei4KGWij70RiSbLotKGSBVg/viewform?pli=1

Deadline for Roommate Finding Service is March 12th. We will collect roommate information and inform people of roommate availability, after which it is up to individuals to make their own reservations and bill sharing arrangements.

How to Reserve Rooms Reservations may be made by calling Pacifica Suites at (800) 338-6722. Please ask for the Association of Ancient Historians conference rate. Reservations must be made by Sunday, March 23, 2015 in order to guarantee rate and availability.

Hotel Cancellation Policy: Individuals making reservations agree that if a reservation is cancelled within 72 hours of the arrival date, the person who made the reservation will be charged the first night’s room and tax. The hotel agrees that after receiving this payment it will not seek additional damages.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION: Shuttle buses will be available to take participants between the hotel and UCSB campus. There will be a morning and an evening shuttle.
Public pay parking is available on campus for those who prefer to drive.

TRAVEL:
Santa Barbara municipal airport (SBA) is adjacent to campus. Flights to SBA (especially those originating at small airports or coming from San Francisco/SFO) can be expensive, so it is best to book early.

We have made a conference arrangement with United Airlines for discounted airfares to/from Santa Barbara (SBA). The discount applies only if twenty (20) or more people book flights on United for the conference, so if possible please book your air tickets with United. For more information about how to book these discounted fares, see http://www.associationofancienthistorians.org/aah2015/air.html.

Important! If possible, avoid flight connections through San Francisco (SFO) to Santa Barbara (SBA). Due to SFO airport construction and weather, flights between SFO and SBA may be delayed up to several hours. Early morning and very late evening flights are the least likely to be delayed, but any flight between 7am-6pm will probably be delayed. These charts may help your flight planning:

Another possibility is to fly into Los Angeles (LAX), then either rent a car or take the Santa Barbara Airbus. When making Airbus reservations, be sure to specify that you want the GOLETA stop, rather than downtown Santa Barbara. From the Airbus stop, it is a five-minute taxi ride to the conference hotel. Santa Barbara Airbus web site: http://www.sbairbus.com/pages/display/laxshuttle

Travel by train (Amtrak) from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara is inconvenient and not recommended. If you do choose to travel by train, the GOLETA station is closest to UCSB. Amtrak web site: http://www.amtrak.com/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=am/am2Station/Station_Page&code=GTA

REGISTRATION:
You must register in order to attend the AAH meeting. The registration fee includes access to the welcoming reception on May 7, bus transport between Pacifica Suites and UCSB campus on May 8 and 9, all plenary sessions on May 8 and 9, refreshments on May 8 and 9, and the closing banquet on May 9.

Registration Fee Schedule
Early Registration (postmarked before Wednesday, 1 April 2015):
- Regular Members: $95
- Student Members: $65
Late Registration (postmarked before Thursday, 27 April 2015):
- Regular Members: $120
- Student Members: $95

Additional Reception & Banquet Guest, NO session access:
- $75 with early registration
- $95 with late registration

We must provide our caterers a final guest count by 1 May 2015. In order to guarantee your place at the closing banquet, please ensure your registration fee reaches us before 1 May 2015.

Questions about registration or the meeting? Contact the organizers at aah2015ucsb@gmail.com.
AAH 2015 REGISTRATION FORM

Please provide name and institution/affiliation as you want them printed on your badge.

Name: ___________________________________________________

Institution: ________________________________________________

Email Address: ______________________________________________

Early Registration (postmarked before 1 April 2015) $___________
  ✧ Regular $95, Student $65

Late Registration (postmarked before 27 April 2015) $___________
  ✧ Regular $120, Student $95

Additional Reception & Banquet Guest, NO session access $___________
  ✧ Early $75, Late $95

Total Enclosed $___________

Banquet Food Preference:
  □ Slow Smoked Beef Tri-Tip
  □ Vegan Quinoa Pie
  □ Other (please specify: ________________). We will do our best, but cannot guarantee that we can accommodate every preference/need.

Please help us plan by checking all that apply:
  □ I will attend the opening reception on Thursday, May 7 from 5 – 7 pm.
  □ I will have a vehicle (personal or rental car).
  □ This is my first AAH meeting.

Please let us know if you have any mobility or other needs requiring special accommodations:
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Make checks payable to UC Regents. Write AAH 2015 Registration in memo line or elsewhere on your check. Send this completed form and your check to:
  Prof. John W.I. Lee
  Attn: AAH 2015
  Department of History 9410
  552 University Road
  UC Santa Barbara
  Santa Barbara, CA 93106-9410
  USA
AAH Announcements

Members are reminded that nominations for Secretary-Treasurer of the AAH are in order for the three-year term commencing at the end of the Business Meeting of the 2015 Annual Meeting. A candidate becomes eligible for election when three members in good standing (i.e., paid up)—each employed at separate institutions—submit written nominations to the secretary two full weeks in advance of the 2015 Meeting and the candidate indicates a willingness to serve. Nominations by email are acceptable.

Currently, we have 3 candidates who have received the required nominations: Rachel Goldman, Brian Messner, and Denise Demetriou. Candidate statements will be posted on the AAH website, so check often.

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Recent increase in AAH Membership dues: A motion to increase the membership dues was proposed and approved at the Business meeting of the Annual AAH meeting in Montreal (2014).

These new dues took effect beginning January 1, 2015. If you have already paid your dues for future years, you are fine. Effective immediately, anyone wishing to 'prepay' membership will prepay 2015 and following years at the NEW rate. Considering the costs of many other associations focused on history, we are still the best bargain out there!

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Reminder: as of January 2014, we will only be carrying arrears for TWO years, not three years.

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Position of Assistant Editor: At the Business meeting of the Annual AAH meeting in Montreal, a motion was proposed and approved to hire an Assistant Editor to help publish the AAH newsletters. Many worthy applications for the position were received. The Officers are pleased to announce that Mary Williams has accepted the post.

Mary Williams will serve for a term of 3 years. This position is a non-officer post. A stipend of US $500 per year will be paid to the Assistant Editor.

Duties: The Assistant Editor will work with the Secretary – Treasurer to prepare the newsletter for distribution three times per year on a schedule set by the Sec – Tr. The Sec – Tr will still call for notices, and pass on all information for inclusion to the Assistant Editor. The Sec – Tr will still be responsible for mailing and emailing the newsletters to the membership.
Minutes of the 2014 Business Meeting, Montreal, Canada

Meeting was called to order on Saturday, May 10th, at 4:35pm by Past President Jennifer Roberts, as President Lindsay Adams was unable to attend. President Adams sent his regards to the members.

In memoriam: Roberts called for a moment of silence in memory of Raphael Sealey and Henry Boren.

2013 minutes: The emended minutes of the 2013 meeting at Columbus, Ohio, sent by email, were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Publications Committee: Lee Brice presented the report for the committee [Lee Brice (Chair), Gene Borza, Tim Howe, Jenny Roberts, Serena Connolly, Isabelle Pafford, Hans-Friedrich Mueller, Denise Demetriou, Steve Garfinkle, Daniella Kellogg, Seth Richardson (consultant)], Lindsay Adams and Cindy Nimchuk (ex officio)]. (1) The committee has been busy. There will be 3 volumes coming out in the next 12 – 18 months. Volume 11 (Trade) is projected for the autumn, as is volume 12 (Near East Intellectual History), volume 13 (Epigraphy) is projected for early 2015. Volume 14 (Alexander) has been delayed, and is projected for late 2015 or early 2016. (2) The AAH has a contract with Ares Publishing for the next 3 volumes of PAAH. We will then re-evaluate. Ares has also agreed to reprint volumes 9 & 10 without subvention, so those volumes will be back in print. (3) Those with ideas for future volumes, please contact any of the committee. You are not required to edit a volume you have proposed.

Web Coordinator: Patricia Dintrone gave the Website report: (1) The website is running well, with the occasional tweak. Cargill asked about posting pictures online. Dintrone said no, it would be costly and unsecured.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Cindy Nimchuk presented the Finance and Membership reports.

- Membership: Total memberships was at 911, up from 848 in 2013; 761 US members (up from 713), 82 from Canada (up from 70), 68 International (up from 65 in 2013), and 14 Life Members. Electronic membership stood at 663 members (up from 547; postal membership at 248 (down from 301). The S-T has email addresses for 890 members (up from 809); almost all members now have an email address registered. 289 members were behind on their dues (down from 294 in 2013), and she reminded members to renew [119 members paid to end of 2013, 111 to end of 2012, 59 to end of 2011]. S-T reminded members that as of January 2014, we will only carry arrears for 2 years, not 3 years.

- Subvention Committee: S-T reported for the committee [Randy Howarth (chair), Leanne Bablitz, Julie Langford, and Cindy Nimchuk and Lindsay Adams (ex officio)]. Five awards were granted for 2014, totalling $1300.00. It was felt that, despite the market fluctuation, it was important to not cut back on grants this year. Inger Neeltje Irene Kuin received the Betty Coates Award this year. Additional recipients were Dina Boero, Jennifer Gerrish, Joshua Kinlaw, and Christopher Dawson. The S-T noted that Subvention funding was up slightly at $887.50 ($812.50 in 2013, $1888.00 in 2012, $791.50 in 2011, $545 in 2010). The S-T urged members to continue to donate, and thanked those who had.

- Finances: Subvention fund balance before 2014 awards = $22,735.10. Investment net losses were $70.84; Donations were $887.50; awards granted in 2014 were $1300.00. The balance of the operating funds as of 2013 meeting was $30,454.51. From the 2013 meeting to the 2014 meeting, total income was $8105.38 [Dues $7448.04, Interest $5.33; Badian volume sales $652.01]. Total expenses for that period were $8198.89 [Newsletter Printing $181.58, Postage $326.91, Printing of Badian volume $3408.32, Conference expenses for 2013 (including subvention to OSU) $3567.50, Office expenses $128.66, Web services $54.00, PayPal Fees $215.42, bank fees $56.50, refunds of dues overpayments $260.00]. Balance of operating funds at the 2014 meeting in Montreal was $30,361.00. Report was unanimously accepted.

President's Report: There was no President's Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election for President of the AAH
Lee Brice was elected as the new President of the AAH by acclamation. His term begins at the end of the 2014 meeting and runs for 3 years, to the end of the 2017 meeting.

Call for Nominations for Secretary-Treasurer.
Cindy Nimchuk will be finishing her second (and final) term as Secretary-Treasurer. Election will take place at the 2015 meeting in Santa Barbara. Notices will go out in email and newsletter. Nominations need supporting letters or emails from at least 3 members in good standing from different institutions; nominations must arrive to the S-T at least 2 weeks before next year’s meeting. If you have any questions about the position and what it entails, please contact Cindy Nimchuk or any previous Secretary-Treasurer (Randy Howarth, Pat Dintrone, Jack Cargill, Carol Thomas…).

Future Meetings:
(1) The hosts for the next two meetings were not present. Michael Fronda (subbing for John Lee) presented the official invitation for the 2015 AAH Annual Meeting from the University of California at Santa Barbara on behalf of the Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Departments of Classics and History. The dates will be May 8 – 10, 2015.
(2) Other meetings: (i) Cindy Nimchuk (for Eric Orlin) passed on the preliminary information for the 2016 meeting at Puget Sound. The dates are May 5 – 8, 2016; no papers on Sunday. The panel suggestions are Archaeology, Memory, Religion, Hellenistic Age, and Historiography. The panels are not set in stone and Eric welcomes suggestions. He is looking into a reception at the Museum and having the banquet on a ship. (ii) Lee Brice informed us that Graham Oliver is working to have the 2017 meeting at Brown University. A potential host for 2018 is William and Mary College (still under negotiation). Brice asked members to consider hosting a future meeting, particularly if their institution has not hosted in a while.

Other Business:
(1) Randy Howarth proposed the hiring of an Assistant Editor for the purpose of preparing the newsletter for distribution. A stipend of $500 was suggested, and a term of 3 years. The position would be open to all members of the AAH, with preference given to Post-doctoral and Independent Scholars. The successful applicant would be chosen by the Officers of the AAH. The proposal was seconded by Rachel Goldman. Discussion ensued, including a friendly amendment to have the Officers work out a few more details. Richard Mitchell moved to call the question, seconded by Jack Cargill. Vote to call the question passed. Proposal unanimously passed.
(2) The Secretary-Treasurer proposed a dues increase (seconded by Lee Brice and Lindsay Adams). Part A (dues increase) was passed by majority vote. Part B (making non-retired Life Memberships available) engendered much discussion and, including the potentially negative financial impact due to inflation and dues increases, and whether there was much need for a non-retired Life Membership. It was suggested that the officers confer further, and that the vote take place at the next meeting. Jennifer Roberts called for a vote on the original proposal of the non-retired Life Membership; all opposed, the motion failed.
(3) Jennifer Roberts thanked Michael Fronda and McGill University for hosting a wonderful meeting, and noted that Lee Brice would issue formal thanks at the banquet. The motion of thanks was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.

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PUBLICATIONS

The publications committee reminds members that we are seeking suggestions for future PAAH volumes and you do not have to edit a volume just because you suggest we undertake it. Please contact Lee Brice (ll-brice@wiu.edu) or Serena Connolly (serena@rutgers.edu) with suggestions.

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As the tax year comes to a close, thank you to all who have donated to the AAH subvention fund! The fund is supported entirely by member donations, and helps junior faculty and graduate students defray the cost of attending the annual meeting. Many who have received Subvention grants have become lifelong members of the Association. Thank you again, and please consider donating if you have not done so.
Membership Information Form

Please check all that apply:

- Change of address
- New membership
- Renewal memberships
- Regular Postal membership ($16.00 per year)
- Regular Electronic membership ($11.00 per year)
- Associate Postal membership [students only] ($12.00 per year)
- Associate Electronic membership [students only] ($7.00 per year)

Payment enclosed: $_________________ (limited to five years in advance)
Additional donation: $________________ Is this additional donation designated for the subvention fund? _______________

Please check appropriate title: Prof._____ Dr._____ Ms._____ Mr._____ Other (please specify)

Last Name: __________________________________________ Other Names: ________________________________
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Notes from the Secretary's Pen

Happy Valentine's Day! ♥ Hopefully the snow or rain or drought have not put a crimp in any plans to spice up February (which we must admit, does tend to need spicing up).

We are spicing things up at the AAH with thoughts of the upcoming AAH meeting in Santa Barbara! The preliminary program is available (pp. 1-3), and John Lee has worked hard to get us some good deals on a hotel and flights (pp. 3-4). Note the recommendations for avoiding certain travel routes! Registration is now open, and we have included a registration form (p. 6). The registration forms are also available at the meeting webpage on the AAH website.

This issue of the newsletter is devoted to AAH housekeeping. The notices of conferences, positions, grants, and news from colleagues will return in the Spring issue.

As you know, my tenure as Sec-Tr is coming to a close, and we have THREE candidates for the position. The candidates’ statements will be posted on the AAH website, so check them out. Nominations are open until two weeks prior to the 2015 meeting. This is the first time in a while we have had a competitive field of candidates (rather than an acclamation), so we are spicing up the meeting as well!

The minutes for the 2014 meeting in Montreal are included. Lee Brice, as you know, became our President, and a dues increase was passed (pp. 6-8). If there are any errors in the minutes, please let me know.

And we are pleased to announce that Mary Williams has accepted the position of Assistant Editor for the newsletter.

Stay safe and warm, everyone!

Cheers

Cindy Nimchuk

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Dues Information: Annual Dues are currently $16.00 per year for Regular postal members, $11.00 per year for Regular Electronic members, $12.00 per year for Associate Postal members (students only), and $7.00 per year for Associate Electronic members (students only). Payment can be made up to 5 years in advance. Payments received in 2015 can cover years up to and including 2019 in addition to any back dues. Please let us know if this or any other member information is incorrect. Life memberships are available to retired members over 60; please inquire. Members are automatically dropped from the mailing list after two years of non-payment of dues.