

# HISTORY OF SCIENCE SOCIETY COMMITTEE REPORT

## COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Submitted by James Evans on October 28, 2014

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

Note: If necessary, please provide details on an attached page.

1. Describe the committee's completed, ongoing, and planned activities during the current calendar year.

The Committee on Education will hold an education session at this year's meeting, organized by Kristin Johnson. It should be lively and should command an audience—it is a panel discussion devoted to the new *Cosmos* television series.

The Committee has discussed over the course of the year instituting a series of special sessions for high school history and science teachers. These would be held at the annual meetings, but organized outside the system of scholarly papers. Such sessions would have to be held on Saturday or Sunday so that teachers would be able to attend. We hope to try the first one as an experiment at the 2015 meeting. Discussions will continue at the Education Committee's meeting in Chicago.

2. For CoP and CoE, please provide details concerning any budget allocations and expenditures during the current academic fiscal year, July 2013 to June 2014 (outside of the annual meeting). What funds were allocated and how were they used or will be used?

Funding the 2014 Hazen Lecture in New York

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We will be discussing the difficulty of getting enough nominations for the Hazen award.

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Lloyd Ackert, Dawn Digrius, James Evans, Kristin Johnson, Marsha Richmond.

5. If minutes were recorded at your last meeting, please include them.

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## Committee on Meetings and Programs (CoMP)

Submitted by Rachel A. Ankeny, Chair on 22 October 2014

1. Describe the committee's completed, ongoing, and planned activities during the current calendar year.

The committee has performed its activities via email correspondence and will meet in person at the annual meeting in Chicago. It has considered and discussed the following issues:

- Finalisation of program chair selections for 2014 and 2015
- Tweaking program format to accommodate more papers
- Proposal for sponsorship for session at AHA
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The Chair of CoMP also has provided ongoing advice to the ED regarding a range of issues, particularly program planning, and dealt with miscellaneous programming issues on an ad hoc basis, as well as serving on one of the goal groups for strategic planning (in part in her capacity as chair of CoMP).

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N/A

3. Please describe any long-term plans, goals and potential projects for the committee, as well as any potential future concerns or issues you believe the committee could face.

The outcomes of the strategic planning committee recommendations could have considerable implications for the way in which CoMP runs as well as various processes relating to the core of CoMP's business (such as timing and format of HSS meetings, purpose of the meeting, and so on) and we plan to discuss some of these issues in Chicago.

Additional issues for ongoing discussion and attention, particularly once strategic planning moves ahead so that these can be discussed in concert with any major changes or similar?

- Co-hosting of an annual meeting outside of North America (and outside of usual time period)
- Continuing to foster discussion on 'reimagining' the annual meeting in future including more use of various technologies
- Review of models for policies on meetings (e.g., AAHM bluebook)
- Devising an environmental/sustainability policy for our meetings
- Continued monitoring of the prize ceremony/reception format
- Interaction with PSA during their co-located biennial meetings

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Rachel A. Ankeny, 2013-2015, Chair

Ken Alder OR Bob Richards, 2014 LAC (ex officio)

\*Daniela Bleichmar, 2012-2014 (rep from Council)

+Janet Browne OR David Kaiser, 2013 LAC (ex officio)

Deborah Coen OR Matthew Stanley, 2014 Program Chairs

Arthur Daemmrich, 2014-2016

Susan Lederer OR Florence Hsia, 2015 Program Chairs

\*Tania Munz, 2012-14 (rep from Council)

+Karen Rader OR John Powers, 2013 Program Chairs (ex officio)

Karen-Beth G. Scholthof, 2014-2016

*\*Indicates individuals rotating off at end of 2014 for whom reappointment or replacement is necessary*

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As noted in our mid-year report, we would be happy to have any of the current council members involved, including renewing Daniela or Tania if appropriate.

# HISTORY OF SCIENCE SOCIETY COMMITTEE REPORT

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Submitted by Joseph W. Dauben (October 8, 2014)

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

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In December of 2014 my five-year term of service on the Committee on Publications will come to an end, and it will be necessary to appoint a new member of the Committee for 2015–2019. The Committee forwarded the following list of possible candidates to the HSS Executive Committee prior to its May meeting, 2014:

Deborah Coen, Barnard College  
Alex Csiszar, Harvard University  
Matthew Jones, Columbia University  
John Krige, Georgia Tech.  
Lukas Rieppel, Brown University  
Matteo Valleriani, Max Planck Institute, Berlin  
John Waller, Michigan State University

1. Describe the committee's completed, ongoing, and planned activities during the current calendar year.

With the successful conclusion of the CoP's search for a new HSS Editor, H. Floris Cohen officially began his term as editor in the summer of this year. The last issue of the journal under Bernard Lightman's editorship will be the December, 2014 issue of *Isis*. A major concern of the CoP at its meeting in Chicago in November of 2014 will be an assessment of the transition thus far and plans the new HSS Editor has for the journal under his editorship.

In addition to the CoP's usual reviews of *Isis*, *Osiris* and the *Critical Bibliography*, it will also be concerned with the implementation of the Sloan Foundation grant recently awarded to Stephen Weldon that is intended to "propel the Bibliography to the forefront of digital research in the twenty-first century." Steven Weldon has also drafted a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the IsisCB Platform between the three groups that are involved with this venture, HSS, the University of Oklahoma, and the University of Melbourne. I've asked Steven to apprise the CoP at our November meeting of the elements of the project and exactly what the MoU is meant to finalize and the terms on which it does so.

Also of concern to the CoP are questions about EBSCO, Open Access to journal articles, and the future of electronic publications in general, as well as issues related to the *Newsletter* and the proposed Technology Committee with responsibilities that intersect with those of the CoP.

The current term of the editor of *Osiris*, Andrea Rusnock, ends in December of 2015. The new HSS editor, H. Floris Cohen, has discussed this with her, and she has agreed to continue as *Osiris* editor for another term, which both Floris and she have agreed should be timed to end when his term as HSS editor ends in five years. The term of the editor of the CB, Steven Weldon, will not come up until 2017, and so that will be a matter for consideration at a much later meeting of the CoP.

As the Society concludes its Strategic Planning self-evaluation, it is clear that the future of HSS publications is a vital part of this process, and the deliberations of the CoP at its November meeting will in part be devoted to discussing many of the concerns already under evaluation by the Strategic Planning Committee. As a member of the SPC's Executive Committee, the Chair of the HSS CoP will coordinate the agenda of the Committee's November meeting to reflect concerns of the SPC, the new Editor, and the Society's publisher, University of Chicago Press.

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None.

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As the former Chair of the CoP Bruce Hunt reported last year: "CoP has begun to discuss how the HSS and *Isis* can best respond to the broad changes the world of scholarly publishing is presently undergoing. These will be important issues going forward, and the Society will want to take steps to coordinate the work of CoP with that of the proposed Technology and Communications Committee. The recent CB 2.0 conference organized by *Current Bibliography* editor Stephen Weldon to explore how best to adapt the CB to the changing digital information environment will no doubt result in recommendations that CoP and the Executive Committee will want to take up in due course."

All of these issues remain of critical concern to the CoP, as well as those already outlined in paragraph 1, above, and will certainly require further discussion at the Committee's November meeting. Uppermost with respect to long-term plans will be those issues concerning HSS publications that relate directly to the goals of the Society's Strategic Planning Committee.

4. List names of committee members, if applicable. Indicate members whose terms expire in 2014. 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.

2014 CoP:        Joseph Dauben, Chair (term expires 12/31/14)  
                      Soraya de Chadarevian, Secretary  
                      Florence Hsia  
                      Michael Gordin  
                      Katharine Anderson  
                      Janet Browne (HSS Vice President, *ex officio*)

The current Chair's term will terminate at the end of 2014, whereupon Soraya de Chadarevian will become Chair of the Committee with Florence Hsia serving as Secretary. As noted previously, the Committee forwarded a list of possible candidates to the HSS Executive Committee prior to its May meeting, and that appointee would begin a five-year term of service on January 1, 2015.

5. If minutes were recorded at your last meeting, please include them.

Minutes of the CoP meeting of November 23, 2013, held in Boston during the annual HSS meeting, are attached.

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**HISTORY OF SCIENCE SOCIETY  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

COMMITTEE ON HONORS AND PRIZES

Submitted by Sander Gliboff on 10/9/2014

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1. Describe the committee's completed, ongoing, and planned activities during the current calendar year.

After my last report at the end of April, the CoHP finished reviewing nominations for the 2014 Sarton Medal. Our members also served ex-officio on the individual prize subcommittees.

Via e-mail, we discussed a proposal to allow institutions to be nominated for the Hazen Prize. There were no real objections to the idea, but little enthusiasm for it either. If the proposal is motivated solely by a concern for the low number of nominations, then we don't think that's a good enough reason to make the change. Perhaps there are better ways of drumming up nominations. One opinion was that many prize-worthy teachers are in departments where there are no other HSS members to nominate them, and that we ought to solicit nominations from the AHA or individual history department chairs.

The discussion then turned to the low number of Sarton Medal nominations, and a suggestion was made to lower the threshold for the nominators by introducing a two-step procedure, with a very easy first step, just a short rationale for the nomination. Then after review the CoHP would solicit the full-length nominations for the strongest candidates.

Our committee was also asked for an opinion on a proposal from a publisher to co-sponsor a dissertation prize. We recommended against the specific proposal (mainly on the grounds that it would obligate the prizewinner to sign a book contract with the sponsor), but we thought it would be worthwhile to explore other possibilities for a dissertation prize.

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None.

3. Please describe any long-term plans, goals and potential projects for the committee, as well as any potential future concerns or issues you believe the committee could face.

Endowing more of the prizes remains a long-term goal. We would also like to discuss the desirability of a new dissertation prize.

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Standing committee; 3 years, renewable; at least 1 council member (C) and 2 members-at-large.

Sander Gliboff, chair (C), 2009–2012, renewed 2013–2016 (?)

Daniel Stolzenberg, 2012–2014

Ron Numbers, 2012–2014

Sarah Igo, 2014–16

Lorraine Daston, 2014–16

A new member from Council will be needed, since I am in the last year of my term on the Council. I am also not sure how many years my second term as chair was supposed to last.

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**HSS Committee on Honors and Prizes Meeting  
Boston, 22 November, 2013, 7:30 a.m.**

At the November 2013 meeting in Boston, we discussed the committee rotations and replacements. (Mary Jo Nye and John Brooke rotated off and had yet to be replaced. Ronald Numbers and Daniel Stolzenberg were staying on. Sander Gliboff would remain as chair and Council representative.)

We also discussed our roles as ex officio members of the subcommittees and determined that the subcommittees must keep the ex officio members in the loop and that the ex officio members should be the ones to report the prizewinners to the Executive Office.

Discussion of the Distinguished Service Prize continued from last year. We thought an effort should be made to award it more regularly, but not necessarily every year. At least the call for nominations should be issued every year.

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## HISTORY OF SCIENCE SOCIETY COMMITTEE REPORT

### COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND THE PROFESSION (CoRP)

Submitted by Carla Nappi on 18 Sept 2014

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1. Describe the committee's completed, ongoing, and planned activities during the current calendar year.

As stated in the Committee Report of 06 May 2016, during the current calendar year the duties, responsibilities, structure, and place of CoRP within the larger History of Science Society will need to be reconsidered as part of the larger Strategic Planning process and its outcomes. Please see that previous report for more details.

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As stated in earlier report, in light of the large-scale rethinking of the goals and plans of HSS as an organization, it's an ideal time to reconsider the place of CoRP within those larger plans. One of the biggest challenges moving ahead will be to settle on a clear mandate for CoRP that makes sense as a way to motivate its functioning as a committee. Please see Committee Report of 06 May 2016 for more details.

Since the previous report, Jay Malone has identified working on "diversity" as a possible future goal for CoRP. He will elaborate on this at our business meeting at the Chicago annual meeting in November.

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Carla Nappi, chair [Term as Chair expires on 01 January 2015]

Michael Robinson  
Daniel Goldstein  
Adam Apt (ex officio)  
Constance Clark (Women's Caucus CoChair)  
Victoria Harden (Washington representative)  
Evelyn Hammonds

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