

# HSS COMMITTEE/DELEGATE/INTEREST GROUP REPORT

## Committee on Meetings and Programs (CoMP)

submitted by

Rachel A. Ankeny 17 October 2011

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

CoMP needs clarification about what is required concerning site selection policy: we are willing to formulate some formal guidelines if Council/Executive wish us to do so

1. Describe the committee's/institution's activities during the current academic fiscal year (July 2011 to June 2012).

The committee has performed its activities via email correspondence and will meet in person in Cleveland, and has made recommendations with regard to the following issues:

- Meeting site and timing for 2014 (Chicago)
- Continued discussion of formalizing policies for site selection [see below]
- Use of Twitter during HSS conferences
- Preliminary discussion about meeting sites for 2015 and beyond

2. Provide details concerning any budget allocations and expenditures during the current academic fiscal year, July to June (outside of the annual meeting). What funds were allocated and how were they used or will be used? Are there changes that should be made to the budget for the current academic fiscal year?

N/A

3. Provide a description of committee's/delegate's planned activities for the remainder of the academic fiscal year:

- Program chair for 2013 (Boston)
- Review of models for policies on meetings (e.g., AAHM bluebook)
- Continued discussion of formalizing policies for site selection (issues to include rotation of sites, issues associated with strikes or discriminatory policies at the hotel or locale, etc.)
- Devising an environmental/sustainability policy for our meetings
- Proposal for guidelines for use of Twitter during HSS conferences
- Proposal to require presenters to be members of HSS
- Clarification of policies regarding number of appearances on the program and proxies
- Continued monitoring of the prize ceremony/reception format

4. List budgetary requests and resources (include details for planned expenditures) for the upcoming academic fiscal year (July 2012 to June 2013).

Lunch expenses at annual meeting (November 2012)

5. List names of committee members, if applicable. (\*indicates those rotating off)

Rachel Ankeny, 2009-2012, Chair

Tom Broman, 2011-2013

Angela Creager, HSS co-program chair for the 2012 three-society meeting (ex officio)

Arthur Daemrich, 2011-2013

\*Nick Dew, 2010 LAC (ex officio)

Michael Gordin OR Matthew Jones, 2011 Program Chairs (ex officio)

Gary Hardcastle, 2009-2012

Mimi Kim, representative from Council, 2010-12

\*Jamil Ragep OR Yves Gingras, 2010 Program Chairs (ex officio)

Alan Rocke, 2011 LAC (ex officio)

Rotating on:

Janet Browne OR David Kaiser, 2012 Program Chairs and 2013 LAC (ex officio)

Craig Callender, 2012 LAC (ex officio)

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CoMP will discuss principles surrounding site selection in more detail in Cleveland, but as I understand this will be an item of discussion at the Council meeting, it might be useful to summarize what our discussions have concluded thus far for consideration:

- (1) Site selection is obviously a very complex business with the need to trade off a number of considerations for any one meeting.
- (2) The following criteria are considered **essential** for selection of an HSS site:
  - a. adequate hotel size for all sessions to be in one location (especially when PSA is involved)
  - b. lodging cost of under US\$175 per night as well as options for lower-cost graduate student rooms
  - c. location that is easily accessible, attractive as a destination in its own right (to increase attendance and decrease risk), proximate to restaurants and nightlife, and has an international airport, preferably with direct international connections and many major domestic routes (so hubs are ideal)
  - d. presence of a strong local arrangements committee willing to assist actively in meeting planning, and of a strong cohort of members including graduate programs
- (3) The following criteria are **desirable** to consider when selecting an HSS site:

- a. geographical/regional rotation around the United States and Canada of sites when gauged over the recent history of the HSS meeting and taking into account where we have larger numbers of members or wish to build membership (it is recognized this might also need to take into account PSA's rotation history). In the future, once the GFC abates, we may wish to extend this to include international locations.
- b. presence of a strong local arrangements committee willing to fundraise

**HSS COMMITTEE/DELEGATE/INTEREST GROUP REPORT**  
**(Due by 17 October 2011)**

Committee on Honors and Prizes

submitted by

Helena Pycior

October

17, 2011

**Please list here action items that require Executive Committee and/or Council Approval (these include motions that affect policy, budget, and/or practices).**

Nothing to report.

1. Describe the committee's/institution's activities during the current academic fiscal year (July 2011 to June 2012).

Below is a summary of the activities of the Committee on Honors and Prizes (CoHP) since May 3, 2011, when the committee submitted its last report.

**Sarton Medal**

The committee reviewed the materials relating to nominations for the 2011 Sarton Medal. In early May the committee sent to the HSS Executive Office a list of the top three nominees, unranked and in alphabetical order.

**“Seconding Letters” for the Hazen Prize**

The official guidelines for the Hazen Education Prize permit “not more than two ‘seconding letters.’” Materials submitted on behalf of a nominee for the 2011 Hazen Prize raised questions about the meaning of “seconding letters.” Must a seconding letter be a letter written specifically in support of a nomination? Or, is any letter praising a nominee (for a specific activity, e.g.) acceptable? After discussion, CoHP recommended “a narrow interpretation of ‘seconding letters’ as letters that speak directly to and support a nomination.” Jay Malone stated that he would add clarifying language to the Hazen Prize instructions.

**Conflict of Interest on the Hazen Prize Committee**

At the request of Jay Malone, CoHP elaborated a policy for the handling of a conflict of interest that arose prior to evaluation of nominees for the 2011 Hazen Prize. Citing a conflict of interest, a member of the Hazen Prize Committee asked to recuse himself from all of the committee's deliberations for 2011. Acceptance of his recusal resulted in a two-person committee. Muriel Blaisdell, chair of the Hazen Prize Committee, argued that the committee needed three active members who were able to evaluate all nominees fairly. Following e-mail discussions, CoHP advised Jay Malone to try to find another scholar to serve in place of the recused member for at least the year 2011.

### **Nominations for the John W. Kluge Prize**

Jay Malone received a letter inviting him to nominate an individual for the John W. Kluge Prize, awarded by the Library of Congress. He requested that CoHP suggest nominees for consideration by the HSS Executive Committee. Asked to respond quickly, CoHP focused its discussion of possible nominees on Sarton Medal winners and current Sarton Medal nominees (for all of whom most supporting materials are available). In e-mail exchanges (copied to Jay Malone) committee members singled out a few scholars whom they saw as especially strong contenders for the Kluge Prize.

### **Prize Ceremony at Annual Meeting**

The committee discussed the structure of the prize ceremony at the HSS annual meeting. The committee encouraged Jay Malone to continue with his fine efforts at redesigning the ceremony to make it a more attractive and meaningful event. As general advice CoHP stressed that the ceremony should be kept as simple as possible, center on the prize winners, and include some recognition of the prize committee chairs. Based on these principles, the committee recommended that at the ceremony the following should be recognized by name and asked to stand (but not photographed): the NASA/HSS Fellow, Sarton Lecturer, and HSS Distinguished Lecturer.

### **Service on Prize Committees**

Committee members continued to serve as ex-officio members of the prize committees:

Davis (Deborah Coen)  
Hazen (Heinrich von Staden)  
Pfizer (John Hedley Brooke)  
Price/Webster (Sander Gliboff)  
Reingold (Mary Jo Nye)  
Rossiter (Helena Pycior)

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There have been no expenditures outside of the annual meeting and none are planned for 2011-2012.

3. Provide a description of committee's/delegate's planned activities for the remainder of the academic fiscal year.

### **The Pfizer Prize**

The Executive Committee has asked CoHP to discuss the HSS's association with Pfizer and the Pfizer Prize. Would it be more appropriate for the HSS's major book prize to be named after a noted scholar rather than a pharmaceutical company? Would it be feasible at this time to rename the prize and generate an endowment for the renamed prize?

### **Sarton Medal**

The committee will try to generate more nominations for the Sarton Medal. The committee will take all steps necessary to send the HSS Executive Office a list of its top three nominees for the 2012 Sarton Medal, unranked and in alphabetical order, by May 1, 2012.

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Committee members will continue to serve as ex-officio members of the prize committees.

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The committee does not foresee any expenses outside breakfast at the 2011 annual meeting.

5. List names of committee members, if applicable. Indicate members whose terms expire in 2011. Also, indicate any preferences for appointments (or reappointments) to the committee. The Executive Committee makes committee assignments at its mid-year meeting and will take any recommendations under consideration.

John Hedley Brooke

Deborah Coen

Sander Gliboff

Mary Jo Nye

Helena Pycior (term expires December 2011)

Heinrich von Staden

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Committee on Education

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(Committee, Affiliate Society, or Interest Group Name)

submitted by

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John M. Lynch

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10/16/11

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(Date)

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1. Describe the committee's/institution's activities during the current academic fiscal year (July 2011 to June 2012).

Annual Meeting: We will be presenting two sessions at the Cleveland Meeting. The first (a regular session organized by Piers Hale) is titled "Linking the Past and the Present: A Discussion of Collaboration Between Historians and Practitioners in the Classroom, the Field and the Laboratory" and features contributions from five members. The second (organized by Kristin Johnson) is titled "Copernicus Crosses the K-12/University Divide: How Four Distinguished Historians of Science Helped Create a National History Day Web Site." It will be a Q/A forum moderated by John Lynch featuring an 8<sup>th</sup> grader (Kavya Ravichandran) who built an website that not only examines the background of the Copernican Revolution, but also incorporates information from interviews she conducted with leading historians of astronomy, several of whom (e.g. Owen Gingerich) will participate. Our goal is to not only feature the students works but also to begin thinking about other ways the HSS and K-12 educators can work together.

Hazen Lecture: The Metropolitan New York History of Science Group is the main organizer of this event and our contact there is Mary Lou Gleason. Anne Harrington (Harvard) will be presenting a lecture titled "Bodies behaving badly: insights from the history of mind-body medicine and why they matter" in Spring 2012.

USA Science and Engineering Fair: Greg Macklem will be representing the Society along with local members at this bi-annual event (April 27 - 29th 2012)

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We requested funding for the Hazen Lecture (\$2500) and the USA Science and Engineering Fair (\$500).

3. Provide a description of committee's/delegate's planned activities for the remainder of the academic fiscal year:

We will continue a discussion to resurrect the "Innovations in Education" series in the HSS Newsletter. James Evans has agreed to spearhead this and we hope to see

In consultation with Jay Malone, we also plan to continue discussions on the use of social media to further the mission of the CoE.

4. List budgetary requests and resources (include details for planned expenditures) for the upcoming academic fiscal year (July 2012 to June 2013). Please include any expenses for the annual meeting, such as breakfast or lunch for the committee.  
Breakfast at the Annual meeting is paid out of the meeting budget.

No current requests.

5. List names of committee members, if applicable. Indicate members whose terms expire in 2011. Also, indicate any preferences for appointments (or reappointments) to the committee. The Executive Committee makes committee assignments at its mid-year meeting and will take any recommendations under consideration.

John Lynch (2007-2011, outgoing chair, expires)

Piers Hale (2008-2012, incoming chair)

Marga Vicedo (2009-2013)

James Evans (2009-2014)

Kristin Johnson (2010-2015)

Michael Reidy (retained)

Marsha Richmond (*ex officio*)

# HSS COMMITTEE/DELEGATE/INTEREST GROUP REPORT

Committee on Research and the Profession  
(Committee, Affiliate Society, or Interest Group Name)

submitted by  
Mitchell G. Ash (Chair) 13 October 2011

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(Date)

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1. Describe the committee's/institution's activities during the current academic fiscal year (July 2010 to June 2011).  
Meeting at HSS annual meeting and subsequent Email exchanges, e.g. on the following issues:  
Discussion of relationship with Women's Caucus (Job Survey); Access by independent scholars to digital media resources; guidelines for stands on issues of public concern.  
Discussion of and advice on changes to proposals by Executive director for policy statements (Whistleblower, Drug Use and other policies) – September-October 2011.
2. Provide details concerning any budget allocations and expenditures during the current academic fiscal year, July to June (outside of the annual meeting). What funds were allocated and how were they used or will be used? Are there changes that should be made to the budget for the current academic fiscal year?  
None
3. Provide a description of committee's/delegate's planned activities for the remainder of the academic fiscal year:  
Continued discussion of the above issues; preparation of recommendations for annual meeting in Cleveland.
4. List budgetary requests and resources (include details for planned expenditures) for the upcoming academic fiscal year (July 2011 to June 2012). Please include any expenses for the annual meeting, such as breakfast or lunch for the committee.  
Annual meeting (a) refreshments - meeting time is 5 p.m. (costs should be similar to 2010); (b) travel funding for Chair's trip from Vienna (shared with Univ. of Vienna; HSS share = \$700)
5. List names of committee members, if applicable. Indicate members whose terms expire in 2010. Also, indicate any preferences for appointments (or reappointments) to the committee. The Executive Committee makes committee assignments at its mid-year meeting and will take any recommendations under consideration.
6. Members: Adam Apt; Mitchell Ash (term ends 2011); Amy Crumpton; Dawn Digrius; Daniel Goldstein; Pamela Henson (term ends 2010); Helen Rozwadowski; Audra Wolfe

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Committee on Publications  
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(Committee, Affiliate Society, or Interest Group Name)

submitted by

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Paula Findlen  
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Oct 4, 2011  
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(Date)

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Findlen and Lightman conducted a site visit in Aug 2011 to participate in the review of Stephen Weldon as HSS Bibliographer. We recommended his renewal with great enthusiasm and CoP approved our recommendation.

CoP also put together the advertisement for the HSS and Society Editor position and has begun the process of soliciting applications. The next phase will occur in 2012, when Don Howard chairs CoP but we will discuss this and other issues at the CoP mtg in Cleveland.

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Funds were allocated to provide CoP with lunch at HSS and to cover the expenses of Findlen and Lightman traveling to Norman, OK (up to \$2000). There will be other expenses related to the HSS and Society Editorship but I don't believe they will occur until 12-13.

3. Provide a description of committee's/delegate's planned activities for the remainder of the academic fiscal year:

HSS CoP meeting to hear reports and discuss the upcoming editor search. There will surely be more work related to this position in winter and spring 2012 (Findlen steps down as chair as of Jan 2012).

4. List budgetary requests and resources (include details for planned expenditures) for the upcoming academic fiscal year (July 2012 to June 2013). Please include any expenses for the annual meeting, such as breakfast or lunch for the committee.

CoP committee lunch at HSS (standard amount)

Site visits in Sept/Oct 2012 to the top (two?) finalists for the HSS and Society editorship. I would imagine that each visit will involve at least two, perhaps 3 CoP members so the budget should be ca. \$4000-6000 depending on whether it is two or three (please advise based on past experience and your own sense of budgeting this expense).

5. List names of committee members, if applicable. Indicate members whose terms expire in 2011. Also, indicate any preferences for appointments (or reappointments) to the committee. The Executive Committee makes committee assignments at its mid-year meeting and will take any recommendations under consideration.

Findlen's term expires in 2011 leaving: Don Howard, Mott Greene, Joe Dauban, and Soraya Chadarevian. Ken Alder sent forward recommendations for new members after the 2010 HSS meeting. They were:

We discussed nominations for new CoP members, to start in fall 2012. We ranked the top three names as follows: 1. Jessica Riskin; 2. Neil Safier; and 3. Florence Hsia. Riskin's name has been forwarded to replace Findlen whose last year is 2011-12.

Has this been approved and she been contacted?

(Thank you for your work on behalf of the Society!)

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