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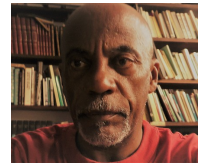
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Message from the President (*version française*)

Jean-Pierre Sainton, professeur d'histoire contemporaine à
l'Université des Antilles

Distingués collègues,

Je voudrais en tout premier lieu exprimer ma fierté et ma reconnaissance pour l'honneur que vous m'avez fait de m'élire à la Présidence de l'ACH pour l'année à venir. Laissez- moi songer avec quelque émotion à la longue existence de notre société qui a atteint l'âge de la pleine maturité. Il y a un proverbe (négatif) en créole hérité de la société esclavagiste qui dit «Nèg pa ni diraj. Zafè a neg pa ka kenbé» (*Les projets de nègres ne tiennent pas dans la durée*). Nous l'avons fait mentir.



Notre longévité est notre solidité. Nous les devons aux «Pilgrim Fathers», nos pères fondateurs qui ont eu cet éclair de génie de créer la société des Historiens de la Caraïbe, au-delà des territoires, des anciens et actuels maîtres coloniaux, en dépit des différences de langues et de cultures académiques. Honneur et respect, *Lonè epi Respé*, pour eux tous. Une pensée particulière pour ceux et celles qui ne sont plus parmi nous mais qui dorment en paix, avec la satisfaction du devoir accompli. Affectueux respect pour ceux qui sont avec nous. Je n'oublie aucun mais je voudrais en citer particulièrement trois: Jacques Adélaïde-Merlande, Woodville Marshall et une spéciale dédicace pour une personne que je considère comme mon inspirateur majeur en pédagogie de l'histoire caribéenne, le distingué et Honorable Sir Roy Augier.

Grace à eux, notre association a été construite naguère sur des fondations solides. Il n'y pas à réinventer mais à parfaire et enjoliver.

Je m'efforcerais avec l'aide, l'assistance, les conseils, l'expérience de tous les membres du Comité exécutif de prolonger nos belles traditions.

Je vous proposerais trois directions d'action:

1. Encore plus d'innovations dans nos thèmes de conférences pour susciter à chaque rencontre annuelle des thématiques de recherches nouvelles, originales. Pour que nous continuons d'approfondir notre connaissance de nous-mêmes,

dans les aspects les plus inattendus de la société, de l'économie, de la culture, des sports, de l'histoire des gens et des communautés humaines de la Caraïbe.

2. S'agissant des outils que nous utilisons, la pandémie COVID nous a contraint par deux fois d'expérimenter avec succès la conférence en ligne. Nous devons conserver ce recours mais nous nous languissons de ne pas nous voir réellement. Je souhaite profondément que nous puissions revenir dès la prochaine conférence à nos rencontres physiques, riches de nos discussions hors séances, de nos échanges fraternels et de nos fêtes (car la fête est aussi dans notre culture historique). Je pense aussi, prolongeant une réflexion ancienne, qu'il nous faut maintenant cumuler et optimiser les riches savoirs historiques que nous tirons de nos rencontres. Je propose à la réflexion l'idée d'une «Revue annuelle de l'ACH» qui publierait des sélections d'articles définitifs et corrigés des conférences passées.

3. Enfin, préparons inlassablement la succession car le temps passe vite. Les jeunes d'hier sont déjà «les grandes personnes» d'aujourd'hui. Il nous faut continuer de nous préoccuper d'élargir vers les jeunes historiens et chercheurs de tous nos territoires, les portes de la participation à l'association et de la prise de responsabilité.

Merci à Tous.

Message from the President (*English version*)

Dear colleagues,

First, I would like to express my pride and gratitude for the honor you have bestowed upon me by electing me as President of the ACH for the coming year. Let me reflect with some emotion on the now long existence of our Association, which this year is completing its 53rd meeting, the age of full maturity.

You know, there is a rather negative proverb in the Creole language which says "Nèg pa ni diraj. Zafè a neg pa ka kenbé" ("Black people can't keep hold of things. Black people can't keep their business going"). Well, we made it a lie.

Honor therefore to the "Pilgrim Fathers," our Founding Fathers who had this vision of genius which led them to take the initiative to create the Association of Caribbean Historians and take it beyond the territories of the former and current colonial masters, despite the differences in our languages and academic cultures. Honor and Respect, *Honor y respéto, Honneur et Respect, Lonè epi Respé*, to them all.

A special thought for those who are no longer with us but who Rest in Peace, in our heart and love, with the satisfaction of a job well done. Affectionate respect for those who are with us. Without forgetting any of them, allow me to mention three in particular: Professor Jacques Adélaïde-Merlande, Professor Woodville Marshall, and a special mention to a person whom I hold as my major inspiration in the pedagogy of Caribbean history, the distinguished and Honorable Professor Sir Roy Augier.

At more than fifty years old, as I said, the ACH has reached the age of maturity. Our association has acquired this maturity because the work was built on solid foundations in the past. Therefore, there is no need to reinvent but to perfect, embellish, polish. I will endeavor, with the help, assistance, advice, and experience of my colleagues on the Executive Committee, to continue our fine traditions.

Three major initiatives are underway and will continue:

1. Themes: Even more, innovations will emerge from each annual meeting and give rise to new, original themes of research, which allow us to deepen our knowledge of ourselves, in the most unexpected aspects of society: Economy, Culture, Sports, Events, Politics—all histories of people, persons and human communities in the Caribbean.

2. Means: The COVID pandemic has made us experiment with online sessions in Guadeloupe (last year) and then in Jamaica (this year). These have been successful. But, we miss seeing each other. While we hope to return to our in-person, traditional meetings at the next conference, complete with rich discussions outside of the formal sessions, fraternal exchanges, and our parties; (*nou enmé fè lafèt*—it's History too) we need to keep the

positive aspects of the online experience. For several years now, we have been asking ourselves how we collate the rich knowledge that our meetings provide. It will be necessary to evolve and devise methods that will allow us to combine the intellectual property of works-in-progress that are not yet definitive with publications that could be made more widely available. Why? In the past, ACH has preceded academic conventions and cooperation between the Caribbean universities. Today, we need to have a compilation of the histories of each Caribbean society so that we may teach the history of one another. What do you think of the idea of an ACH *Caribbean Historical Review*?

3. Successors: Generations have followed one another and the Founding Fathers have always found their successors in our various countries. But, time passes quickly. The young generations of yesterday are already the "grown-ups" of today. We still have to worry about widening the doors of participation in the Association to young historians and researchers in all our territories.

Long Live the Association of Caribbean Historians.

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Preliminary Information About the 54th Annual Conference

The Executive Committee is working to finalize plans for the 54th Annual Conference, to be held in the summer of 2023. A Call for Papers will be issued and plans announced as soon as possible.

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 in 2022-23:

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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, 2022. Ballots will be distributed in the winter issue of the Bulletin. Details for casting your vote will be provided prior to our next ACH Annual Conference or cast in person at that meeting.

2022 Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Winner: Juanita de Barros

The Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) is pleased to announce the winner of the 2022 Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize in recognition of excellence in the field of Caribbean history. The prize committee awarded this year's prize to **Juanita de Barros** (McMaster University) for "**The Death of Molly Schulz: Race, Magic, and the Law in the Post-Slavery Caribbean**," which was published in the *Journal of Social History* 55, no. 2 (2021): 345-373. The prize was awarded at the 53rd Conference of the ACH, which was hosted online by the Department of History and Archaeology at The University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus.

The prize committee, chaired by Kathleen Phillips-Lewis (Spelman College), announced that De Barros tells an engaging, accessible, well-researched tale that holds lessons for understanding and analyzing colonial dynamics not just in British Guiana (now Guyana) but for the British-colonized Caribbean, and that can grant insight into the conduct of colonial officialdom in the Caribbean colonies of other European nations. The article focuses on the murder trial of a multiracial group of men and women who were accused of the ritualistic murder of a young child in British Guiana in 1917. De Barros links the case with the imposition of anti-Obeah and all-white jury selection legislation designed to keep African, Indian and mixed labour force "in its place" and to further exclude them from the corridors of political power and access to equal justice. De Barros tells, in seemingly effortless fashion, a complex tale of the cultural crossroads that describe life on the post-slavery plantations of the British colonized Caribbean, as poor workers struggled to survive under the burdensome weight of British colonial legal and political dominance and the rigidities of its socio-economic structures. She provides insight into the racial and ethnic interactions, religion, superstition, obeah and magic, gender intersections. De Barros' article brings together in expert fashion all the ingredients of sound historical



research and analysis, and all the elements of a good read – murder, madness, magic, mayhem, machination, and marginalization, making it accessible to a wide readership from academic to a more general audience. She shows how the researcher can read archival sources against the grain, while aligning them alongside the sources that give voice to those who show up in the archives only as acted upon rather than as actors and agents, telling their own stories.

The Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall prize was launched in 1996 and is a biennial award for the best article in the field of Caribbean History. The award is named jointly for late ACH members Puerto Rican historian Andres Antonio “Tony” Ramos Mattei (1941-1988) and Jamaican historian Neville Hall (1936-1986).

For more information on the winning publication please visit: <https://doi.org/10.1093/jsh/shab005>

If you would like more information on the award, please contact the ACH Secretary-Treasurer at achsecretary@gmail.com. The next award will be made at the 55th Annual Conference in 2024. The call for submissions will be issued after the 53rd Annual Conference in 2023 and will cover publications in 2022 and 2023.

Call for the Elsa Goveia Book Prize

The ACH is pleased to invite nominations for the 2023 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 2021 or 2022 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, or others must submit nominations to the prize chair and adjudicating committee by December 31, 2022 (submissions received after the deadline will not be considered). The winner will be announced at the 54th ACH Annual Conference in 2023. It is important that one copy of the book nominated be sent directly to each member of the committee. Please ensure that all charges connected with mail or courier services are pre-paid.

Please contact the ACH Secretary-Treasurer with any questions at achsecretary@gmail.com.

Elsa Goveia Prize Committee

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Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, Jamaica, 2022 (online)

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ACH President **Heather Cateau** called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Confirmation of the 2021 AGM Minutes: The June 2021 minutes were distributed electronically in advance of the AGM, and attendees were asked to bring corrections and changes. No revisions were offered. **Gelien Matthews** moved their adoption, seconded by **Gad Heuman**.

A moment of silence honoured ACH member, **Richard Dunn**, who passed away since the 2021 AGM.

The Ramos Mattei-Hall Article Prize citation was delivered on behalf of the Committee by **Kathleen Phillips Lewis**. **Juanita De Barros**, the 2022 winner was in attendance.

Report of the Ramos Mattei-Hall Article Prize Committee (2020-21 publications):

The committee commenced its work this round with three members, **Kathleen Phillips Lewis** (Spelman College) as Chair, **Rebecca Goetz** (NYU), and **Glenroy Taitt** (the University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine). When Glenroy Taitt withdrew mid-year for personal reasons, **Margo Groenewoud** (University of Curaçao) and **Anne Ulentin** (University of the Bahamas) stepped in to join the committee.

At the submission deadline, a total of eleven 11 articles had been submitted for consideration either by the author or other nominating person. Of the eleven articles submitted for consideration, ten (10) were in English, while only one (1) in Spanish. There were no French or Dutch language submissions. An additional article was submitted after the stated deadline and therefore was not included among those to be considered for the 2022 prize. The regional spread of focus was also noteworthy: two (2) on Puerto Rico, one (1) Cuba, one (1) Jamaica, one (1) Panama, one (1) St. Kitts, one (1) Guyana, and four (4) on the General Caribbean/Atlantic World. Five (5) articles focused on 18th century or earlier period, and six (6) on the post emancipation 19th century or later.

All the articles were well-researched, well written, engaging, and groundbreaking; each making a significant contribution to the corpus of literature on the history of the region, in their own right. The task of the committee, then, was no easy one. The committee used a list of more detailed criteria for evaluating and ranking the articles independently, prior to meeting to discuss the relative merits of each article and to select, as a committee, a short list of five (5) for the second round of evaluations, and a list of two (2) options for final consideration.

Evaluation criteria included: creativity, originality, focus and manageability of topic; clarity and relevance of contextual detail supplied; originality and memorability of research question and central hypothesis, development and compelling nature of the argument, appropriateness of methodological and theoretical framework; clarity and coherence in organization; engagement with and original contribution to existing historiography; mix and documentation of source; effective use and range of primary sources; analysis and interpretation; strength of supporting evidence; felicity of prose style, and clarity of expression; applicability; accessibility.

The award-winning article, based on the extensive assessment, thorough deliberations, and unanimous vote of all selection committee members, was **Juanita de Barros, “The Death of Molly Schulz Race, Magic, and the Law in the Post-Slavery Caribbean,”** *Journal of Social History* 55, no.2 (2021): 345-373.

The article focuses on a singular event in post-slavery British Guiana, the murder trial of a multiracial group of men and women who were accused of the brutal ritualistic murder of a 2-year-old white girl, Molly Schulz. In January 1917, the child went missing from her home on the Plantation Noitgedacht, and was found a few days later, her lifeless body bearing evidence of sexual violence, torture, mutilation, all pointing to a gruesome sacrificial murder with tinges of the involvement of obeah, jadoo or both in an apparent attempt to, as de Barros puts it, “manipulate a world of spiritual power” (346) to ensure their own survival. As de Barros relates, six non-white men were convicted and executed for the murder, and two women sent to prison for 18-month terms. The trial provided the opportunity for the passage of two significant pieces of legislation designed to keep the non-white laboring class of African, Indian, or mixed ethnicity ‘in its place’ and to further exclude them from the corridors of political power and access to equal justice. The first law strengthened anti-obeah laws, imposing harsher punishments upon those found in contravention of such magic laws. The second piece of legislation banned non-white Guianese from sitting on juries, thereby reinforcing white political power and dominance, while also providing a bulwark against anti-white racial violence.

In this event, as revealed in the trial, de Barros shows the concatenation of many complex threads of post-slavery British Caribbean colonial dynamic that intertwine inextricably to negatively impact the everyday lives of the poor, creating the conditions that ensure their socio-economic marginalization and leaving them no choice but to seek questionable ‘spiritual solutions’ in the absence of other viable options. She shows, too, how, instead of examining the social problems giving rise to such desperation among the poor, the colonial government seized the opportunity to pass further punitive legislation that had even more deleterious consequences for the impoverished classes of Afro-and Indo-Guianese workers.

De Barros tells an engaging, accessible, well-researched tale that holds lessons for understanding and analyzing colonial dynamics not just in British Guiana (now Guyana) but for the British colonized Caribbean in general, and that can grant insight into the conduct of colonial officialdom in the Caribbean colonies of other European nations. The hapless death of this young girl occurred not because of who she was or what she did, but because of who and what she represented. The killing is the manifestation of an eruption of socio-economic inequities that continued to exist long after slavery was ended. It was indeed the case that “a race was freed but a society was not formed.” De Barros does a brilliant job in bringing together all the seemingly disparate threads of post-slavery colonial society showing how colonial political machinations and economic marginalization laid a foundation ripe for the efflorescence of ‘creative’ individual solutions that reek of desperation of a people who could not find a solution for their problems within the legal and political superstructure. She argues, too that not only were the activities and actions taken in their daily lives a direct consequence of the larger colonial context and social dynamic, but that these actions at the micro-level in turn shaped the larger socio-political patterns – the outcome of legal proceedings, and the direction of political debates and of colonial legislation. The cycle was a vicious one from which there was no escape.

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Nominations to the Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee: There were no nominations from the floor to sit on this Committee. AGM participants decided to allow the Secretariat to send an email soliciting nominations to the general membership following the meeting.

Report of the Executive Committee and Secretariat, 2021-22: The 2021-22 Executive Committee (EC) included: **Heather Cateau** (President), **Raymond Laureano-Ortiz** (Vice-President), **Tara Inniss** (Secretary–Treasurer), **Dalea Bean** (Conference Coordinator), **Kristen Block**, **Christelle Lozère**, and **Shani Roper**. The Committee met on December 10, 2021 and on June 8, 2022, both times online. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, members of the EC also met a number of times online in ad hoc meetings to discuss preparations for the 2022 conference. By the December meeting, it was decided that the conference would be hosted online for a second year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Jamaica. The EC wishes to thank the Department of History and Archaeology at The UWI, Mona Campus and the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), **Enrique Okenve Martinez** for their hard work in hosting the conference online especially in a challenging fiscal environment.

The main item of the December agenda was the 53rd Annual Conference academic programme. The Conference Coordinator indicated that 4 panel proposals and 35 papers were submitted. The EC accepted 2 panels and 23 papers. The final conference slate was 21 papers on 8 panels, including two local panels. Nine (9) papers were withdrawn from the conference programme.

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 June 8, 2022):

- 4 new Life Members: **Jerome Handler** (Virginia Humanities); **Judith Byfield** (Cornell University); **Tessa Murphy** (Syracuse University); **Angela Sutton** (Vanderbilt University)
- 2 Benefactors: **Jean-Pierre Sainton** (Université des Antilles); Anonymous
- 3 Donors: **Jerome Handler** (Virginia Humanities); **Jennifer Anderson** (Stony Brook University); Anonymous
- 2 Institutional Members: In the Same Sea Project (University of Copenhagen); Moravians in Geneva
- 50 New Members or Member Renewals: names and institutions of these members appeared, or will appear, in the January and June/July 2022 issues of the ACH *Bulletin*.
- 12 New Student Members or Member Renewals: names and institutions of these members appeared, or will appear, in the January and July 2022 issues of the ACH *Bulletin*. (*Note: For comparison, in 2021 we had 6 new Life Members, 1 benefactor, 6 donors; 82 new or renewed members, and 22 new or renewed student members.*)

Activities of the Secretariat

General

The ACH published two issues of its newsletter, the *Bulletin* (July 2021 and January 2022), which included the 2022 conference programme. Announcements about the conference were also advertised on H-Net listservs (i.e. H-Atlantic), as well as several Latin American/Caribbean Studies Programmes. We also used social media such as Facebook platforms to circulate information about the conference. We continued online registration and paper distribution systems. This fostered enhanced coordination between the Secretariat and Conference Coordinators and allowed for the effective management of conference paper collection, reformatting, and posting to the web, as well as communications with the LOC. The conference registration advance was disbursed to the LOC in early 2022. Initially, the LOC was going to oversee online conference registration payments. However, a decision was taken to allow the Secretariat to provide access to online conference registration and payment for the convenience of members who could not access The UWI, Mona Campus' online payment system.

Finances

Interest rates remain low for checking, money market, and certificate of deposit accounts. One portion of ACH funds (\$55,385.25 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 earning 0.5%

(\$38,616.68 US). There is an outstanding balance of \$90,02.64 (income from conference registrations and memberships) awaiting transfer to our operating accounts from PayPal.

Legal Incorporation and Banking Jurisdiction

The EC has decided to allow the next Executive Committee to determine the way forward for selecting the appropriate banking jurisdiction.

Ongoing EC Projects

The focus of ACH activity over most of 2021-22 was on ensuring a successful 53rd Annual Conference in the light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Code of Ethics

The EC will present a draft Code of Ethics developed by a sub-committee chaired by **Randy Browne** (Xavier University) at the AGM. The draft code has been circulated to the membership for comment and discussion about the next steps will follow.

CXC Task Force Report

The Report on the Caribbean Examinations Committee (CXC) Task Force on History was noted and it was stressed that the situation continues to be of concern. It was also noted that a recent CXC Governance Meeting highlighted the need to promote history teaching and learning as a part of national and regional development agenda at the secondary level across the region. The ACH will continue to monitor developments and work with The UWI Departments of History if needed.

Establishment of a Social Outreach Committee

A Social Outreach Committee will be activated. **Shani Roper, Bridget Brereton, Dexnell Peters, Juanita De Barros** and **Rita Pemberton** have agreed to serve on the committee.

2022 ACH Annual Conference—Jamaica

We are grateful to members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) at the Department of History and Archaeology at The UWI, Mona Campus for hosting our second online conference.

The EC commends the LOC on an excellent job hosting the conference especially in the light of the current economic situation in Jamaica, which hampered fundraising efforts. We would like to thank the LOC Chair **Enrique Okenve Martinez** for his hard work in ensuring the success of the conference.

We would also like to thank all of the local sponsors of the ACH Conference especially Grace Kennedy, Jamaica Producers, Guardian Group and Sagicor. We also wish to express our appreciation to the Department of Modern Languages and Literature at The UWI, Mona Campus and to Mr. Javier Bailey who assisted with the Pheedloop online conference platform.

We must also thank the Chairs and panelists for their participation in the conference and assistance with conference preparations.

Finally we wish to thank our membership for keeping the ACH tradition alive, albeit virtually. We look forward to meeting again in person soon.

Preparation for Future ACH Annual Conferences

There is some interest in bringing the 2023 ACH Conference to Puerto Rico. At this stage, details are being discussed with the Jesús T. Piñero Library and Center for Social Research in Puerto Rico. However, discussions are still in the preliminary stages so there will be no presentation at the AGM this year. We also continue to work towards bringing the conference to new destinations in the English-speaking Caribbean.

Draft ACH Code of Ethics

The AGM considered the following draft ACH Code of Ethics which was introduced by the **President** and the Chair of the sub-committee, **Randy Browne**:

ACH Code of Ethics

proposed November 2019

Purpose

The Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) is an independent, non-profit, professional organization devoted to the promotion of Caribbean history from a multidisciplinary, pan-Caribbean perspective. As the primary organization for historians of the Caribbean, the ACH is committed to promoting a safe and welcoming environment for all members and participants in its activities, including but not limited to its annual conference. The ACH is similarly committed to promoting an atmosphere in which free inquiry and free expression are encouraged as central components of rigorous scholarly interchange, collegiality, and professional development.

Because harassment, discrimination, bullying, and retaliation (hereafter “harassment”) of colleagues, students, or other participants undermines the above goals and because they are unethical and unprofessional, the ACH prohibits the harassment of all participants in ACH activities on the basis of their actual or perceived race, sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, ethnicity, national origin, disability, military status, age, or religion. Such harassment undermines the integrity of the ACH as well as academic freedom and is considered to be a serious form of professional misconduct. The ACH recognizes the distinction between appropriate and legitimate scholarly critique and debate versus harassment, and this Code should not be misconstrued as a limitation on the ability of ACH members and participants to critique one another’s scholarship. Consequently, dedication to scholarly rigor will not be considered a legitimate defense for harassment.

Expectations

The ACH expects all members and participants, including contractors, vendors, volunteers, and guests, to abide by the Code at all ACH activities and to engage in consensual and respectful behavior at all times, including formal meetings as well as official and unofficial social gatherings. Harassment can take many forms and includes a wide variety of unacceptable behaviors, which range from a single intense and severe act to multiple persistent or pervasive acts which create what a reasonable person would deem a hostile environment. Unacceptable behaviors include *but are not limited to* the following: unwelcome sexual solicitation or solicitation of physical intimacy which may include an expressed or implied reward for compliance or threat of reprisal for refusing to comply; threatening, intimidating, or demeaning speech (verbal or written); epithets, slurs, or negative stereotyping based on group identity; stalking; physical assault (including unwelcome touching or groping); and the purposeful exclusion of a person from a decision-making body such as but not limited to the Executive Committee based on their identity. Such behaviors are antithetical to the spirit and purpose of the ACH’s academic mission.

If ACH members or participants witness potential harm to another participant or behavior that undermines a safe and welcoming environment, they should be diplomatically proactive in helping to mitigate or avoid that behavior. They should also consider notifying a member of the ACH Executive Committee. Members or participants who witness a scenario in which someone might be in physical danger should immediately alert ACH leadership, security personnel, or law enforcement.

Procedures for Addressing Violations of the Code

This should be addressed by the EC.

Having considered the text, **Gad Heuman** moved to adopt the text with **Gelien Matthews** seconding. The EC will discuss the procedures for addressing the violations of the code.

Evaluation of the 2022 Conference

This was the second conference that the ACH conducted online, and members were again very pleased with the conference proceedings. **Carla Pestana** noted that she was impressed with the accessibility of the technology while **Daniel Livesay** and others appreciated the virtual tours such as the Kingston Creative tour.

Themes/Sub-themes

The following themes were submitted for consideration for the 54th ACH Conference:

- Heritage Tourism
- Disaster Capitalism
- Health, Wellness and Nutrition
- Reparatory Justice

- Caribbean through Globalisation
- Caribbean Pioneers
- Languages, Multiculturalism, and Conceptual Thought in the Caribbean
- The Caribbean – Lessons for Negotiating a Changing World
- Musicians and Musical influences in the Caribbean

Report of the Nominating Committee

Janice Mayers (Chair) delivered the report. The following candidates were elected for the EC after the organisation's first online ballot:

Jean-Piere Sainton (Université des Antilles), President
Carla Pestana (UCLA), Vice-President
Randy Browne (Xavier University), Secretary-Treasurer
Dalea Bean (The UWI, Mona Campus), Conference Coordinator
Kristen Block (University of Tennessee), Member
Terencia Joseph (University of the Southern Caribbean), Member
Shani Roper (The UWI, Mona Campus HQ), Member

Heather Cateau (The UWI, St. Augustine Campus), was asked as outgoing President to remain on the Executive Committee as an Ex-officio Member

Nominations to the 2022-23 Nominating Committee

The following members were nominated to serve on the 2022-23 Nominating Committee: **Debbie McCollin**; **Michelle McDonald**; and **Celia Naylor**.

Any Other Business

No other business was discussed. However, the **President** wished to record the ACH's appreciation for **Tara Inniss'** service as Secretary-Treasurer to the organization over the last six (6) years. She noted especially the service given through the COVID-19 pandemic and recent maternity leave.

Heather Cateau adjourned the meeting at 11:25am.

ACH Financial Report, 2021-22

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

INCOME

A. Beginning balance Checking Account (as of 7/01/21): **\$39,560.99**

B. Membership Dues Income (NOTE: PayPal fees vary for U.S. versus non-U.S. transactions)
Dues Revenue (online via PayPal through June 30, 2022): **\$6,236.77**

Life Members (3x \$500, less \$17.94 PayPal fee per transaction = \$1,446.18)
 (1x \$500, less \$14.70 PayPal fee per transaction = \$485.30)

Institutional Members (1x \$100, less \$5.48 PayPal fee per transaction = \$94.52)
 (1 x \$100, less \$3.98 PayPal fee per transaction = \$96.02)

Tenure Members (6 x \$75, less \$4.23 PayPal fee per transaction = \$424.62)
 (5 x \$75, less \$3.11 PayPal fee per transaction = \$359.45)

Full Members	(20x \$50, less \$2.99 PayPal fee per transaction = \$940.20) (2x \$50, less \$2.50 PayPal fee per transaction = \$95.00) (21x \$50, less \$2.24 PayPal fee per transaction = \$1,002.96)
Student/Teacher/Retiree Members	(7x \$25, less \$1.74 PayPal fee per transaction = \$162.82) (7 x \$25, less \$1.36 PayPal fee per transaction = \$165.48)
Benefactor	(1x \$150, less \$5.73 PayPal fee per transaction = \$144.27) (1x \$150, less \$7.98 PayPal fee per transaction = \$142.02)
Donation	(1x \$500, less \$14.70 PayPal fee per transaction = \$485.30) (1x \$100, less \$3.98 PayPal fee per transaction = \$96.02) (1x \$100, less \$3.38 PayPal fee per transaction = \$96.62)

C. Conference Registration Income

Registration Revenue (online via PayPal and The UWI, Mona Campus): \$4,973.03

Full Registration	(21x \$85, less \$4.73 PayPal fee per transaction = \$1,685.67) (3x \$85, less \$4.40 PayPal fee per transaction = \$241.80) (12 x \$85, less \$3.46 PayPal fee per transaction = \$978.48) (1x \$85, less \$3.21 PayPal fee per transaction = \$81.79)
Student Registration	(3x \$45, less \$2.74 PayPal fee per transaction = \$126.78)
One-Day Registration	(5x \$30, less \$1.99 PayPal fee per transaction = \$140.05) (1x \$30, less \$1.54 PayPal fee per transaction = \$28.46)

Total collected via PayPal: \$3,283.03 (processed through ACH accounts)

Registration Revenue (online via The UWI Mona Campus)

Full Registration (19x \$85 = \$1,615.00)
Student Registration (1x \$45 = \$45.00)
One-Day Registration (1x \$30 = \$30.00)
Total Collected via The UWI Mona \$1,690.00

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE + 2021-22 INCOME = \$49,080.79

ACH Money Market Account (Gould-Saunders Fund), beginning balance: \$55,375.12

Interest earned 2021-22: \$11.07

Donation \$96.02

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE + 2021-22 INCOME/ EXPENSES = \$55,482.21

EXPENSES

A. Website/Communication-Related Fees:

Translation Services (One Hour Translation): \$807.29

- \$103.08 on 07/06/21 (Payment from PayPal Account)
- \$133.34 on 07/30/21 (Payment from Bank Account)
- \$136.07 on 05/15/22 (Payment from Bank Account)
- \$92.57 on 06/11/22 (Payment from Bank Account)
- \$50.63 on 06/25/22 (Payment from Bank Account)

Constant Contact Monthly Billing Jan.-June 2022, 6 @ \$48.60: \$291.60

B. Conference Expenses: \$4,223.03

- \$40.00 wire service charge on 04/05/22 for ACH Advance to LOC
 - \$3000.00 Advance to LOC on 04/05/22
 - \$900.00 Grant to LOC for French Translation Costs (wire transfer)*
 - \$283.03 Surplus Registration Fees to LOC (wire transfer)*
- * Transaction completed on 07/15/2022 via wire transfer to LOC (The UWI, Mona Campus)

C. Transfers:

\$96.02 Donation transferred to Gould-Saunders Account

TOTAL EXPENSES for 2021-22: \$51,26.34

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY:

BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE + 2021-22 INCOME:	\$49,080.79
2021-22 EXPENSES:	\$51,26.34
FINAL CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE (INCOME LESS EXPENSES):	\$43,954.45
BEGINNING MMA BALANCE + 2021-22 INCOME/ EXPENSES:	\$55,482.21
TOTAL OF ALL ACH ACCOUNTS:	\$99,436.66

Additional ACH expenses were paid by external sources:

Expenses of the Secretariat (UWI)

- *ACH Annual Conference (June 2022): \$85.00*

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID EXTERNALLY: \$85.00

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Welcome to Our New and Renewed Members

The following people have joined—or rejoined—the ACH since January 2022.
(*Don't see your name? You were in the July issue if you joined before January 31, 2022.*)

LIFE MEMBERS

Judith Byfield, Cornell University
Tessa Murphy, Syracuse University
Angela Sutton, Vanderbilt University

BENEFACTORS

Jean-Pierre Sainton, Université des Antilles
Anonymous

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

In the Same Sea Project (University of Copenhagen)
Moravians in Geneva

MEMBERS and MEMBER RENEWALS

Henrice Altink, University of York
Jennifer Anderson, Stony Brook University
Franco Barchiesi, Ohio State University
Dalea Bean, The UWI, HQ
Michael Becker, Duke University
Nicole Burrowes, University of Texas, Austin
Rocio Cabanillas, Universidad de Sevilla
Henderson Carter, The UWI, Cave Hill
Jeanette Corniffe, The UWI, Mona
Natalia Da Silva Perez, University of Copenhagen
Antonio Gaztambide, Universidad de Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras
Shantel George, University of Glasgow
Datejie Green, Independent Researcher
Margo Groenewoud, University of Curaçao
April Hatfield, Johns Hopkins University
Anasa Hicks, Florida State University
Monica Jimenez, University of Texas, Austin
Aura Jirau Arroyo, University of Pittsburgh

Neil Kennedy, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie, Howard University
Winelle Kirton-Roberts, Independent Scholar
Monique Klarenbeek, Independent Scholar
David Lambert, Warwick University
Ángel Dámaso Luis León, Universidad de la Laguna
Daniel Livesay, Claremont McKenna College
Debbie McCollin, The UWI, St. Augustine
Charmaine McKenzie, The UWI, Mona
Jorell Melendez, Dartmouth College
Elise Mitchell, Princeton University
José Fernández Montes de Oca, University of Pittsburgh
Aakeil Murray, The UWI, St. Augustine
Celia Naylor, Barnard College
Renee Nelson, The UWI, Mona
Melanie Newton, University of Toronto
Enrique Okenve Martinez, The UWI, Mona
Raquel Otheguy, Bronx Community College
Dexnell Peters, Warwick University
Nicole Plummer, The UWI, Mona
Fiona Rajkumar, University of the Southern Caribbean
Shani Roper, The UWI Museum
Jean-Pierre Sainton, Université des Antilles
Leonard Smith, Birmingham University
Anne Ulentin, University of the Bahamas
Kristy Warren, University of Leicester
Traci-Ann Wint, Smith College

STUDENT MEMBERS AND MEMBER RENEWALS

Patrick Barker, Yale University
 Domitille De Gavriloff, Independent
 Scholar
 Sarah Hannon, Memorial University
 of Newfoundland
 Christian Lebron, Universidad
 Autónoma de Barcelona
 Curtis Wallace, The UWI, St.
 Augustine

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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.

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Join online using any major credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover):
<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/membership.htm>

There are six (6) membership categories:

Non-tenured Faculty, Caribbean-based lecturers (\$50 a year): for faculty, public history, or governmental positions.

Tenured professors and other established researchers (\$75 a year): for tenured faculty, public history, or governmental positions.

Teachers (primary/secondary), Students, and Retirees (\$25 a year): a special rate for primary/ secondary teachers; graduate and undergraduate students and retirees.

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

Benefactor (\$150 a year): a higher category of giving to support the organization's activities.

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