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NOTICES

1995 dues were due on 1 January. Anyone whose dues have not been paid since 1992 will be dropped from the membership/ mailing list. The most recent paid up dues date appears above members' names on the mailing label. Members are encouraged to pay dues a few years at a time as this ensures paid-up status and simplifies record-keeping.

• **Non-U.S. members please note:** you may now pay dues by foreign hard currency drafts at reasonable exchange equivalents of the appropriate American membership rate.

The Association's bank in Providence has waived foreign currency conversion charges.

Paid-up members of AAH are entitled to a \$12.80 (20% discount) annual subscription rate to the *American Journal of Ancient History*. Write to: *AJAH*, Dept. of History, Robinson Hall, Harvard Univ., Cambridge, MA 02138. (Please do not direct questions concerning *AJAH* to the Secretary-Treasurer; the journal is an entirely separate operation.)

31 AUGUST DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF NOTICES FOR FALL NEWSLETTER

The Secretary-Treasurer reminds you that Newsletter contents are based on news submitted by members. So, please serve it forth!

— D.D.

MINUTES OF THE 1996 BUSINESS MEETING (DAYTON, OHIO)

Minutes of the 1993 Business Meeting were read and passed. The Secretary-Treasurer reported current membership statistics. The President raised the proposed constitutional amendment creating a new category of honorary membership to be voted long-term, dues paying members. After much discussion, it was voted to table the motion pending further consideration and discussion.

Announcements/comments from the floor:

Carol Thomas: (1) The Association now has tax-exempt status, which will allow application for bulk-rate mail rates. Contributions are now tax deductible. A vote of thanks to accountant, William Rutledge, was voted for his pro bono assistance in this matter. (2) Regina Press will publish forthcoming volumes in our pamphlet series. (3) An annually updatable e-mail questionnaire, soliciting details about graduate programs in the U.S. and Canada, was suggested.

Stan Burstein reminded members to attend the reception jointly sponsored by the Committee on Ancient History and Friends of Ancient History at the forthcoming APA annual meeting.

Meeting places of future sessions were discussed: Ernst Badian made a tentative offer that Harvard host the 1997 meeting and there is also a firm alternative offer for 1997, tentative for 1998, from Colin Wells to meet at Trinity University in San Antonio.

Kurt Raaflaub announced a 4-week summer session for scholars at the Center for Hellenic Studies (see the Dec. 1994 *Newsletter* for details).

Carol Thomas urged members to attend the Association's reception at the annual meeting of the AHA. Stan Burstein noted that the AHA also co-sponsors sessions; Briggs Twyman observed

that two panels in ancient history are usually offered; Gene Borza reminded members to submit their books for the AHA's Breasted prize in ancient history.

Election of Secretary-Treasurer held: yours truly was duly elected by acclamation (though not by swords striking shields). Carol Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to **Jack Cargill** for his outstanding service as Secretary-Treasurer during the preceding six years. This was unanimously endorsed.

Gene Borza expressed gratitude for the AAH memorabilia submitted him but urges members to contact him first before sending materials.

Bob Drews announced that the 1995 annual meeting in Nashville is scheduled for the first weekend in May and that members will be staying at hotels. A call for papers by 1 October was also announced.

Mark Northrup urged creation and maintenance of a database of members' e-mail addresses.

Richard Talbert announced a memorial for TRS Broughton to be held 12 November in Chapel Hill and described the program.

Colin Wells announced that he will be organizing the next symposium on comparative frontier studies and will keep us informed of details.

Phyllis Culham moved that the Association express its thanks to our generous host, Jan Gabbert, and this was enthusiastically approved.

AAH MEETING, NASHVILLE, TN, 5-7 MAY 1995

Programs and pre-registration packets were mailed in December. Pre-registration is due 1 April. Blocks of rooms have been reserved at Days Inn, 1800 West End Avenue (615) 327-0922; Hampton Inn, 1919 West End Ave. (615) 329-1144; or the Loews Vanderbilt Plaza hotel, 2100 West End Ave. (615) 320-1700. There will be a welcoming reception at the Nashville Parthenon on Friday evening.

The Business Meeting, Reception and Banquet are scheduled for Saturday p.m. A farewell lunch is scheduled for Sunday.

Inquiries should be directed to Robert Drews or Thomas McGinn, Dept. of Classical Studies, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37235, e-mail: drewsr@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME:

Balance transferred to new treasurer	\$4132.09
Dues received	2931.24
Donations: (pre-transfer: 500)	
post transfer	976.89
Royalties	309.84
Proceeds from sales of labels	100.00
Bank interest	25.96
Total Income:	\$8476.02

EXPENSES:

Newsletters 64 & 65:	
Printing	448.50
Postage	257.50
Labels, envelopes	43.46
Supplies	54.58
Bank charges	22.40
AHA Reception	377.90
Reimbursement to officers/institutions for interim expenses	129.71
Transportation of officers to annual meeting (1995 advance)	228.59
Regina Press - 2 installments	3200.00
Total Expenses:	\$4762.64
Balance on Account (3/10/95):	\$3713.38

AAH MEETING, ATLANTA, GA, 18-21 APRIL 1996

We will meet in conjunction with the Emory Classical Studies Symposium, **Nike: The Competitive Impulse in Greek Culture**. Association members are invited to submit two-page abstracts for papers fifteen to thirty minutes long by 1 October 1995 on the following topics: (1) **Olympics and/or Panhellenic Games** – all aspects, including but not limited to: athletic, organizational, religious, social, economic, political, epigraphic, literary. Archaeological and art historical topics are also welcomed; (2) **Law and Social Control in the Ancient World**; (3) **Diplomacy and Interstate Relations**; (4) **New Directions in Ancient History** – including, but not limited to, new discoveries, new answers to old questions, new questions. Submissions and requests for further information should be directed to: Cynthia Schwenk, Dept. of History, Georgia State University, University Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303-3083 tel. (404) 651-3255, fax (404) 651-1745; e-mail hiscjs@gsusgi2.gsu.edu, or Steve Strange, tel. (404) 727-0460; fax (404) 727-4959; e-mail philisks@emory.edu.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Abstracts are invited for the **14th Comparative Frontier Studies Symposium** on the theme "**Religion in Frontier Societies**." Contact Colin Wells or Diana Murin in the Department of Classical Studies, 715 Stadium Dr., Trinity University, San Antonio, TX 78212, tel. (210)736-7647 or 736-7653, fax (210)736-7305.

CALLS FOR MANUSCRIPTS

Submissions are invited for the **1995 Routledge Ancient History Prize**. The award will be LE 500; Routledge will publish the winning title. Two copies of manuscripts should be sent to Richard Stoneman, Sr. Editor, Routledge, 11 New Fetter Lane, London EC4P 4EE, England.



MEMBERS REPORT:

***Konrad Kinzl** reports that the AHB plans to make electronic preview of some articles available to non-suscribers who will need to search the CFH/FCEH sites (gopher://tornado.ere.umontreal.ca:7071); ftp and WWW sites to be announced. Hard copy will continue to be supplied to all AHB subscribers signed up with Kinzl by e-mail (kkinzl@TrentU.ca).

***Philip Stadter** has been appointed Editor of the *American Journal of Philology*. He invites submissions on all aspects of the ancient Greek and Roman world: literature, culture, history, linguistics, society, religion and philosophy. Please send these to Philip A. Stadter, Editor, *AJP*, CB 3145 Murphey Hall, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3145. Contributions should follow the guidelines on the back cover of any issue. E-mail may be addressed to Philip_Stadter@unc.edu

***Carol Thomas** reports that the Editorial Board for Textbooks of the APA is presently considering reprinting G.F. Hill's *Sources for Greek History between the Persian and Peloponnesian Wars* as revised by R. Meiggs and A. Andrewes and including new epigraphical material. The Editorial Board would like to hear from colleagues concerning prospective classroom use of the text and other respects as well. Contact James J. Clauss, Dept. of Classics DH-10, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, tel. (206) 543-2278; fax: (206) 543-2267; e-mail: jjc@u.washington.edu

Last summer, Michael Arnush of Skidmore College conducted a survey of Greek and Roman history courses and faculty at four-year undergraduate institutions. For a copy of the survey, contact Michael Arnush, Director, Classics, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, e-mail: marnush@skidmore.edu.

The second annual reception of the Association held in conjunction with the AHA annual meeting was a lively occasion, drawing together current and new members as well as three editors especially interested in ancient history: Julian Deahl of E.J. Brill, Steve Dalphin of M.E. Sharpe, Inc., and Martin Miller of Ares Press. Martin encourages members to consider the *Ancient World* for publication of successful conference papers.

The Association is preparing a survey of graduate-level ancient history courses through the good services of **Michael Arnush**. It will serve as a guide to graduate programs for undergraduate students interested in pursuing advanced study and for their advisors. Michael and I will be in touch with members associated with such programs shortly. We intend to make the results available to AAH members and partipating institutions in electronic and printed forms.

Thanks, on behalf of the Association, to members **Wallace Mead** and **David Rubin** for their donations. Our publishing activities, subsidy of the annual metings and receptions, depend on such gifts. You will notice a new box labelled "donation" on the membership form. The Nashville meeting promises to be very special. I hope/expect to see a great many of you there.

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

The **14th Comparative Frontier Studies Symposium** to be held at Trinity University, San Antonio, has been postponed from February 1995 to the weekend of November 3-5 1995. The theme of the symposium will be "**Religion in Frontier Societies**." For more information, please contact Colin Wells or Diana Murin in the Department of Classical Studies, 715 Stadium Drive, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX 78212, tel. (210) 736-7647 or 736-7653, fax (210) 736-7305.

IN MEMORIAM

ST. DOW

Sterling Dow, long-time professor of history, classics and archaeology at Harvard University, died in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on January 9, 1995, at the age of 91. Professor Dow was a remarkable scholar and teacher whose active career spanned three score years and more. He taught at Harvard, where he became John E. Hudson Professor of Archaeology in 1949, from 1936 until his retirement in 1970. He then taught at Boston College from 1970 to 1977 and during 1978 was Blegen Distinguished Professor of Classics at Vassar.

Sterling Dow was born in Portland, Maine, on November 19, 1903. He took an A.B. degree from Harvard in 1925, spent a year at the University of Cambridge as Fiske Scholar at Trinity College, received the M.A. from Harvard in 1928 and the Ph.D. in 1936. His mentor at Harvard was the great scholar of Athenian history, William Scott Ferguson. In autumn 1931, Dow travelled to Athens where he was to spend the next five years at the American School of Classical Studies working on inscriptions. (The spring of that year marked the first season of excavation in the Athenian Agora under the direction of T. Leslie Shear, Sr.) Young Dow flourished in Athens and made lifelong associations with, among many, Homer Thompson, Dorothy Burr Thompson, Eugene Vanderpool and Virginia Grace.

He completed his dissertation during these years and compiled a large collection of squeezes and notes that he generously shared with his students. He also made the acquaintance of the aged doyen of Attic epigraphy, Johannes Kirchner, whom he accompanied on inscription-finding excursions. Kirchner was then at work on the final fascicule of the Attic volumes of *IG*.

Known mainly for his contributions to Athenian epigraphy and history, Dow had wide interests which included the Bronze Age, literacy, Homer and oral theory, to name just a few. He published more than 150 articles and five monographs, including the valuable first supplement volume of *Hesperia* dealing with Attic inscriptions honoring *prytaneis*. Among his important contributions, he first identified the fragments of *kleroteria*, the machines the Athenians used for allotting offices, and, prior to their decipherment, he had deduced on historical grounds that the language of the Linear B tablets must be an early form of Greek. Indeed, he was an influential supporter of Michael Ventris in his initial efforts to persuade the establishment of his decipherment of the tablets as Greek.

Dow was an enormously popular teacher of undergraduates; he also had thirty Ph.D. students (among whose number the present writer was privileged to be). Moreover, wherever he taught, whether at Berkeley as the Sather Professor or in Athens as visiting Professor, he took tremendous interest in the students and influenced many, not simply those whose work he officially directed. Known affectionately to his students as "SD," he not only knew how to fit student with topic, but had an uncanny ability to ask the right question and inspire students to believe in themselves and their work.

Stephen Tracy
The Ohio State University

DAVID M. LEWIS

David M. Lewis, one of our truly outstanding colleagues, died of cancer in Oxford, where he had spent most of his life, on July 12, 1994, at the age of sixty-six. After a double first at Oxford, he did his military service in a peaceful posting. It helped him, as Edward Gibbon had been similarly helped, in understanding the ways of armies. A Ph.D. at Princeton under A.E. Raubitschek, never published, introduced him to the circle of Benjamin D. Meritt, which long remained his spiritual home, and to the text of Thucydides, an author who remained an abiding interest. His first publication was an emendation of a numeral in Book I (later recanted), and among his last historical works were chapters on the Pentecontaetia and the Archidamian War in the new *CAH V*. A stay at the British School at Athens enabled him to immerse himself in epigraphy. Starting in 1954, he poured forth a stream of publications of new inscriptions and improvements in known texts that transformed much of Attic chronology and prosopography. He practically never missed a year in *L'Année philologique* and he was often credited with six or seven items. *A Selection of Greek Historical Inscriptions to the End of the Fifth Century B.C.*, in collaboration with Russell Meiggs, appeared in 1969. (He revised it, with an appendix, in 1988.) It became the basis of Charles Fornara's selection in *Translated Documents of Greece and Rome*, and every historian of ancient Greece has many times depended on one or both of these works.

His first major historical article (and one of his best) was "Cleisthenes and Attica" (*Historia* 12 [1963]). Others followed, usually in *Acta* and *Festschriften*, finally in the new *CAH*. (His spontaneous preference was for work on inscriptions.) By far the most important of his historical works was *Sparta and Persia* (1977), based on lectures in memory of his friend, Donald Bradeen. It for the first time demonstrated the rich yield of the Persepolis tablets for both Achaemenid and Greek history, which he integrated in a masterly way, never before attempted. His interest in Achaemenid history and epigraphy kept increasing. When I last saw him, in May 1994 at Oxford, he told me that he had taught himself Elamite and had copies of thousands of unpublished tablets on which he was working and would work as long as he could. He knew that might not be long; but he seemed in good shape and no one then thought that he would be dead within weeks.

He was a Student (i.e., Fellow) of Christ Church and became a Fellow of the British Academy and a Corresponding Member of the German Archaeological Institute. Denied appointment to the Chair of Greek History, for inscrutable Oxford reasons, he was awarded a personal professorship in 1985. Unusually modest for an Oxford professor, he never pushed himself into chairmanships and presidencies or honorary degrees and decorations. He was content to do outstanding work and to train his students, one of whom (Albert Schachter at McGill) ended up on this continent, while at least three (John Davies, Peter Rhodes and

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PERSONALIA AND BOOKS

Lawrence J. Bliquez has written *Roman Surgical Instruments and Other Minor Objects in the National Archaeological Museum of Naples, With a Catalogue of the Surgical Instruments in the Antiquarium at Pompeii* by Ralph Jackson (Mainz: Philipp von Zabern, 1994). Jack Cargill announces the forthcoming publication of his *Athenian Settlements of the Fourth Century B.C.* by E.J. Brill (Leiden). Richard J. Evans has written *Gaius Marius: A Political Biography* (Pretoria: University of South Africa Press, 1994). Michael A. Flower has written *Theopompus of Chios: History and Rhetoric in the Fourth Century B.C.* (Oxford: The Clarendon Press, 1994). James A. Francis has written *Subversive Virtue: Asceticism and Authority in the Second-Century Pagan World* (University Park: Pennsylvania State University, 1995). Frank Frost has been appointed the Maurice Hatter Visiting Scholar for the month of March at the Centre for Maritime Civilizations, University of Haifa, where he will give four lectures and workshops on "Case Studies in the History and Archaeology of Seafaring." Edward Harris has written *Aeschines and Athenian Politics* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995). Donald Lateiner announces the forthcoming publication of his book, *Sardonic Smile. Nonverbal Behaviors in Homeric Epic* (University of Michigan Press). Ray Laurence has been awarded the Routledge Ancient History Prize for 1994 for his study, *Roman Pompeii* (Routledge, 1994). Douglas Little (translator) and Christopher Ehrhardt (commentator) have produced Plutarch, *Lives of Galba and Otho*, a translation and commentary (Briston Classical Press, 1994). Paul A. Rahe has been named Jay P. Walker Professor of American History at the University of Tulsa. Joseph Roisman has edited *Alexander the Great: Ancient and Modern Perspectives* (New York: DC Heath, 1995). Vince Rosivach has published *The System of Public Sacrifice in Fourth Century Athens* (Scholars Press, 1994).

PUBLICATIONS OF THE AAH

Copies of PAAH 4, Carol Thomas, *Myth Becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece*, must be purchased from Regina Books, P.O. Box 280, Claremont, CA 91711.

For copies of PAAH 1, Chester G. Starr, *Past and Future in Ancient History*, PAAH 2, Alan E. Samuel, *The Shifting Sands of History: Interpretations of Ptolemaic History*, or PAAH 3, Arthur Ferrill, *Roman Imperial Grand Strategy*, members should contact University Press of America, 720 Boston Way, Lanham, MD 20706.

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Simon Hornblower) are eminent Greek historians in Britain.

He was generous and helpful. When sent a draft for comment, he could be relied on, as few nowadays can, to read it carefully and comment in detail. One of his virtues was loyalty. He showed it in his assignment of texts for *Inscriptiones Graecae* I³ and perhaps carried it to extremes in his support for the Tribe of Benjamin against the Kenites in the wars of Meritt and Pritchett in the 1960s and 1970s. That long defense of *ATL* orthodoxy largely delayed his opening his mind to new views and to recognizing the uncertainty of much that he had defended until the 1980s. But the two splendid volumes of *IG* I³, their publication fortunately completed before his death, will stand as his *ktema es aiei*.

E. Badian
Harvard University

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