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Message from the President

*Rosemarijn Hoefte, KITLVI/ Royal Netherlands Institute of
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Dear ACH Members,

The EC looks back with satisfaction at our 50th conference. Thanks to the generosity of our hosts, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus in Barbados, and the efforts of the Local Organizing Committee, we were able to convene a very successful meeting. Just to mention a few of the highlights: the two local panels, discussing the future of Caribbean history and the logic of reparations for former slave societies in the Anglophone Caribbean, the opening event, a discussion with past presidents on the past, present, and challenges of the ACH and a special roundtable debating the impacts of the 2017 hurricanes on Caribbean educational and heritage sites.

Our special gratitude goes to the Barbados Museum and Historical Society for organizing the exhibit ACH@50, which we hope will travel to other places in the Caribbean, and for hosting our traditional fête. As a token of our relationship with the museum the ACH planted a tree on the museum's grounds two days before the conference's official opening.

Thanks to the efforts of our secretary-treasurer, Tara Inniss, we now have deposited our archives safely at the West Indies Federal Archives Centre at UWI Cave Hill. The official signing took place on June 7.

I feel a bit like a professional tennis player at the end of a tournament, but I would like to thank all volunteers and the sponsors who made this event possible, and a special thanks to all of our members who made it to Barbados to help commemorate this special occasion.

Less than two weeks after our goodbyes in Barbados, the EC started to plan our next conference. We are excited that we will be going back to Willemstad, Curaçao! The presentation by Margo Groenewoud, LOC Chair, at the Annual General Meeting promises another excellent conference.

The ACH is pleased to be part of the University of Curaçao's 40th anniversary celebration and will also help to commemorate the 50th anniversary the island's 'Trinta di Mei'. This day of socioeconomic revolt is an underexposed event in the rest of the Caribbean, yet is a transformative event for Curaçao and its relations with some of the other islands of the then Netherlands Antilles. Hopefully our conference will give 'Trinta di Mei' not only its rightful place in the recent history of the Caribbean, but will also connect it to other events in the region in late 1960s. We hope to welcome new and returning members to the 51st conference May 26-30, 2019.

Te otro aña na Korsou!

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Call for the Elsa Goveia Book Prize

The ACH is pleased to invite nominations for the 2019 Elsa Goveia Book Prize. Previously awarded every three years, the ACH book prize has been awarded every two years since 1995, and recognizes excellence in the field of Caribbean history.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Any scholarly history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in 2017 or 2018 is eligible for this year's competition.
- Any press or place of publication will be considered.
- Publication may be in English, Spanish, French or Dutch.
- Work should be marked by felicity of prose style and clarity of expression.
- Only first editions of original works will be considered.
- Multi-authored collections, anthologies, and other such edited works are not eligible.

Call for Submissions:

Authors, publishers, managing or marketing editors, and others must submit nominations to the prize chair and adjudicating committee by December 31, 2018. The winner will be announced at the 2019 ACH Annual Conference in Curaçao. It is important that one copy of the book nominated be sent directly by courier or airmail to each member of the committee. Please ensure that all charges connected with mail or courier services are pre-paid. The addresses are:

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In Memoriam: John Campbell - A Beautiful Mind

By Heather Cateau, The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago

John Campbell passed away on January 11, 2018. John did his first degree and first MPhil at The UWI, St. Augustine Campus. It came as no surprise to those who knew him that his thesis was in the area of intellectual history. He explored Caribbean intellectual thought through the work of icons like Eric Williams, Walter Rodney and CLR James.

In his burgeoning career, John planned to do no less than to revolutionize Caribbean History. After having experienced research and teaching at some of the most prestigious institutions in the world John believed that UWI was where he needed to be and that his role here was clear. He wanted to be part the development of a new genre of historical expression, unique to the region.

When John came to the History Department at St. Augustine I knew that things were about to change. He revolutionized the foundation civilization course and introduced new approaches that many questioned. John was undaunted, in fact I would argue that he was stimulated. Students flocked to his classrooms. They were willing to stand to listen to him. He got his energy from teaching. Over the mid-year break he would admit to me that he could not wait for lectures to start back- he needed to be in a classroom. John went on to receive the Guardian Life Premium Teaching Award and the Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence. The UWI recognized him as one of its most influential academics when he was only in his thirties. He revolutionized everything from how we taught history to the kinds of questions we really needed to ask. He used technology to transform pedagogy. He was the first person I knew who used podcasts and similar techniques to give students access to lectures. His Caribbean Civilization Club brought history to life. John was able to use this club to save documents from the Montserrat Archives during the volcanic eruptions. He increasingly got interested in gender studies, and policy formation. His year at the Office for the Board of Undergraduate Studies (OBUS) further developed and honed his skills in this area. However at his core he was a historian. He would go on to write, edit and publish several books and articles. However his legacy lies in his approach to the studying, teaching, representation and dissemination of Caribbean history. He was himself an intellectual giant and willing to take on anyone.



In Memoriam: René Achéen - 'Un vrai Caribéen'

By, Cécile Celma Conservateur honoraire Musée d'archéologie et de préhistoire de Martinique

René Achéen qui est décédé en Martinique le 3 Avril 2018. René Achéen était un vrai *Caribéen*, voire un *Américain* (à la manière de Simón Bolívar). Dès son retour à la Martinique après ses études, il a cherché à tisser des liens avec la Caraïbe lors de ses nombreux voyages dans les îles; c'est ainsi qu'avec son ami Jean Crusol, il a multiplié les contacts avec le monde de la recherche de l'Université des West Indies dans le cadre du centre de recherches qu'ils avaient constitué en Martinique: le CERAG Centre d'Etudes Régionales Antilles Guyane. René Achéen a alors rejoint l'ACH dès 1974, et a fréquenté assidument les conférences annuelles jusqu'à son départ en 1984 en Amérique latine pour des raisons familiales.

Le professeur Sir Woodville Marshall se souvient de lui comme «l'un des premiers piliers de la conférence et de l'association naissante». Il a occupé les fonctions de Vice président de l'ACH en 1975-1976. Aux côtés de son ami le professeur Sir Roy Augier, il a participé à la genèse du projet de l'Histoire générale des Caraïbes et a été membre du Comité scientifique de cette incontournable publication éditée sous le patronage de l'UNESCO.

It is with sadness that the Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) announces the passing of one of the ACH's stalwarts, René Acheen, who died in Martinique on April 3, 2018.

René Acheen was a true *Caribbean*, even an *American* (in the manner of Simón Bolívar). Upon his return to Martinique after his studies, he sought to build ties with the Caribbean during his many trips to the islands, and with his friend Jean Crusol, he multiplied the contacts with the research community at UWI within the framework of the research centre they had set up in Martinique: CERAG, Centre d'Etudes Régionales Antilles Guyane. René Achéen joined the ACH in 1974, and regularly attended annual conferences until his departure in 1984 in Latin America for family reasons.

Professor Sir Woodville Marshall remembers him as "one of the early pillars of the conference and the incipient association". He served as Vice President of the ACH in 1975-1976. Along with his friend Professor Sir Roy Augier, he participated in the genesis of the project of the UNESCO General History of the Caribbean.



HIGHLIGHTS from the ACH@50: Continuity, Change and Challenge Conference, Barbados June 10-15, 2018.

The ACH Archive Gets a New Home

On June 7, 2018 the ACH and the West Indies Federal Archives Centre (WIFAC) at Cave Hill Campus, The University of the West Indies (UWI) signed an agreement to preserve the historical data and research of ACH members compiled over the past 50 years.

The signing ceremony formalised the establishment of an archival repository at the WIFAC to document and preserve all the ACH historical materials including memorabilia, Minutes, images, video and audio recordings, and press clippings. The WIFAC has had a mandate to collect and preserve records of regional organisations since 2004 and this ACH collection is expected to be of great value to researchers who now have a single point of access to historical records collated by some of the region's most respected historians.

This ceremony was part of the commemorative celebrations for the 50th Annual Conference of the ACH, which was held in Barbados from June 10 to 15, 2018 at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus.

Present at the signing were Deputy Principal of Cave Hill Campus Professor Clive

Landis, Cave Hill Registrar Rommel Carter, ACH President Professor Rosemarijn Hoeffte from the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV), UWI Emeritus Professor Woodville Marshall, and ACH Secretary Treasurer Dr. Tara Inniss, and archivists Cherri-Ann Beckles of the WIFAC and Sharon Alexander-Gooding, UWI Archivist.

In 1969, a small group of Caribbean Historians held a meeting in Guadeloupe which eventually evolved into an annual meeting. Some 50 years later, we now have almost 1000 members drawn from academic institutions all over the world. We thought it timely to put our own affairs in order as an organisation to preserve our institutional memory and to work with international best practice in the preservation of our own records. The move has already proven useful as the ACH launched a museum exhibit documenting its development entitled, "ACH@50: Continuity, Change and Challenge" at the Barbados Museum and Historical Society.

If you have any of the above material and wish to preserve it, please contact Dr. Cherri-Ann Beckles cabeckles@yahoo.com and the Secretary-Treasurer achsecretary@gmail.com for more information.

ACH@50 Tree Planting at the BMHS

On Friday, June 8th 2018, the ACH donated a Ma'afala Breadfruit tree to the Barbados Museum and Historical Society (BMHS) on the occasion of the Museum's 85th anniversary and the 50th Conference of the ACH. A local representative of the regional non-profit organisation Trees That Feed Foundation (TTFF) and the Future Centre Trust (FCT) Future Trees Programme brought in this new variety of breadfruit, developed in Samoa, the South Pacific, which is slightly smaller than the conventional breadfruit grown in Barbados.



The planting of a Ma'afala at the BMHS is an apt symbol of the ACH's ongoing commitment to outreach and engagement with public history institutions, especially archives and museums in the Caribbean, complementing as it does future developments of the museum's galleries and grounds.



Making it Count!: The ACH@50 Conference and Museum Exhibit

The ACH commemorated its 50th Conference this year, and just over 100 historians joined us at the Cave Hill Campus of The University of the West Indies (UWI) in Barbados for its Annual Conference from June 10 to June 15, 2018.

The conference, which was held under the theme: "ACH @ 50: Continuity, Change and Challenge" was organized by the Department of History and Philosophy at Cave Hill as part of the UWI's 70th Anniversary Calendar of Events.

In recognizing the contributions of the ACH, Vice Chancellor of the UWI, and renowned historian, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles noted: "The ACH has come of age as a premier academic body that spans the region and beyond. In five decades its members have defined and redefined the historical narrative around identity, culture and the shaping of a distinct Caribbean civilization. It continues to help shape national and regional policies, and has indigenized curriculum content at multiple levels. Few academic institutions have contributed so much to nation building and liberation in the region."

The conference had a forward-looking programme with panels exploring "The Future of Caribbean History" and "Digital Archives in the Caribbean." Delegates also discussed reparations, public health, decolonization, gender, migration and identity in the Caribbean.

The conference included a Special Past Presidents' Roundtable during the official opening on June 10 to reflect on the past and future development of the region's premiere professional historical organization. A Special Roundtable on Hurricane Impacts on Cultural and Educational Institutions in the Region: Urgent Needs, Long-term Challenges, sponsored by the Peter Moores Barbados Trust brought together perspectives of historians from Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Antigua and Barbuda to reflect on the impacts of the devastating 2017 hurricane season. CARBICA President and Director of the Suriname National Archives, Rita Tjien Foh was also on hand to discuss the efforts being made among the region's archives association to address the protection and preservation of historical records in the wake of the 2017 hurricane season's impacts on the Caribbean.

The ACH also partnered with Brill Academic Publishers and the Barbados Museum and Historical Society (BMHS) to launch a special museum exhibit documenting the association's rich history on June 14 just before the eagerly anticipated annual conference dinner (fête).



Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Announced

The Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) is pleased to announce the winner of the 2018 Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize in recognition of excellence in the field of Caribbean history. The committee awarded this year's prize to Anne Eller (Yale University) for "Rumors of Slavery: Defending Emancipation in a Hostile Caribbean," which was published in the *American Historical Review* 3, no. 1 (2017): 653-679. She was present at the 50th Conference to accept her award.



The committee praised Eller's elegantly written and richly nuanced account of the role that rumors and fears of re-enslavement played in 19th-century Santo Domingo/the Dominican Republic. Focusing on one of the least-studied periods in Dominican history, Eller deftly engaged a wide range of challenging sources and multiple bodies of scholarship to illuminate the many ways that a commitment to defending emancipation from both domestic and external threats was at the heart of Dominican politics—a narrative that has until now been alternately erased and forgotten. Eller succeeded not only in changing the way we understand post-emancipation Dominican history on its own terms but also in thoroughly illuminating connections across imperial and geographic boundaries, in the process exemplifying the possibilities for rigorous trans-Caribbean scholarship. Eller had previously received an honorable mention for "'All Would Be Equal in the Effort': Santo Domingo's 'Italian in Revolution', Independence, and Haiti, 1809-1822," *Journal of Early American History* 1, no. 2 (2011): 105-41.

The Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee, comprised Randy Browne (Xavier University), Clara Palmiste (Université des Antilles), and Jessica Roitman (Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies). It received 27 submissions this year—for articles published in 2016 and 2017. One article was written in Spanish and the rest were in English. Many submissions were extraordinary, making this a very competitive year. Two other submissions were recognized for honourable mentions: Katherine Smoak (Johns Hopkins University), "The Weight of Necessity: Counterfeit Coins in the British Atlantic World, circa 1760-1800," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 74, no. 3 (2017): 467-502; and David Singerman (University of Virginia), "The Limits of Chemical Control in the Caribbean Sugar Factory," *Radical History Review* no. 127 (2017): 39-61

Call for Executive Committee Nominations

Each year positions become available on the ACH Executive Committee, the governing body charged with administrative oversight of the organization. Terms are for one year, although members can be re-elected for a second year. All candidates for election are chosen by a Nominating Committee selected at the Annual General Meeting. The following individuals have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee in 2018-19:

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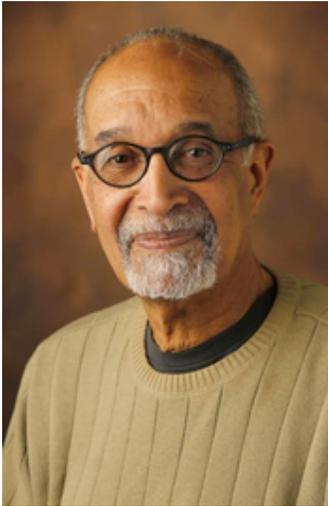
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If you are interested in learning more about serving on the Executive Committee, or would like to nominate someone for the next election, please contact this year's Nominating Committee Chair. Any member of the ACH in good standing may propose names for consideration, or self-nominate to serve on the Executive Committee.

According to the ACH Constitution, nominations must reach the Nominating Committee Chair no later than October 31, 2018.

Ballots will be distributed in the winter issue of the *Bulletin* and can either be mailed to the Nominating Committee or the Secretariat prior to our next ACH Annual Conference in Curaçao, or cast in person at that meeting.

A Message from the Fundraising and Development Committee



By, Richard Blackett, Andrew Jackson Professor of History, Vanderbilt University

Special thanks to all of you who generously responded to our appeal to contribute to the coffers of the Association, specifically to the Gould-Saunders Fund. The appeal raised \$3,403.72. The Silent Auction pushed the total to \$4,522.80. We also managed to raise \$1065.52 from Benefactors for the Association's Operating Account.

We continue to encourage our long-standing members and friends to consider giving a gift to the ACH to help fulfill our mandate to maintain its linguistic diversity and develop Caribbean scholarship. You can become a Benefactor or give to the Gould-Saunders Travel Award Fund online using PayPal. Please visit

<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/giving.htm> or e-mail Tara Inniss, ACH Secretary-Treasurer at achsecretary@gmail.com for more

information. Please see a list of all of our donors and Benefactors for the 2017-18 Special Appeal below:

Thank you from all of us at the Association of Caribbean Historians Fundraising and Development Committee!

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The 2nd Silent Auction for the Gould-Saunders Endowment Award was a Success!

A Message from ACH Vice President, Heather Cateau, UWI St. Augustine and ACH Past President, Rita Pemberton

As you are aware, the EC hosted a successful 2nd Silent Auction for the Gould-Saunders Memorial Endowment Travel Fund. We thank all of our corporate and individual donors who contributed items to the auction and all of our successful bidders who supported the auction! We are pleased to report that the 2nd Silent Auction in Barbados raised USD \$ 1119.08 with your assistance. This money will support the Gould-Saunders Travel Award for Graduate Students and Junior Faculty to attend our conference.

The ACH@50 Limited Edition T-Shirt has also sold well with a number of delegates purchasing a few in the different colours on offer. We do have some sizes and colours still available so please let us know if you would like us to arrange a purchase for you. Available sizes: small, medium, large and x-large. Available colours: white, black, blue and purple. Please contact Tara Inniss, ACH Secretary-Treasurer at achsecretary@gmail.com. We thank you again for your support!



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Preliminary Information for the 51st Annual ACH Conference, Curaçao May 26-30, 2019

Una traducción al español está disponible en:

<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/annualmeeting>

Une traduction en français est disponible à l'adresse:

<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/annualmeeting>



The ACH Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the 51st Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians will be held in Willemstad, Curaçao from Sunday, May 26 to Thursday, May 30, 2019. Registration opens early afternoon on Sunday. The conference fête, our annual dinner and dance, which is highly recommended and a central feature of this organisation, will be on Thursday evening, May 30. An optional field trip is scheduled for Friday, May 31. More details about the field trip will be posted to the ACH as they become available. Please make your travel plans accordingly.

The ACH will be celebrating the 51st Annual Conference as part of the University of Curaçao's 40th Anniversary calendar.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Local Organising Committee (LOC), is chaired by Dr. Margo Groenewoud, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Curaçao. The LOC is currently finalizing preparations to receive conference participants. As soon as information on the Conference Venue and Accommodations are available, these details will be made available on the ACH website. The LOC is committed to providing a range of options for delegates wishing to travel to Curaçao on various budgets.

TRAVEL

Curaçao has good air connections from several major cities in North and South America and the Netherlands/Europe. Participants traveling from the Caribbean, US, Canada, the United Kingdom and Europe can purchase flights to Curaçao Airport on American Airlines, Air Canada, Sunwing, WestJet, Surinam Airways, Avianca, Copa Airlines, Insel Air, TUI and KLM.

Curaçao Entry Requirements

You must hold a valid passport to enter Curaçao, a return or outward ticket on arrival, sufficient funds for accommodations and food and the necessary documents for returning to the country of origin, or further travel elsewhere. For further information on exactly what will be required at immigration please contact the Dutch Embassy or Consulate in your country or visit <https://www.curacao-travelguide.com/travel-information/entry-requirements/>

Call for Papers

Resistance: A View from the Margins

51st Annual ACH Conference, Curaçao, May 26-30, 2019

The ACH Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the 51st Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) will be held in Curaçao from Sunday, May 26 to Friday, May 31, 2019. Registration opens early afternoon on Sunday, and sessions will begin later that day. The conference fete, our annual dinner and dance, will be held on Thursday evening, May 30. An optional field trip is scheduled for Friday, May 31. More details about the field trip will be posted to the ACH website as they become available. Please make your travel plans accordingly.

The ACH also welcomes this opportunity to celebrate the University of Curaçao's 40th Anniversary and to contribute to the commemoration of 50 years after Curacao's '30 mei 1969' or 'Trinta di Mei', a watershed in Dutch Antilles history. The ACH will be hosting our 51st Annual Conference with the overall conference theme, "Resistance: A View from the Margins". We invite paper and panel proposals on aspects of the above theme, and especially the sub-themes of cultural exchanges and the politics of commemoration. While papers on the overall theme are encouraged, applicants are welcome to submit proposals on other subjects.

For those proposing panels, please note that we seek linguistic and geographic diversity and representation. Applicants may also wish to consider that the ACH promotes diversity among panelists regarding institutional affiliation and academic level.

Preference is given to applicants who did not present at the previous conference, held in Barbados in 2018.

Application Instructions

There are THREE WAYS to participate in the 2019 ACH Conference:

PAPER: You can apply to present an individual paper. These applications are reviewed by the Executive Committee by theme and composed into panels. This requires:

1. The appropriate cover sheet for either a paper or panel proposal;
2. A 250-word abstract for each proposed presenter (Abstracts must indicate what new information or approach the work provides as well as the archival or oral sources consulted. Abstracts must be submitted in English, French and Spanish); and
3. A brief CV (no more than 2 pages).

PANEL: You can also apply as part of a panel of 3 or 4 papers. This requires:

1. A panel proposal form.
2. A 250-word abstract for each proposed presenter (Abstracts must indicate what new information or approach the work provides as well as the archival or oral sources consulted. Abstracts must be submitted in English, French and Spanish); and
3. A brief CV or resume (no more than 2 pages) for each presenter.

Please note that while panel organizers may propose a chair, final assignment of chairs is the prerogative of the Executive Committee. Proposed chairs should be experts in the panel field.

POSTER: You can apply to participate in our poster session. This is intended as a fast-paced, fun session for newer scholars or for those embarking on a new project. This requires:

1. A paper/poster proposal form; this is the same as the paper proposal form—just check that you are applying to offer a poster.
2. An abstract of no more than 250 words (translated in English, Spanish and French).
3. A brief CV or resume (no more than 2 pages) for each presenter.

While cover forms and CVs can be submitted in one language, it is very important that abstracts be translated into all three languages at the time of submission as the committee reviewing proposals is multi-lingual. Applications that do not include abstracts in English, Spanish and French will not be considered.

Please see Application Instructions here

<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/confinstructions.htm>.

All documents should be combined into ONE (1) Microsoft Word document file (please do not submit as a PDF). The deadline for proposal submission is October 15, 2018.

A few more important notes:

- To ensure that graduate student applicants are at an advanced stage of their research, they are required to provide a letter of support from their academic advisors.
- All participants must be current members of the ACH by the time they present.
- ACH presentations include both a pre-circulated paper and a brief presentation at the conference. Papers can be written in English, French or Spanish, and can be no longer than 25 typed, double-spaced pages using 12-point font. This includes notes and references. Presentations are intended to introduce the highlights of this written work, and so are strictly limited to 10 minutes. You are kindly requested not to read (an abbreviated version of) your paper at the conference.
- Poster presentations include both a shorter pre-circulated paper summarizing research to date (no more than 10 typed, doubled-spaced pages using 12-point font, including notes and references). Presentations at the conference will be limited to no more than 5 minutes and 10 PowerPoint slides.
- Papers for both panels and for poster presentations will be made available online at the ACH website in advance of the conference and can be accessed only by those who pre-register and pay their registration.
- To allow time to format and post material, presenters should email papers (as a Microsoft Word file) **NO LATER THAN March 15, 2019** to: Gelien Matthews, ACH Conference Coordinator, at achconference@gmail.com

If, after your proposal has been accepted, you find you are unable to attend, please inform the ACH Conference Coordinator as soon as possible in order to allow us to adjust the programme. All proposals for the 2019 ACH Conference, with translated abstracts and CVs, should be sent by email to:

Gelien Matthews, Conference Coordinator, Association of Caribbean Historians:
achconference@gmail.com.

[The deadline for proposals is October 15, 2018. We look forward to your submissions.](#)

ACH Paper or Poster Proposal

51st Annual Conference, Curaçao, May 26-30, 2019

Please indicate whether you are applying to present a paper or a poster:

- Paper (paper presentations include both a pre-circulated paper and a brief presentation at the conference. Papers can be written in English, French or Spanish, and can be no longer than 25 typed, double-spaced pages using 12-point font. This includes notes and references).
- Poster (poster presentations include both a shorter pre-circulated paper summarizing research to date of no more than 10 typed, doubled-spaced pages using 12-point font, including notes and references, and a brief presentation at the conference during the scheduled poster session - no more than 10 PowerPoint slides).
- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants list provided to participants.
- Check here if you would like to be considered for the Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Award (see the ACH website for eligibility requirements:
<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/travelfund.htm>)

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 10 of the July 2018 *Bulletin*, list that theme here: _____

Paper or Poster Title: _____

Presenter: _____

Institution and
Address: _____

Email: _____

Please remember to attach an abstract in English, Spanish and French, of NO MORE than 250 words, describing your project, as well as a brief (no more than 3-page) curriculum vitae.

Proposals and all supporting materials are due by October 15, 2018 (those received after this deadline will not be considered).

All proposals for the 2019 ACH Conference, with translated abstracts and CVs, should be sent by email to Gelien Matthews, ACH Conference Coordinator, at achconference@gmail.com.

ACH Panel Proposal

51st Annual Conference, Curaçao, May 26-30, 2019

Panel Title: _____.

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 10 of the July 2018 *Bulletin*, list that theme here:

_____.

Suggested Chair (if applicable): _____

Institution and

Address: _____

Email: _____

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants list provided to participants.

Presenter #1: _____

Institution and

Address: _____

Email: _____

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants list provided to participants.

Presenter #2: _____

Institution and

Address: _____

Email: _____

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants list provided to participants.

Presenter #3: _____

Institution and

Address: _____

Email: _____

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants list provided to participants.

Presenter #4: _____

Institution and

Address: _____

Email: _____

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants list provided to participants.

Please remember to attach an abstract of 250 words in English, Spanish and French, for each proposed paper, as well as a brief CV(no more than 2 pages).

Proposals and all supporting materials are due by October 15, 2018 and should be sent by email to the ACH Conference Coordinator, Gelien Matthews at achconference@gmail.com.

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, Barbados, 2018

PREPARED BY: Tara Inniss, Secretary-Treasurer

PRESENT: Jacques Adélaïde-Merlande; Henrice Altink; Jennifer Anderson; Roy Augier; Rikki Bettinger; Richard Blackett; Kristen Block; Kirland Bobb; Randy Browne; Bridget Brereton; Heather Cateau; John Coughlin; Alissandra Cummins; Anne Eller; Maureen Elgersman Lee; Karl Flohrschutz; Marisa Fuentes; Dexter Gabriel; Philippe Girard; Richard Goodridge; Virginia Gould; Margo Groenewoud; Jerome Handler; Gad Heuman; Rosemarijn Hoefte; Sarrah Hannon; Anasa Hicks; Kesewa John; Neil Kennedy; David Lambert; Raymond Laureano; Devin Leigh; Christelle Lozere; Anne Macpherson; Woodville Marshall; Gelien Matthews; Janice Mayers; Debbie McCollin; Michelle McDonald; Roderick McDonald; Elise Mitchell; Bernard Moitt; Renée Nelson; Clara Palmiste; Rita Pemberton; Carla Pestana; Karen Quarless; Fiona Rajkumar; Allison Ramsey; Shani Roper; Edward Rugemer; Gail Saunders; Chelsea Schields; Winter Schneider; Lorelle Semley; Leonard Smith; Patricia Stafford; Godfrey Steele; Sandra Taitt-Eady; Roslyn Terborg-Penn; Pedro Welch; Wanda Williams; Swithin Wilmot; Rodney Worrell

ACH President **Rosemarijn Hoefte** called the meeting to order at 12:45pm.

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) began with a moment of silence to honour longstanding member and past president, **Fernando Picó** who passed away in 2017. **Richard Blackett** delivered a tribute and remembered the other deceased past presidents of the ACH: **Douglas Hall** and **Danielle Begót**.

Confirmation of the 2017 AGM Minutes: The May 2017 minutes were distributed electronically in advance of the AGM, and attendees asked to bring corrections and changes. As none were forthcoming, the minutes were unanimously approved. **Randy Browne** moved their adoption, seconded by **Michelle McDonald**.

Report of the Andres Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Committee (2016-17 publications):

After reading 27 submissions for the 2018 Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize, the Chair, Randy Browne, reported that the Committee is pleased to announce that the prize should be awarded to **Anne Eller's "Rumors of Slavery: Defending Emancipation in a Hostile Caribbean"** which was published in the *American Historical Review* 3, no. 1 (2017): 653-679. It is an elegantly written and richly nuanced account of the role that rumors and fears of re-enslavement played in nineteenth-century Santo Domingo/the Dominican Republic. Focusing on one of the least-studied periods in Dominican history, Eller deftly engages a wide range of challenging sources and multiple bodies of scholarship to illuminate the many ways that a commitment to defending emancipation from both domestic and external threats was at the heart of Dominican politics—a narrative that has until now been alternately erased and forgotten. Eller succeeds not only in changing the way we understand post-emancipation Dominican history on its own terms but also in thoroughly illuminating connections across imperial and geographic boundaries, in the process exemplifying the possibilities for rigorous trans-Caribbean scholarship.

Eller was present at the 50th Conference to accept her award.

Committee Members included **Randy Browne** (Chair), **Clara Palmiste** and **Jessica Roitman**.

Presentation of the Gould-Saunders Memorial Award 2018: **Rikki Bettinger** was selected as the postgraduate recipient of the award for her paper entitled, "**Comparative Reproductions: The Family in Women's Travel Writings in the Circum-Caribbean, 1800-60**"

Rikki Bettinger was present to receive her award. **Ginger Gould** and **Gail Saunders** congratulated the recipient and said a few words as a tribute to their husbands and the genesis of the award.

Nominations to the Elsa Goveia Prize

Committee: The following nominations were made to the selection committee for the article prize:

Kathleen Monteith, Dominique Rogers¹, and Anne Eller.

Report of the Executive Committee and Secretariat, 2017-2018:

The 2017/2018 Executive Committee (EC) included: Rosemarijn Hoefte (President), Heather Cateau (Vice-President), Tara Inniss (Secretary-Treasurer), Gelien Matthews (Conference Coordinator), Carla Pestana, Philippe Girard, Pedro Welch and Margo Groenewoud. The Committee met twice, on December 9, 2017 and on June 13, 2018, both times in Barbados. The EC especially wishes to thank the Department of History and Philosophy at The University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill Campus and members of the Local Organizing Committee for their support of the December 2017 meeting, including space and transportation. The main item of the December agenda was the 50th Annual Conference academic programme and local arrangements in Barbados. The EC reviewed 5 panels, 65 individual paper proposals and 2 poster proposals for the 2018 conference. Originally, the EC chose 37 papers, 3 panels and 4 posters for a total of 15 panels and this preliminary programme appears in the January issue of the *ACH Bulletin*. As some presenters subsequently withdrew, the final conference slate was 40 papers on 13 panels and 4 posters, including two local panels. Two special roundtables were organised to commemorate the 50th Conference and the devastating impacts of the 2017 Hurricane Season.

ACH Membership and Dues Information: Over the past year, the ACH has welcomed many new members, and welcomed back several returning members. These include (as of May 15, 2017):

- **3 new Life Members:** Richard Escalante (The UWI, St. Augustine Campus), Rosemarijn Hoefte (KITLV) and John McCusker (Trinity University)
- **1 renewed Institutional Member:** the Barbados Museum and Historical Society
- **85 New Members or Member Renewals:** names and institutions of these members appeared, or will appear, in the January and July 2018 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.
- **29 New Student Members or Member Renewals:** names and institutions of these members appeared, or will appear, in the January and July 2018 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.²

Activities of the Secretariat: The ACH published two issues of its newsletter, the *Bulletin* (July 2017 and February 2018), which included the 2018 conference call for papers and local arrangements information, and the preliminary programme respectively. Calls for papers and announcements about the conference were also advertised on H-Net listservs (such as H-Caribbean and H-Atlantic), as well as several Latin American/Caribbean Studies Programs. A special effort was also made to distribute press releases at all regional media houses in advance of the conference. The ACH also now has a Facebook page where all announcements about the association and its related activities and members are made.

We continued online registration and paper distribution systems to build strong coordination between the Secretariat and Co-Conference Coordinators, which managed conference paper collection, reformatting and posting to the web, and communications with the LOC. The Secretariat also oversaw conference registration, tracking both manual and online payments (conference registration monies were disbursed to the LOC, and membership funds retained by the ACH). Registration included 123 persons.³ As of June 15, there were 115 new

¹ Dominique Rogers subsequently informed that she was unable to participate.

² NOTE: For comparison, in 2017 we had 2 new Life Members, 1 institutional member, 49 new or renewed members, and 28 new or renewed student members.

³ These include only paid registrants including Guests. However, it is noted that the LOC used

and renewed memberships (in all categories) since last year's conference.

Interest rates remain low for checking, money market and certificate of deposit accounts. One portion of ACH funds (\$56291.05 US) is deposited in a Business Growth Savings/Money Market Account at an interest rate averaging .75-1.5%; the balance is in an interest-bearing Commercial Checking account (\$23045.73 US).

The EC decided to launch an extensive fundraising campaign over 2017-18 to take advantage of the visibility resulting from the commemoration of the 50th Conference and to boost the ACH's financial position so that important projects can be undertaken to increase outreach (especially through the Gould-Saunders Fund), obtain legal status and provide more assistance to LOCs in organizing the conference. As such, a small Fundraising Committee was organized among members: **Richard Blackett**, **Roderick McDonald**, **Rita Pemberton** with support from the Secretariat and **Rosemarijn Hoefte** and **Heather Cateau**. The following activities were undertaken:

1. A Letter Appeal to Life Members to become Benefactors and/or contribute to the Gould-Saunders Endowment Fund.
2. An Appeal to Members to renew their membership
3. The 2nd Silent Auction Sale for the Gould-Saunders Endowment Fund
4. Limited Edition ACH@50 T-Shirt Sale

The activities were successful in that several long-time members appreciated the renewed contact and went on to contribute generously to the ACH as a result of the appeal. We had 14 members respond to the appeal with three giving a USD\$1000+ donation to the Gould-Saunders Endowment Fund (**Richard Lobdell**, **Richard Blackett** and **Virginia Gould**). Six members also became Benefactors (USD\$ 579.30), while the rest contributed smaller donations to the Gould-Saunders Endowment Fund. The total fundraised for the Gould-

sponsorship to register participants and volunteers. The total number of attendees exceeded 140 persons daily.

Saunders Fund through this appeal was USD\$3403.72.

The response, in terms of donations, to the 2nd Silent Auction was also promising as we appealed to the publishers of the Elsa Goveia Book Prize winners to donate books as well our members to donate various local and regional items for sale at the auction. Several local (Barbadian) corporate donors such as Chancery Chambers, St. Nicholas Abbey, West Indian Rum Distilleries, Mount Gay Rum Earthworks Pottery also donated items to the 2nd Silent Auction.

That being said, we would also like to propose that we have a discussion to raise membership fees so that by next year we can raise fees to support the increasing administrative costs associated with organization (online payment fees, webmaster, etc.) and getting us in a better financial position to support some of the projects outlined above – publications, travel awards, help to LOCs, planning and outreach, etc. We propose USD\$25 for students (it is now \$15) and USD \$50 for full members (it is now USD \$40). Institutional membership is now USD\$80 but could be \$100. Life memberships are USD \$400 so they could be USD \$500. These rates would take effect from July 1, 2018. We propose that the USD \$400 Life Membership remain in place until June 30, 2019 to encourage members to take out Life Membership before the increase takes effect, and so that we can boost our financial position.

At this point the EC opened discussion to the floor for members' input. Although most members agreed that an increase would be necessary, a number of members suggested that additional categories (i.e. for teachers and heritage organizations). **Kristen Block** suggested that a tiered system for full members could be explored similar to the American Historical Association (AHA), which has a tiered system of membership based on a USD\$ income scale. The suggestion found support with a number of other members including **Roslyn Terborg-Penn** and **Anne Eller**. The EC took the matter under advisement and will discuss further.

ACH@50 Projects: In addition to the fundraising projects outlined above. The EC was also

involved in the following projects to help commemorate the 50th Conference:

1. **ACH@50 Continuity, Change and Challenge Museum Exhibit**, which was sponsored by Brill Academic Publishers and curated by the BMHS. A number of ACH Members were called on to contribute to the content and design of the ACH@50 exhibition which will be launched at the BMHS June 14, 2018 and remain open until June 29. Members will be invited to tour the exhibit during the launch and before the conference dinner/fête on June 14. The exhibit charts the development of the conference and the ACH from 1969 to the present while also highlighting its contributions to Caribbean culture and history. It is interactive and will also be available as an online exhibit at a later date.
2. **Journal of Caribbean History (JCH) Special Edition**. The Editor of the JCH has invited members/presenters to contribute to the JCH in a special ACH edition of the journal(s). Indications of interest in participating in the Special Issues may be sent to **Kathleen Monteith**, Editor of the JCH at kathleen.monteith@uwimona.edu.jm. The submission of articles can be made before the June 2018 conference, but no later than 31 July 2018.
3. **WIFAC Repository**. This year we finally settled the longstanding question of where the ACH archive would be held. Since 1969, members have amassed a great number of materials associated with the organization including correspondence, papers, memorabilia, photos, etc. and the EC decided that in line with international best practice and the fact that we are a regional organization that has records spread across the world, that we would deposit the ACH Archive at the West Indies Federal Archives Centre which has a mandate to collect and preserve the records of regional organizations. The ACH archive is the first regional

academic organization to house its records at WIFAC. They will help us to digitize the ACH Bulletin as well as some of our administrative records for ease of access by the Secretariat. WIFAC is, of course, not the only archive since several regional libraries also house parts of the ACH archive such as unpublished papers.

4. **ACH@50 Tree Planting**. On June 8, 2018 the ACH President, Secretary-Treasurer and Founder Member Emeritus Professor Sir **Woodville Marshall** planted a Ma'afala breadfruit tree at the BMHS to commemorate the ACH's 50th Conference and its ongoing supportive relationship with regional heritage organizations.

At this point **Margo Groenewoud** was invited to provide a framework for discussion for the question of access to ACH Papers which has been a part of the EC's activities for the year arising from the concern that since the association initiated online access to papers for conference participants, we needed to have a digital policy for the access, storage and use of that content to protect the intellectual property of conference presenters.



three issues

- ACH conference: vision & positioning
 - what do we want to be
 - consequences
- legal & academic technicalities
 - copyright
 - intellectual property
 - definition and rules of publishing
- digital age technicalities
 - repositories for conservation and/or distribution
 - technical embargo
 - licensing ('creative commons')

1
ACH Vision

- what do we want to be
 - safe space for 'testing waters'
 - place to connect to editors
 - platform for new and local researchers
- results
 - some will find way to publication
 - some papers are intended as final
 - publishing later on may not happen
- consequences
 - all papers: store for conservation purposes (archiving)
 - some papers: put embargo to decide later
 - some others: provide open access as option

2
legal

- intellectual property
 - will always be yours
 - still needs protection
 - power with you to negotiate, license and publish
- copyright
 - commercial and legal consequences of publishing
- definition and rules of publishing
 - providing online access in repository counts as a 'publishing'
 - one article may be published twice: print & digital
 - power and responsibility twice with you as author
 - journals use tools to guarantee work is yet unpublished

3
digital age

- repositories for conservation and/or distribution
 - Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC)
 - UWI Space
- technical embargo
 - when 'hidden' still full text searchable?
 - counts as not published?
 - well-hidden for tools that publishers use?
- licensing ('creative commons')
 - option for author to provide license to publish in repository
 - policy and procedures needed

and ensure that the 50th Conference was a success. We also understand the UWI Student Volunteers and the Faculty of Humanities and Education office played a tremendous role in ensuring the conference's success. Special thanks are also due to the Barbados Museum and Historical Society, which continues to be an active supporter of the ACH regionally, but also when we are hosted in Barbados. We also extend appreciation to our new partners, the West Indies Federal Archives Centre (WIFAC), which agreed to collect and preserve the ACH archives in a signing that took place on June 7, 2018. We also would like to thank UWITV for helping to promote the ACH and its membership as we bring more focus on the need for Caribbean History.

The EC commends the LOC on an excellent job hosting the conference in the current fiscal environment in which Barbados finds itself. As it is the occasion of the 50th Conference, we could not have imagined more effort being placed in marking this important milestone for our organization especially within The UWI's 70th Anniversary celebrations. The venue sponsored by the Vice Chancellor's office has been the ideal space to reflect on our historic relationship with The UWI. We especially would like to thank the staff of the Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination (EBCCI) who daily considered the needs of our members with both care and professionalism. The EC also thanked the efforts of the translators.

We would also like to thank all of the local/regional sponsors of the ACH Conference especially the UWI Vice Chancellor's Office, Arts and Sport Promotion Fund (Ministry of Culture); Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) and many other organisations, which came on board to recognise our achievement as a regional organization. We extend special appreciation to the Peter Moores Barbados Trust which immediately came on as a local sponsor and helped us to host local teachers and Panel #5: Special Roundtable -- Hurricane Impacts on Caribbean Educational & Heritage Sites: Urgent Needs and Long Term Challenges. The funding helped to support the attendance of two of our members who experienced the devastating impacts of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017.

Preparation for the 2018 ACH Annual Conference—Barbados: We are grateful to members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) who kept the Executive Committee informed on the preparations of the 50th Annual Conference, especially in the light of several challenges on the ground in securing a venue. Since two of our EC members were on the ground, they could stay close to preparations

We also acknowledge the presence of CARBICA President, **Rita Tjien Foooh**, from the National Archives on Suriname who continued to foster the ongoing relationship between archivists and historians working in the region.

We also thank Brill Academic Publishing, which sponsored the ACH@50 Continuity, Change and Challenge Museum Exhibit at the Barbados Museum and Historical Society.

Special thanks is extended to Ellen Sitinjak, the Supporting Staff, HR assistant and Coordinator ICT at KITLV who lent the Secretariat tremendous support in carrying out its activities over 2017-18.

Future Project: The EC will embark on the following projects for 2018/19:

1. Obtaining Legal Status for the Organisation and Creating a Sustainable Financial System/ Model for the Organisation
2. Continuing outreach and advocacy to promote Caribbean History teaching and learning as well as the preservation of records especially with regional bodies such as CXC and CARBICA.
3. Finding a suitable repository for ACH Papers.

Preparation for Future ACH Annual Conferences: The 2019 ACH Conference has been scheduled for Curaçao. The main theme that has been decided is “Resistance: Views from the Margin”. **Margo Groenewoud** offered information regarding the composition of the LOC and other details in her brief report.



ACH 2019
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HOSTING PARTNERS

PRELIMINARY ORGANISATION

- Margo Groenewoud, PhD (UoC Research Center, chair)
- Rose Mary Allen, PhD (UoC Cultural Studies & ACH member)
- Elisabeth Ehteld, PhD (UoC Dean General Faculty)
- Max Scriwaneck, MA (Director National Archives)
- Ron Gomes Casseres, MsC (Director Mungui Maduro Library & Museum)
- Dimitri Cloose, MA (Director NAAM)
- Su Girgori, MA (Independent researcher & member LOC ACH Curaçao 2012)
- Erwin Gibbs, MA (president Friends of the Archives & history teacher)



SUGGESTED DATES:
26-30 MAY 2019

- Commemoration 50 years '30 mei 1969'
- General preference for May
- CSA & ACURIL planned 2-7 June 2019
- Availability of UoC auditorium and facilities



SHORTLISTED LOCATIONS



RENAISSANCE HOTEL
\$149/\$159 (BREAKFAST INCLUDED)



\$\$ OPTIONS OTROBANDA



\$ OPTIONS UOC CAMPUS & VICINITY

SUGGESTED EVENTS

- public lecture or lectures ('community outreach')
- align with UNA/UoC 40th anniversary
- incorporate commemoration 30 May 1969-2019
- host activities at partner locations

The EC will be reviewing proposals from Guadeloupe, St. Kitts and Nevis in 2020/21, and looks forward to additional proposals for later years.

Follow-Up Discussion: Some discussion occurred on the matter of post-graduate participation in the conference and whether

more effort should be made to both attract and welcome post-graduate students to the ACH so they could return to the conference. There was also a suggestion to have a separate post-graduate panel. **Sir Roy Augier** mentioned that the ACH has traditionally resisted special panels for post-graduate students and has operated in favour of their inclusion on all panels. **Jennifer Anderson** suggested that full members may wish to mentor new student members and to help introduce them to the ACH and to network. **Devin Leigh** also suggested that there should be a mechanism to support post-graduate students to attend the conference prior to becoming presenters. **Shani Roper** suggested that a multilingual workshop be organized for post-graduate students.

Jennifer Anderson welcomed the media outreach that was a part of the 50th Conference and especially the efforts of UWITV to interview participants and record sessions.

Ann Macpherson suggested that more secondary school students and teachers should be present throughout the sessions and that ACH members might even make themselves available to go into local classrooms to discuss historical topics and the association. **Leonard Smith** echoed this sentiment. **Tara Inniss** replied that invitations did go out to teachers and students and the LOC even found funding to support their participation so there was a presence at the conference, but members had to be mindful of local examination schedules, which would limit participation.

Report of the Nominating Committee, 2017-2018: This year's Nominating Committee included **Michelle McDonald** (convener, Stockton University), **Kathryn Dungy** (St. Michael's College), **Janice Mayers** and **Richard Blackett** (Vanderbilt University). **Rosemarijn Hoefte** (President) and **Heather Cateau** (Vice President). **Tara Inniss** continues as Secretary-Treasurer. **Gelien Matthews** continues as Conference Coordinator. **McDonald** reported that the following were elected to the EC for a one-year term: **Fiona Rajkumar**, **Stéphanie Dargaud** and **Kristen Block**. **Margo Groenewoud** who is the Chair of the LOC for the 2019 conference in Curacao was invited to

remain on the Executive Committee to assist with plans for the next conference.

Selection of the Nominating Committee, 2018-2019: Following announcement of this year's election results, **Rosemarijn Hoefte** called for nominations from the floor for the 2018-19 Nominating Committee. The following individuals were nominated and agreed to serve: **Rita Pemberton** (The UWI, St. Augustine Campus), **David Lambert** (Warwick University); **Clara Palmiste** (Université des Antilles). Committee members agreed to select their own chair from among their members. This information will be posted on the ACH website.

Any Other Business: **Randy Browne** asked the membership to reconsider two (2) requirements of the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize since the Committee could not consider articles that 1) won prizes before; and 2) articles that were co-authored. The Secretariat confirmed that there was no record of why these requirements were in place for the award. Some discussion ensued and the Secretariat was asked to reach out to members who may have been initially involved in setting up the prize to make a determination on the matter. Discussion also ensued on the matter of Submitters/Prize Winners of both the Elsa

Goveia Book Prize and the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize to be ACH members prior to submission. It is currently not a requirement of either prize. However, members were reminded that very often winners indeed become members either using their award to become Life Members or to donate to the Gould-Saunders Memorial Fund. **Richard Blackett** mentioned that he would investigate how other associations handle this aspect of their prize giving for comparison. The matter would be reported on at the next AGM.

Evaluation of the 2018 Conference: All AGM members agreed that the conference was very well organized.

Janice Mayers wished to thank the UWI Student Volunteers and particularly **Danielle Lythcott** who assisted her throughout the conference given her mobility challenges due to an injury.

Gad Heuman thanked the Secretary-Treasurer for her hard work to make the conference a success.

Rosemarijn Hoefte adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm.



ACH@50 Conference Participants at the Barbados Museum and Historical Society on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at the Fête.

ACH Financial Report, 2017-18

ACH Commercial Checking (all amounts appear in US Dollars): INCOME

A. Beginning balance Checking Account (as of 6/14/17):

\$16010.69

B. Membership Dues Income (NOTE: Paypal fees vary for U.S. versus non-U.S. transactions)

*Dues Revenue (online via Paypal through June 15, 2018)** \$5072.23

Life Members (2x \$400, less \$17.90 Paypal fee per transaction = \$764.20)

(1x \$400, less \$11.90 Paypal fee per transaction = \$388.10)

Full Members (39 x \$40, less \$1.46 Paypal fee per transaction = \$1503.06)

(24x \$40, less \$2.06 Paypal fee per transaction = \$910.56)

Student Members (8x \$15, less \$.96 Paypal fee per transaction = \$ 112.32)

(16 x \$15, less \$.74 Paypal fee per transaction = \$228.16)

Benefactors (5 x \$120, less \$3.78 Paypal fee per transaction = \$581.10)

(2 x \$120, less \$5.58 Paypal fee per transaction = \$228.84)

Contributions (1 x \$185, less \$8.44 Paypal fee per transaction = \$176.56)

(1 x \$185, less \$5.67 Paypal fee per transaction = \$179.33)

Dues Revenue (by mail or on-site in Barbados) \$795.00

Full Members (by mail, 2 x \$40 = \$80.00)

Full Members (on site, 14 x \$40 = \$560.00)

Student Member (on site, 5 x \$15 = \$75.00)

Institutional Members (1 x \$80 = \$80.00)

C. Conference Registration Income

Registration Revenue (online via Paypal) \$12882.51

Full Registration (28 x \$185, less \$8.44 Paypal fee per transaction = \$4943.68)

(31 x \$185, less \$5.67 Paypal fee per transaction = \$5559.23)

(1 x \$185, less \$12.84 Paypal fee per multi-transaction) = \$172.16)

(1 x \$185, less \$8.57 Paypal fee per multi-transaction) = \$176.43)

(1 x \$185, less \$ 3.78 Paypal fee per transaction) = \$181.22)

(2 x -\$185, for three conference refunds = -\$370.00)

(Paypal refund transactions fees for registrations = -\$13.51)

Student Registration (3 x \$85, less \$4.04 Paypal fee per transaction = \$242.88)

(6 x \$85, less \$2.77, Paypal fee per transaction = \$493.38)

Caribbean Student

Registration (1 x \$65, less \$3.16 Paypal fee per transaction = \$61.84)

One-Day Registration (1 x \$100, less \$4.70 Paypal fee per transaction = \$95.30)

(1 x \$100, less \$3.20 Paypal fee per transaction = \$96.80)

Guest Fee (3 x \$100, less \$ 4.70 Paypal fee per transaction = \$295.30)

(4 x \$100, less \$3.20 Paypal fee per transaction = \$387.20)

(2 x \$100, see above multi-transaction = \$200)

Registration Revenue (on-site in Barbados)
\$4795.00

Full Registration (22 x \$185 = \$4070.00)

Caribbean Student Registration (5 x \$65 = \$325.00)

One-Day Registration (3 x \$100=\$300.00)

Guest Fees (1 x \$100 = \$100.00)

D. Book Exhibition Income:

Book Exhibition Revenue Online via Paypal
\$48.25

Flyer Insert University of North Carolina Press (1 x \$50, less \$1.75 Paypal fee per transaction = \$48.25)

Book Exhibition Revenue (on-site or mail in Barbados)
\$500.00

Local Book Exhibitors (3 x \$100 = \$300.00)

International Book Exhibitor UWI Press (1 x \$175 = \$175)

Online Flyer Distribution Panama Dreams (1 x \$25 = \$25.00)

E. T-Shirt Fundraiser:

\$903.23

T-Shirt Fundraiser Revenue Online via Paypal
\$105.23

(1 x \$50, less \$1.61 Paypal fee per transaction = \$43.39)

(1 x \$50, less \$3.16 Paypal fee per transaction = \$61.84)

Onsite sales: \$798.00

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE + 2016-17 INCOME: \$41006.71

ACH Money Market Account (Gould-Saunders Fund), beginning balance: \$52006.89

Interest earned 2017-18: \$11.36

Contributions from Appeals:
\$3403.72

1 x \$1000, less \$44.30 Paypal fee per transaction = \$955.70

1 x \$20, less \$0.88 Paypal fee per transaction = \$19.12

2 x \$100, less \$3.20 Paypal fee per transaction = \$193.60

1 x \$100, less \$4.70 Paypal fee per transaction = \$95.30

2 x \$1000 (by mail) = \$2000

1 x \$100 (on-site) = \$100

1 x \$40 (on-site) = \$40

Contributions from 2nd ACH Silent Auction
\$1119.08

On-site cash proceeds = \$839.00

1 x \$15, less \$0.74 Paypal fee per transaction = \$14.26

1 x \$35, less \$ 1.32 Paypal fee per transaction = \$33.68

1 x \$40, less \$1.46 Paypal fee per transaction = \$38.54
 1 x \$80, less \$2.62 Paypal fee per transaction = \$77.38
 1 x \$120, less \$3.78 Paypal fee per transaction = \$116.22

Contribution from D. Paton (2017 Elsa Goveia Prize Winner) \$250.00

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE + 2016-17 INCOME:

\$ 56291.05

EXPENSES

A. Website/Communication-Related Fees:

\$2034.33

6/28/18: \$15.12 Constant Contact

5/30/17: Constant Contact pre-paid (12 months 30% discount) \$362.88

Webmaster Stormhaven Communications

\$1000.00 (Check# 1327 to Stormhaven Communications/ Nicole Scalesa)

6/12/18 Lisa Carrington Translation Services

\$50.00 (Cash)

Translation Services (One-Hour Translation)

\$606.33

- \$80.29 (+\$2.24 F/X fee) on 05/03/18
- \$26.34 (+\$0.73 F/X Fee) on 03/08/18
- \$138.79 (+\$3.88 F/X Fee) on 03/27/18
- \$48.32 (+\$ 1.35 F/X Fee) on 03/30/18
- \$68.48 (+\$1.91 F/X Fee) on 02/23/18
- \$33.43 (+\$0.93 F/X Fee) on 01/11/18
- \$17.07 (+\$0.48 F/X Fee) on 08/02/17
- \$17.07 (+\$0.48 F/X Fee) on 08/02/17
- \$86.83 (+\$2.42 F/X Fee) on 08/02/17
- \$22.53 (+\$0.63 F/X Fee) on 07/10/17
- \$22.53 (+\$0.63 F/X Fee) on 07/10/17
- \$28.97 on 06/29/17

B. Conference Expenses:

\$13945.47

- 06/01/18: \$745.49 (Outgoing Wire Transfer No. 180601006426 for BMHS ACH@50 Museum Exhibit)
- 06/01/18: \$8740.88 (Outgoing Wire Transfer No. 180601006648 Registration Monies to LOC)
- 06/01/18: \$1348.10 (Outgoing Wire Transfer No. 180601007041 T-Shirt Fundraiser Rogol Enterprises)
- 06/01/18: \$30.00 (Wire Transfer Fee)
- 06/01/18: \$30.00 (Wire Transfer Fee)
- 06/04/18: \$21.00 (Wire Transfer Fee)
- 01/04/18: \$3000.00 (Outgoing Wire Transfer No. 180104003633 to LOC Seed Money)
- 01/04/18: \$30.00 (Wire Transfer Fee)

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The above two payments included ACH "Seed Money" for Conference Expenses (\$3,000) and conference registration fees (\$8740.88).

C. Prizes

Gould-Saunders Prize (check #1328) \$500.00

Transfer: Contribution from D. Paton to MMA \$250.00

D. EC Expenses (December 2018 and June 2019 Meetings) and Secretariat \$624.85

TOTAL EXPENSES for 2017-18: \$17960.98

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY:

BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE + 2016-17 INCOME:	\$41006.71
2017-18 EXPENSES:	\$17960.98

FINAL CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE (INCOME LESS EXPENSES):	\$23045.73
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TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE (MMA) + 2016-17 INCOME:	\$56291.05
TOTAL OF ALL ACH ACCOUNTS:	\$79336.78

Additional ACH expenses were paid by external sources: 0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID EXTERNALLY: 0.00



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

The following people have joined—or rejoined—the ACH since January 2018
(*Don't see your name? You were in the winter issue if you joined before January 31, 2018!*)

LIFE MEMBERS

John McCusker, Trinity University

MEMBERS and MEMBER RENEWALS

Estherine Adams, University of Guyana
 Contance Allman, Private Researcher
 Jennifer Anderson, Stony Brook University
 Franco Barchiesi, Ohio State University
 Randy Browne, Xavier University
 Kit Candlin, University of Newcastle
 Anne Eller, Yale University
 Caroline Emmons, Hampden Sydney College
 Marisa Fuentes, Rutgers University
 Dexter Gabriel, University of Connecticut - Storrs
 Philippe Girard, McNeese University
 Reena Goldthree, Princeton University
 Christine Grant, University of Hartford
 Margo Groenewoud, University of Curaçao
 Danelle Gutarra Cordera,
 Jerome Handler, Virginia Foundation for the
 Humanities
 Anasa Hicks, Florida State University
 Aleric Josephs, The UWI, Mona Campus
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 Campus
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 Stefanie Kennedy, University of New Brunswick
 Anne LaFont, Institut national d'histoire de l'art
 David Lambert, Warwick University
 Amalia Levi, The HeritEdge Connection Inc.
 Natasha Lightfoot, Columbia University
 Raymond Laureano, Centro Estudios Avanzados
 Christelle Lozère-Bernard, Université des Antilles
 Debbie McCollin, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus
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 Renée Nelson, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus
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 Technology
 Fiona Rajkumar, University of the Southern
 Caribbean
 Allison Ramsay, University of the West Indies, St.
 Augustine
 Katherine Ramsey, University of Miami
 Michele Reid Vazquez, University of Pittsburgh

Daniel Richter, University of Pennsylvania
 Alexander Rocklin, University of Chicago
 Jessica Roitman, KITLV
 Shani Roper, Liberty Hall: The Legacy of Marcus
 Garvey
 Chelsea Schields, Elizabethtown College
 Lorelle Semley, The College of the Holy Cross
 Leonard Smith, University of Birmingham
 Randy Sparks, Tulane University
 Michelle Springer, National Cultural Foundation
 Barbados
 Monique Springer, The UWI, Cave Hill Campus
 Matthew Smith, The UWI, Mona Campus
 Godfrey Steele, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus
 Anna Suranyi, Endicott College
 Angela Sutton, Vanderbilt University
 Ingrid Thompson, Barbados Department of
 Archives
 Rita Tjien Foh, National Archives of Suriname
 Lorena Walsh, Private Researcher
 Wanda Williams, U.S. Records and National
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 Swithin Wilmot, The UWI, Mona Campus
 Kathleen Wilson, Stony Brook University
 Charlton Yingling, University of Louisville

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 Michael Bennett
 Rikki Bettinger, University of Houston
 Roman Chacon III
 Justine Collins, Max Planck Institute for European
 Legal History
 Bethan Fisk, University of Toronto
 Karl Flohrschutz, Glendale College
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 Sarah Hannon, Memorial University
 Devin Leigh, University of California - Davis
 Elise Mitchell, New York University
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Barbados Museum and Historical Society

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Join the hundreds of scholars who have already joined the Association of Caribbean Historians. Our membership year runs from **June 1 to May 31**.

Benefits include:

- Electronic subscription to the semi-annual ACH newsletter, the Bulletin.
- Early notification of conference calls for papers and registration.
- Eligibility for ACH awards and prizes.
- Notification of other events and programs beneficial to members.
- Inclusion in the premier academic institution of pan-Caribbean Studies.

More importantly, you will be part of a unique multi-lingual organization that offers an unparalleled opportunity for scholarly exchange.

There are two easy ways to join.

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form ([http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/pdf/ACH Website Membership Form, 7.22.11 \(1\).pdf](http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/pdf/ACH%20Website%20Membership%20Form,%207.22.11(1).pdf)), or join online using any major credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover) <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/membership.htm>

There are five (5) membership categories (valid until December 31, 2018):

Professional Members (\$40 a year): for faculty, public history, or governmental positions.

Students Members (\$15 a year): a special rate for graduate and undergraduate students.

Institutional Members (\$80 a year): for colleges, universities, libraries, museums, and other cultural and educational organizations.

Benefactor (\$120 a year): a higher category of giving to support the organization's activities.

Life Membership (\$400): the best membership bargain—equivalent to 10 years of annual

membership, but valid for life.

For more information about life membership, click [here](#).

NOTE: From January 1, 2019, membership fees will be going up to:

Professional Members (\$50 a year): for faculty, public history, or governmental positions.

Students Members (\$25 a year): a special rate for graduate and undergraduate students.

Institutional Members (\$100 a year): for colleges, universities, libraries, museums, and other cultural and educational organizations.

Benefactor (\$120 a year): a higher category of giving to support the organization's activities.

BUT, LIFE MEMBERSHIP WILL STAY AT \$400 UNTIL 2019-20 SO NOW IS THE TIME TO SAVE!

Please also note that there is a proposal before the Executive Committee to introduce a tiered system of membership according to USD salary scale where members will have to voluntarily select the level of membership appropriate to their situation (see the AGM Minutes from June 14, 2018 above). This proposal will be discussed at the AGM in Curaçao on Thursday, May 30, 2019. The proposed rates are as follows:

Student: \$25
 Under \$25,000: \$40
 \$25,000-55,000: \$50
 \$55,001-80,000: \$75
 \$80,001-125,000: \$100
 Institutional: \$100
 Benefactor: \$120
 Life: \$500

Members are invited to discuss the above proposal at the next AGM or send your comments to the ACH Secretary-Treasurer achsecretary@gmail.com by May 15, 2019.

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