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Message from the President

Bernard Moitt, Virginia Commonwealth University

Greetings from Richmond, Virginia! It was good to see so many of you—established and new members of the ACH—at our Annual Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in May 2011, during which I was elected president along with members of the Executive Committee, some of whom are serving for the first time. Thanks are due to the outgoing members of the EC—President Fernando Picó, Heather Cateau, Kathleen Monteith and Gad Heuman, and to Secretary-Treasurer, Michelle McDonald—for their contributions. I also take this opportunity to thank the general membership for its support. And I extend a warm welcome to the new members of EC—Vice-President Rita Pemberton, Rose Mary Allen, Tara Innis, and Dominique Taffin—with whom I look forward to working.

The San Juan conference was a great success, quantitatively and qualitatively. Indeed, the number of papers presented was unprecedented, and they were generally substantive and of very high quality. Although the time allotted to each presentation was quite short (and most of the presenters respected the time limits), the papers generated sustained, substantial and spirited discussions that were enriching, intellectually stimulating and often humorous. Also, the level of attendance at the sessions was consistently high. It was particularly encouraging to see a new crop of young scholars from a wide array of universities—mostly North American institutions. The planning and execution of the conference were exemplary, and the LOC in San Juan deserves credit for a job well done. Overall, the ACH is in very good shape, but challenges remain.

Over the last several years, the participation of graduate students and faculty from all linguistic areas of the Caribbean (some more so than others) has been on the decline, whereas participation from the United States, in particular, has increased substantially. Although the ACH remains as inclusive as ever, we need to renew our efforts to revitalize the Caribbean base.

We also need to develop better mechanisms to raise funds and to select conference venues in the years ahead. As such, we should be proactive in developing LOCs in deserving locations that we have not harnessed. As we look to Curaçao in 2012, we need to engage in long-term planning and not continue to leave things to chance. These are not insurmountable challenges, and together we can tackle them successfully. To this end, I welcome your input. Please feel free to communicate with me at any time.

Best wishes for the summer!

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2011-12 Nominating Committee

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 three-person Nominating Committee selected at the Annual General Meeting. The following individuals have agreed to serve in 2011-12:

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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 serve on the Executive Committee.

According to the ACH Constitution, nominations must reach the Nominating Committee Chair no later than October 31, 2011.

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.

Advance Information: 44th Annual ACH Conference, Curaçao, 2012

The 44th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians will be held in Willemstad, Curaçao from Sunday, May 13 to Friday, May 18, 2012. Registration will open on Sunday afternoon, and sessions begin Monday morning.

CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATIONS:

All conference sessions will be held at the Renaissance Curaçao Resort and Casino, a Marriott Hotel, where a special rate is being negotiated for ACH attendees. Newly built, this hotel features modern, colorfully designed rooms, spacious balconies in all ocean- and island-side hotel rooms, high speed Internet access in all guest rooms, and wireless internet in public areas. Built within and around the fascinating Rif Fort—a nineteenth-century landmark designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site—Renaissance Curaçao is within easy walking distance of a variety of boutiques, cafés, bars and restaurants.

Hotel amenities include an on-site pool as well as access to the Infinity Beach Club. Updates about reservations and rates will be posted on the ACH website as soon as they become available. In the meantime, please visit the hotel website for information about services and amenities:

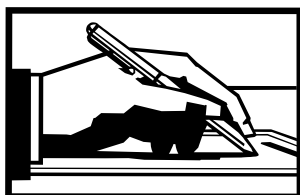
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/curbr-renaissance-curacao-resort-and-casino>



Call for Papers

The Executive Committee is pleased to receive paper and panel applications for next year's conference. Members suggested a number of themes at this year's Annual General Meeting in Puerto Rico. While papers on these ideas are encouraged, please note that applicants are welcome to submit proposals about other subjects or ideas. Instructions for submitting paper and panel proposals appear on the following page. Suggested themes included:

- "The Indigenous Caribbean"
- "Caribbean Universities"
- "Medical Biographies"
- "The Guyanas from the Seventeenth to the Twentieth Century"
- "The Press in the Caribbean"
- "The Seas from the Seventeenth through the Twentieth Century"
- "Archives and Digitization"
- "Circulation of the Press and Books in the Caribbean"
- "Afro-Caribbean Entrepreneurs"
- "Pan-Africanism"
- "Jews in the Caribbean, Seventeenth to Nineteenth Century"
- "Caribbean Independence Movements"
- "Slavery in the Dutch Antilles"
- "Vernacular Sports"
- "Role of history in Education"
- "Emancipation as an Ongoing Process"
- "Comparative Studies in the Dutch Caribbean"



Instructions to Proposers

To propose a paper or panel for the 44th Annual ACH Conference in Curaçao, please provide the following:

- Either a paper or panel proposal (included on the following two pages in this issue of the *Bulletin*, as well as posted online at <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>). Forms ask for the name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, and e-mail address for the presenter or presenters, as well as the panel convener and theme, if relevant.
- An abstract (of 250 words) for each proposed paper that indicates what new information or approach the work provides, as well as which major archival sources were consulted. Because the ACH is a multi-lingual organization **it is imperative that abstracts be submitted in Spanish, French and English**. Proposals that do not include abstracts in these three languages will not be considered for the conference.
- If the proposed speakers or panel members are not current members of the ACH, please also provide brief curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages). Also note that all conference presenters must be members of the organization.
- In addition, for panel proposals, please note that if the session is accepted:
 - Panel organizers are responsible for ensuring that:
 - 1) papers are properly integrated into the overall theme; and
 - 2) panelists submit their papers in good time and are informed of the contents of the other papers on their panel.
 - A copy of each paper **MUST** be sent to the Panel Chair prior to the conference.
 - **Please note** that while panel organizers may propose a chair, final assignment of chairs is the prerogative of the Executive Committee. Chairs should be experts in the panel field.

If, after your paper or panel has been accepted, you find you are unable to attend, the ACH requests that you inform both your Panel Chair and the ACH Secretary-Treasurer as soon as possible in order to allow us to adjust the program. This past year was a banner year for new presenters at the ACH; the Executive Committee hopes this is a trend that will continue.

All proposals for the 2012 ACH Conference, with abstracts and CVs where relevant, should be sent via e-mail to:

Michelle Craig McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer, Association of Caribbean Historians:
achsecretary@gmail.com. The deadline for proposals is October 15, 2011.

ACH Paper Proposal

44th Annual Conference, Curaçao, May 13-18, 2012

(to receive a copy of this form by e-mail, please contact the ACH Secretary Treasurer, Michelle McDonald at achsecretary@gmail.com)

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 3 of the July 2011 *Bulletin*, list that theme here: _____

Paper Title: _____

Presenter: _____

Institution and
Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Please remember to attach an abstract of 250 to 400 words describing your project in English, Spanish and French, as well as a brief (no more than 3-page) curriculum vitae if you are not an ACH member.

Proposals and all supporting materials are due by OCTOBER 15, 2011.

All proposals for the 2012 ACH Conference, with abstracts and CVs where relevant, should be sent via e-mail to:

Michelle Craig McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer, Association of Caribbean Historians, at achsecretary@gmail.com.

Proposals can also be mailed to:

Michelle Craig McDonald,
Secretary-Treasurer, Association of Caribbean Historians
Department of Historical Studies, Richard Stockton College
101 Vera King Farris Drive
Galloway, New Jersey 08205-9441, USA.

Please note that proposals received after the October 15 deadline may not be considered.

ACH Panel Proposal

44th Annual Conference, Curaçao, May 13-18, 2012

(to receive a copy of this form by e-mail, please contact the ACH Secretary-Treasurer Michelle McDonald at achsecretary@gmail.com)

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 3 of the July 2011 *Bulletin*, list that theme here:

_____.

Panel Title: _____

Convenor: _____

Institution and
Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Suggested Chair (if applicable): _____

Presenter #1: _____

Institution and
Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Presenter #2: _____

Institution and
Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Presenter #3: _____

Institution and
Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Presenter #4: _____

Institution and
Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Please remember to attach an abstract of 250 words for each proposed paper in English, Spanish and French, as well as a brief (no more than 3-page) curriculum vitae if a presenter is not an ACH member. **Proposals and all supporting materials are due by OCTOBER 15, 2011**, and should be sent by e-mail to the ACH Secretary-Treasurer, Michelle McDonald at achsecretary@gmail.com. Papers can also be mailed to the Secretary-Treasurer at: Richard Stockton College, Department of Historical Studies, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205-9441.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

The following people have joined—or rejoined—the ACH since January 2011.

LIFE MEMBERS

Herman L. Bennett, Graduate Center, CUNY
 Heather Cateau, UWI, St. Augustine
 Jonathan Dalby, UWI, Mona
 Kathryn Dungy, Saint Michael's College
 Juan B. Giusti, Universidad de Puerto Rico
 Gad Heuman, University of Warwick
 Anne Macpherson, SUNY, Brockport
 Frank de Moya Pons, Academia Dominicana de la Historia
 David Trotman, York University
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 Institute of Caribbean Studies, Puerto Rico
 Nigel Encalada, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize
 Markus Wiener Publishers
 University of North Carolina Press
 Taylor & Francis Publishers

MEMBERS and MEMBER RENEWALS

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 Rose Mary Allen, Allen Social Research and Consultancy
 María del Carmen Baerga, Universidad de Puerto Rico
 Juan Daniel Balcacer, Academia Dominicana de la Historia
 Juan Jose Baldrich, Independent Scholar
 Demetri Debe, University of Minnesota
 Danielle Begot, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane
 Ivelisse Bernier, Attorney, Puerto Rico
 Richard Blackett, Vanderbilt University
 Jose Bolivar, Independent Scholar
 Arturo Bird Carmona, Universidad Interamericana
 Anne-Marie Bruleaux, Université de Mulhouse
 Modianne Cathalina, National Archives, Curaçao
 Jose Chez Checo, Academia Dominicana de la Historia
 Winifred Connerton, University of Pennsylvania

Christian Cwik, Universität zu Köln
 Haig David-West, Purdue University
 Jerome Egger, University of Surinam
 Hector Feliciano-Ramos, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico
 Rodrigo Fernos, Universidad de Puerto Rico
 Maria M. Flores Collazo, Universidad de Puerto Rico
 Armando Garcia, UWI, St. Augustine
 Ruth Margarita García-Pantaleón, Universidad de Puerto Rico
 Antonio Gaztambide, Universidad de Puerto Rico
 Phillipe Girard, McNeese State University
 Pablo Gomez, Texas Christian University
 Frank Guridy, University of Texas
 April Hatfield, Texas A&M
 Eric Jagdew, University of Surinam
 Evelyn Jennings, St. Lawrence University
 Gladys Jiménez-Muñoz, SUNY, Binghamton
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 Aleric Josephs, UWI, Mona
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 Natasha Lightfoot, Columbia University
 Daniel Livesay, OIEAHC
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 Ines Montaud, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas
 Matthew Mulcahy, Loyola University
 John McCusker, Trinity College
 Oscar Mendoza, Institute of Caribbean Studies
 Brooke Newman, John Carter Brown Library
 Melanie Newton, University of Toronto
 Clara Palmista, Université des Antilles Guyane
 Carla Pestana, Miami University
 Fernando Picó, Universidad de Puerto Rico
 Patrick Rael, Bowdoin College
 Katherine Ramsey, University of Miami
 Zely Rivera, Dunscombe Institute
 Justin Roberts, Dalhousie University

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MEMBERS and MEMBER RENEWALS (cont.)

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 César Salcedo, Interamericana de Puerto Rico, Recinto Metro
 Kelvin Santiago, SUNY, Binghamton
 Ulrike Schmieder, Leibniz Universität Hanover
 Stuart Schwartz, Yale University
 K. Simeon-Jones, University of Southern Florida
 Sherry Ann-Singh, UWI, St. Augustine
 Leonard Smith, University of Birmingham
 Jose Sola, Cleveland State University
 David Stark, Grand Valley State University
 Brenda Stevenson, UCLA
 Jean Stubbs, University of London
 Peter Szok, Texas Christian University
 Olvidio Torres, Institute of Caribbean Studies
 Sasha Turner, Quinnipiac University
 Bernardo Vega, Fundacion Cultural Dominicana
 Hugo Rene Viera Vargas, UMET
 Molly Warsh, Texas A&M, OIEAHC
 David Wheat, Michigan State University
 Swithin Wilmot, UWI, Mona

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 Alexandre Cerqueria, Universidad de Puerto Rico
 Crystal Eddins, Michigan State University
 Claire Gherini, Johns Hopkins University
 Melissa Hernández Durán, University of Michigan
 Nadine Hunt, York University
 Carmen Hutchinson-Miller, UWI, Cave Hill
 Katrina Lashley, American University
 Sophia Lewis, Locust Hall House
 Chloe Northrop, University of North Texas
 Alcadio Matos Perez, Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe
 Pablo Rivera, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico
 Elena Schneider, Princeton University
 Laurie Wood, University of Texas, Austin

PLEASE NOTE: *The 2011 ACH Annual General Meeting approved two important changes regarding membership. First, the organization's membership year now runs from June 1 to May 31. Second, membership rates increased as of the beginning of this fiscal year, June 1, 2011. The new rates appear on the final page of this Bulletin.*

ACH receives a Grant for Translation**ACH reçoit subvention pour la traduction****ACH recibe subvención para la traducción**

The Association of Caribbean Historians has been committed to multi-lingual scholarly exchange since its inception, and in the spring of 2011, the ACH received a grant to expand this part of its mission. Beginning late this summer, a \$2,000 research and professional development grant from Richard Stockton College will support translation of the ACH website and the organization's newsletter, the *Bulletin*, into both French and Spanish.

Currently most ACH announcements and publications appear in English only. Many ACH members, however, do not speak English as their primary language; to broaden the organization's international reach and encourage a more multi-lingual dialogue between members, this grant sought to translate the ACH's chief communication tools into the two other dominant languages of the Atlantic world.

The translation itself will be completed by advanced students at Stockton College, supervised by Language Arts faculty. While this pilot grant only provides support for 2011-12, many elements of both the website and newsletter (such as calls for papers, publication and travel prize announcements, conference registration details, etc.) can be readily modified for subsequent years, so this work will reach far beyond the initial year of funding.

Translation work will begin in August, and the French and Spanish issue of the summer *Bulletin* should launch in September, while the winter issue should appear simultaneously in all three languages.

Work on the website will take place over several months, but is scheduled for completion by spring 2012. We look forward to this opportunity to improve communication and intellectual exchange between our members, and welcome any input and suggestions.

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, Puerto Rico, 2011

PRESENT: Adelaide; Allen; Augier; Bégot; Blackett; Brereton; Cateau; Cathalina; Dalby; Encalada; García de la Torre; Giusti; Gonzalez; Heuman; Hunt; Ifill; E. Jennings; J. Jennings; Jiménez-Muñoz ; Josephs; LaFleur; Lebel; Levy; Littlefield; Livesay; Lopez; Macpherson; Marshall; Mayers; Craig McDonald; McDonald; Moitt; Monteith; Newton; Occasio; Palmiste; Patterson; Pemberton; Peña Carro; Pestana; Petley; Phillips; Picó; Rivera; Santiago-Valles; Saunders; Smith; Solá; Stubbs; Turner; Vilorio; Wallace; Warsh; Welch; Wilmot.

ACH President Fernando Picó called the meeting to order at 2:55pm. The agenda was considered and approved.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Barbados: The AGM approved the 2010 minutes with minor corrections (two participants, **Woodville Marshall** and **Roy Augier**, noted that they were present at the meeting although this was not reflected in the minutes). **Gladys Jiménez-Muñoz** added that she had asked the ACH Executive Committee (EC) whether they would like to issue a statement supporting the student strike in Puerto Rico, but that the strike had ended before she returned from the conference. No additional matters arose from the AGM Minutes for discussion.

Report of the Executive Committee and Secretariat, 2010-2011: **Michelle Craig McDonald** summarized the information provided to the AGM in a written report.

The EC met three times this past year, in Barbados in May 2010, in Jamaica in October 2010, and in Puerto Rico during the annual conference in May 2011. The October 2010 meeting focused primarily on the 43rd Annual Conference academic program for Puerto Rico. The EC reviewed 16 panel and 59 paper

proposals for the 2011 conference, more than double the number of proposals in recent years. Originally, the EC chose 70 papers for a total of 17 panels, and this preliminary program appeared in the January issue of the *ACH Bulletin*. As some presenters subsequently withdrew, the final conference slate was 57 papers.

The ACH also welcomed many new and returning members including:

13 new Life Members: Herman Bennett (Graduate Center, CUNY), Heather Cateau (UWI, St. Augustine), Jonathan Dalby (UWI, Mona), Kathryn Dungy (St. Michael's College), Ada Ferrer (New York University), Juan B. Giusti (Universidad de Puerto Rico), Gwendolyn Midlo Hall (Michigan State University), Gad Heuman (University of Warwick), Susan Laura Lugo (Division of Libraries, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands), Anne Macpherson (The College at Brockport, SUNY), Raphael de Moya Pons (Academia Dominicana de la Historia), David Trotman (York University), and Nuala Zahedieh (University of Edinburgh).

1 new Benefactor: Edward Rugemer (Yale University).

7 Institutional Members: Ian Randle Publishers, Markus Wiener Publishers, and the Institute for Caribbean Studies at the University of Puerto Rico, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize, University of North Carolina Press, Taylor & Francis Publishers, Ediciones Puerto.

78 New Members or Member Renewals: names and institutions of these members appeared, or will appear, in the January and June 2011 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.

42 New Student Members or Renewals: names and institutions of these members

appeared, or will appear, in the January and July 2011 issues of the ACH *Bulletin*.

The Association now has a directory of 597 members and past members of all categories, although not all are current in their dues. The Secretariat updated member contact information using e-mail lists from the previous two Secretary-Treasurers and conference programs since 2001.

The Secretariat also revised the ACH website and thanked the EC for their time and effort in reviewing the material posted thereon (<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>) Funding for this website development was provided by a donation from an outside grant, and will continue through the 2011-12 year (see the 2011 financial report).

The ACH published two issues of its newsletter, the *Bulletin*, in June 2010 and January 2011, which included the 2011 conference call for papers and preliminary program. Calls for papers and conference announcements also appeared on fifteen H-Net listservs (such as H-Caribbean and H-Atlantic), as well as to over fifty Latin American/Caribbean Studies Programs, resulting in an appreciable increase in panel and paper applications this year.

The inauguration of online registration and paper distribution necessitated increased coordination between the Secretariat, who managed conference paper collection, reformatting, and posting to the web, and the Local Organizing Committee (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). Both numbers of members and conference attendees rose this year; registration was 127 as of May 17, and the number of new and renewed memberships (in all categories) since last year's conference is 132.

The Secretariat was less successful in establishing a solid banking and investment

portfolio for the ACH. Most funds have been consolidated (the Puerto Rico account was closed last fall and proceeds deposited into the current US-based ACH operating account, and only a very small balance remains in the ACH Barbados account). One portion of ACH funds was deposited in a 15-month CD which matures on October 23, 2011; the balance remains in an interest-bearing Commercial Checking account. The Secretariat researched several investment options, including government bonds, but these are not available to the ACH as it is not registered as a business, nor incorporated as a local or federal non-profit. The ACH was incorporated as a non-profit in 2002 in Puerto Rico, but its status lapsed when accounts left the U.S. The ACH will be re-registered as a non-profit as soon as possible.

The EC then raised several constitutional considerations. The Constitution defines the fiscal year as 1st April to 31st March. As the ACH conference has been held in May for several years, and memberships and conference fees frequently extend into May, the Executive Committee proposed redefining the fiscal year as June 1st to May 31st. **Swithin Wilmot** asked what impact this might have if the conference moved back into April, and **Craig McDonald** responded that such a change would accommodate either a conference in April or May (as the fiscal year would end May 31). The current system does not technically allow for either as the fiscal year ends April 1. The motion passed unanimously.

At present, the constitution includes no mention of the Gould-Saunders fund. The Executive Committee sought permission to create an amendment defining the fund's goals and management. **Augier** cautioned against such specificity in the Constitution, though **Jiménez-Muñoz** noted that some statement about prize fund management and award processes would be necessary to satisfy the requirements of non-profit registration. **Tiffany Patterson** supported

Augier, suggesting that the Constitution might become unwieldy if every gift received specific mention. **Juan Gonzales** noted that prior non-profit registration required both a Constitution and a set of Bylaws, and proposed that more detailed information about specific gifts appear in the latter. **Craig McDonald** agreed to do more research about the nature of non-profit incorporation and report back to the EC, but emphasized that this could not wait until the next AGM for approval. The AGM voted unanimously to empower the EC to pursue non-profit incorporation.

The ACH has not raised membership rates since its inception; members were asked to consider increasing membership fees to-- Professional Member: \$40.00; Student Member: \$15.00; Benefactor: \$120.00; Institution: \$80.00; Life Member: \$400.00. In addition, the EC suggested adding a “gift” category to the website to enable members in all categories to consider giving an additional donation to the organization.

The EC also recommended that registration rates, which already distinguish between “Student” and “Caribbean Student,” similarly distinguish between “Member Registration” and “Caribbean Member Registration.” Finally, the EC proposed standardizing book exhibitor fees as: \$200.00 for non-local vendors and \$100.00 for local vendors.

Anne McPherson recommended that categories might be Member and Non-Caribbean Member rather than Member and Caribbean Member. **Melanie Newton** and **Augier** asked why the EC suggested such differentiation at the professional level. **Heather Cateau** replied that this was intended to recognize the different circumstances of ACH members. **Pedro Welch** added that the LOC is charged with setting conference registration rates. **Craig McDonald** clarified that the EC is not intending to set rates, but to define categories of registration. **Newton** and **Jean**

Stubbs proposed that registration be differentiated by income level rather than geography, but **Jacques Adelaide** thought that any proposal based on difference—geographic or economic—other than student and professional, might indicate, even unconsciously, some level of discrimination and held that the categories should be as simple as possible. The EC agreed to maintain the current registration categories, which included professional, institution, student, and Caribbean student.

A motion to accept the increase in dues, addition of a “gift” category, and revised book exhibitor fees passed unanimously.

Welch reminded the AGM that the LOC should provide the EC with a detailed financial report and that any surplus from the conference should be refunded to the ACH. **Marcial Ocasio**, chair of this year’s LOC, agreed that, once all outstanding balances are paid and donations received, any funds remaining would be remitted. **Roderick McDonald** noted that as registration is now handled centrally rather than through the LOC, the EC already has a better idea of conference finances; **Welch** responded that registration fees represent only a portion of the total conference budget. **Gonzalez** added that LOC financial reports were published in the *Bulletin* in the past, and encouraged reviving this practice.

A last reporting item noted that the Secretariat has secured a grant from Richard Stockton College to translate the ACH website and *Bulletin* into French and Spanish this coming year.

Financial Report, 2010-2011: Copies of the report were distributed to the AGM. **Craig McDonald** noted that most funds have been consolidated from Puerto Rico and Barbados. The Puerto Rico account was higher than previously reported by almost \$1,700, and additional income came from the University of North Carolina Press, which provides small royalty payments to the ACH. No additional

questions were forthcoming. A full account of income and expenses is published below.

Elsa Goveia Prize: The 2009-10 Elsa Goveia prize was awarded Monday, May 16, at the opening reception. The committee's award report appears on page 17 of this *Bulletin*.

Jiménez-Muñoz, a member of this year's prize committee, suggested that deadlines for prize notification should be sufficiently early to ensure that recipients can attend the conference should they choose to do so, and that one member of each committee continue to the next prize round to ensure continuity between awards.

Andres Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize: The 2009-10 committee reported a lower than normal number of submissions and recommended that the competition be extended another year. The EC concurred, as did the AGM. **Macpherson** asked how many articles the committee normally considered; **Gonzalez** noted that it has been as high as 20 or 30 articles. **Welch** suggested that the prize be advertised more extensively, and **Kelvin Santiago**, chair of this year's article prize committee, concurred. **Gonzalez** noted that in the past the prize was aggressively advertised among ACH members, who comprised the majority of submitters. A new prize committee for 2009-11 was established; **Bernard Moitt** nominated **Matthew Smith**, **Gonzalez** nominated **Danielle Bégot**, and **Sasha Turner** nominated **Melanie Newton**, who agreed to chair the committee. Those articles submitted for 2009-10 will also be considered in the extended competition.

Report of the Nominating Committee, 2010-11: This year's committee included **Richard Blackett** (convener), **Antonio Gaztambide**, and **Janice Mayers**. **Blackett** reported that the following were elected to the EC for a one-year term: **Juan Gonzalez**, **Rose Mary Allen**, **Dominique Taffin**, and **Tara Inniss**. **Bernard Moitt** became the new ACH President and **Rita Pemberton** became

the Vice President, while **Michelle Craig McDonald** remained the Secretary-Treasurer. **Moitt** accepted the new position and thanked the ACH for its confidence; he presented a brief history of his affiliation with the organization, and noted that one of his priorities would be encouraging Caribbean student recruitment, something which requires the participation of all Caribbean faculty members.

Selection of the Nominating Committee, 2011-12: Recommendations for a new nominating committee were then solicited from the floor. **Marshall** proposed **Roy Augier**, **Danielle Bégot**, and **Gladys Jiménez-Muñoz**, all of whom accepted the nomination; **Augier** agreed to chair the committee.

Preliminary Report from the Local Organizing Committee for the 44th Annual Conference, Curaçao: **Rose Mary Allen** and **Modianne Cathalina** presented on preliminary preparations for the 2012 ACH conference. The LOC chair will be **Nolda Römer** of the National Archives in Curaçao, and several other members have already been identified representing the National Library, the university, and the National Archeological Anthropological Museum. Curaçao last hosted the ACH in 1979. The LOC has already begun negotiating rates with the Renaissance Hotel in Willemstad. Other hotels nearby include the Kura Hulanda (which includes a museum about African history and the slave trade), Howard Johnson, Hotel Otrabanda, and Hotel Plaza. Several airlines fly to the island from the Caribbean, Europe, and the United States; the LOC will furnish information about visa requirements for the next issue of the *Bulletin*. The proposed field trip is a plantation tour.

The LOC proposed three possible panel themes: role of history in education; emancipation as an ongoing process; and comparative studies in the Dutch Caribbean. Organizations participating in the LOC,

including the National Archives, have hosted a number of international conferences and consider such events an integral part of their mission, which is to raise awareness of history. They are proposing a week in May 2012.

The AGM next solicited panel themes from the floor (proposed themes appear on page 3 of this *Bulletin*).

Preliminary Proposals for the 45th Annual Conference: **Nigel Encalada**, representing the National Institute of Culture and History, briefly reported that several organizations in Belize are interested in hosting the 2013 ACH conference; the ACH has never been to Belize. The National Institute is seven years old and legislatively constituted, and considers such support an essential part of its education and outreach efforts. **Blackett** added that this is a wonderful opportunity and that the ACH tried unsuccessfully to plan a conference in Belize 6 or 7 years ago. **Aleric Josephs** suggested that the University of the West Indies, which now has several branch campuses in the Eastern Caribbean, might also be able to host a conference in the future, perhaps in St. Kitts, though not necessarily for 2013.

Marshall, presenting on behalf of **Frank de Moya Pons**, offered the Dominican Republic as a second option for 2013. **Pons** has been a long-standing, if sporadic, member of the ACH and is currently chair of the Academia Dominicana de la Historia. He believed he would be able to raise the requisite \$25,000-\$30,000 US, and secure additional institutional support.

Welch asked **Encalada** if Belize thought it would be able to garner support (in terms of conference applications and attendance) from Mexico, and **Encalada** replied that his organization recently sponsored a joint Belizian/Mexican event, so the likelihood was high. **Bridget Brereton** noted that these were both firm offers, but supported Belize as the ACH has not previously been there so

such a conference held the potential to be a tremendous boost to the production of Caribbean knowledge in that region. The ACH has, by contrast, been to the Dominican Republic, a region with a stronger historical tradition that might need less assistance than Belize. She also noted that there is a history of rotating linguistic regions and 2011 was a Spanish-speaking location.

Macpherson seconded the need to vary the linguistic background of ACH meeting sites. The sense of the AGM was that the EC should consider formal proposals from both locations and render a decision; **Augier** suggested that they also consider a contingent site, in case plans for the original location fall through.

Any Other Business: **Gail Saunders** made a brief presentation about the history of the Gould-Saunders award, which was established to honor the memory the husbands of both **Saunders** and **Virginia Gould**. Both were devoted to their professions and each, in his own way, dedicated to giving back to the communities they served. They took joy from doing for others—Saunders' husband through music, Gould's through care-giving. **Eric Otremba** of the University of Minnesota was announced as the inaugural recipient of this award.

Craig McDonald outlined plans to apply for a NEH Landmarks in American History and Culture Workshop for Community College faculty based in Puerto Rico which would explore American history from an Atlantic perspective; she and **McDonald** would apply in March 2012 for two weeks of summer programming in 2013. **Marshall** asked how the ACH would benefit from partnering on such an application, and **Craig McDonald** replied that the benefits would be primarily financial—25-50 new members and a percentage of the grant's indirect costs for hosting the event. The motion to support this effort passed unanimously.

Ocasio asked the EC to consider the proposal by the Institute for Culture in Puerto Rico to publish all or a portion of the conference proceedings as a journal issue or e-book. The Institute is willing to support this project financially, and asks only that its name be associated with any form of publication; the ACH would share any profits from sale. **Augier** supported the initiative theoretically, but noted that authors would need to be solicited for permission, and recommended that details about publication arrangements be left to the EC. **Moitt** seconded that the EC would need to assess its resources and secure author permission.

Evaluation of the 2011 Annual Conference:

Adelaide suggested that the tradition of regional linguistic rotation of presidents should be respected. **Augier** expressed his thanks to the outgoing ACH President, **Picó**. **Bégot** began by thanking the LOC for their hard work, and the Secretary-Treasurer for posting papers online; she recommended that presentation times, however, be longer than 10 minutes, but also noted that there needs to be more time for discussion. She proposed reducing the number of panels and papers, and extending the time allocated to those that remain. She also noted that more effort should be made to re-motivate Antillean universities to participate—particularly their graduate students—as there seemed to be almost none represented this year.

Patterson supported the 10-minute structure as it left more time for discussion, but suggested that the ACH invest in a stopwatch for chairs to ensure accurate timekeeping. She also recommended reducing the number of sessions—some of this year's conference had very long days. **Glenn Philips** suggested

that presentation times could be expanded to 12 minutes, while **Janice Mayers** thought perhaps 15 minutes.

McDonald noted that, as papers are available online, thus allowing more time to read and process the information they contain, presentation times should be kept to a minimum to maximize discussion. Presenters need not outline the entire paper but only salient points. He also pointed out that chairs and presenters principally adhered to specified time guidelines and asked that the same courtesy be practiced by the audience, as some members dominated question sessions minimizing the possibility of others' participation. **Augier** concurred—as almost all panels ended before discussion was complete, chairs need to moderate both questions from the audience and panelists' responses. He also recommended cutting what seem to be obligatory thanks offered to chairs, the organization, and fellows panelists, etc., which take minutes in and of themselves; the audience should assume such gratitude exists. He asked that the 10-minute format be extended one more year before re-evaluation. **Bégot** added that breaks might be longer between sessions; 15 minutes passed quickly.

Gonzalez concluded the discussion by offering that the EC received so many good proposals that it was difficult to make choices, but would be conscious of the need for longer discussion times and breaks, and perhaps fewer sessions when forming next year's program panel.

ACH President **Moitt** adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm.

ACH Financial Report, 2011

ACH Commercial Checking (all amounts appear in US Dollars)

INCOME

Wire Transfers from Barbados Account (6/24/10, 9/22/10 and 9/30/11):	\$53,530.00
Transfer of Puerto Rico Account Balance (9/22/10):	\$2,024.98
Interest Income (.1-.05% annual interest rate):	\$17.97
University of North Carolina Royalties (2008-10):	\$106.13
Dues revenue since 2010 Conference:	\$4,454.74
Dues revenue at 2011 Conference:	\$489.95
ACH Registration Monies for 2011 Conference (before conference):	\$7,902.58
ACH Registration Monies for 2011 (at conference as of 6/17/11):	\$2,793.05
Book Exhibition Income (\$165 per vendor for 4 vendors):	\$660.00

EXPENSES

Wire transfer/cashier's check fees (Barbados and Puerto Rico funds, 6/24/10, 9/22/10, and 9/30/10, 5/12/11)	\$69.00
Transfer from MMA to Certificate of Deposit (CD; see below):	\$20,000.00
Website domain name renewal:	\$107.78
Translation Services:	\$250.87
Subvention paid to Puerto Rico LOC:	\$2,500.00
ACH Conference Registration Monies paid to Puerto Rico LOC (includes both online, mailed and on-site registration):	\$10,695.63
* any balance remaining after conference expenses are paid will be returned to the ACH	
Executive Committee expenses (2011 Conference):	\$240.32
Elsa Goveia Prize:	\$250.00
Gould-Saunders Prize:	\$500.00

ACH 15-Month Certificate of Deposit

\$20,000 moved from checking to a 12-month CD at an interest rate of .75%:	\$20,000.00
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Interest accrued to date	\$75.74
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TOTAL INCOME:	\$71,979.40
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TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$34,613.60
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BALANCE (INCOME LESS EXPENSES):	\$37,365.80
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BALANCE IN CD:	\$20,075.74
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BALANCE IN BARBADOS ACCOUNT:	\$75.85 US \$50.15 BD (@\$25.07 US)
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TOTAL OF ALL ACH ACCOUNTS:	\$57,542.46
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GOULD-SAUNDERS FUND:

Beginning balance of \$45,000 plus \$93.71 interest = \$45,093.71.

OPERATING FUND:

Beginning balance was US\$8,892.69 (US and BD combined); ending balance \$12,238.75. This represents an increase of \$3,391.06, primarily attributable to a \$1,711.95 accounting recalculation in our favor in the prior San Juan ACH Account, an unusually high number of life members, and the number of ACH expenses paid by external sources (see below)

Additional ACH expenses were paid by external sources, but are included below to provide a complete assessment of the fiscal year.

Expenses of the Executive Committee (EC Meeting in Jamaica; meeting space and refreshments provided by the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities & Education Swithin Wilmot, UWI, Mona).

Expenses of the Secretariat (provided by Richard Stockton College)

Travel to the Executive Committee Meeting (Oct. 2010):	\$593.44
Travel to the ACH Annual Conference (May 2011):	\$2,010.33

Website Development (Stormhaven Designs; funded by balance of a grant managed by Roderick and Michelle Craig McDonald, support to continue through 2011-12; \$2,360 was for initial design and set-up and \$1,280.00 for annual maintenance):	\$3,640.00
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Constant Contact webmail provider (sub-account added into existing corporate account managed by Roderick and Michelle McDonald; support to continue through 2011-12):	\$252.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES PAID EXTERNALLY:	\$6,495.77
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Awards and Opportunities

ANDRES RAMOS MATTEI–NEVILLE HALL ARTICLE PRIZE:

Nominations are being sought for the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize. This is a biennial award that recognizes the best article in the field of Caribbean history. Last year's deadline was extended and the current committee will consider work published from 2009 through 2011.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Any history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in a scholarly journal between 2009 and 2011 is eligible for the award, provided it has not received an award elsewhere.
- Publication may be in English, Spanish, French or Dutch.
- Work should be marked by felicity of prose style and clarity of expression.
- Multi-authored articles are not eligible.

Call for Submissions:

Authors, publishers, editors, and others interested in submitting articles for consideration must send nominations to the chair and other members of the adjudicating committee by **February 15, 2012**. The winner will be announced at the 2012 ACH Annual Conference in Curaçao.

It is important that one copy of the article nominated be sent directly by courier or airmail to **each** member of the committee. The addresses for this year's committee are:

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GOULD-SAUNDERS MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND TRAVEL AWARD:

The Gould-Saunders Memorial Endowment Fund was established in 2005 by two long-standing ACH members, Virginia Gould and Gail Saunders, in memory of their late husbands, Jeffry L Gould, M.D., and Winston Saunders, CMG. Its purpose is to provide assistance for graduate students and, in some cases, junior scholars, from universities and other institutions in the Caribbean and Central America to attend the ACH conference.

Eligibility Criteria:

To apply, a graduate student applicant must:

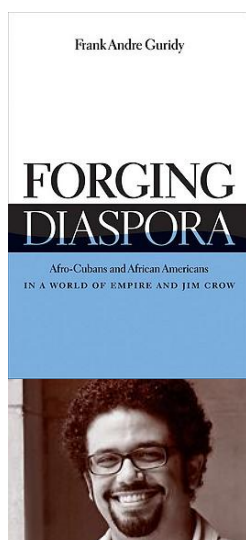
- Be a member of the ACH in good financial standing at the time of the award;
- Be in the final year of his/her Ph.D. program and apply to present a paper at the 2012 conference;
- Enclose a recent CV, letter of support from a supervising faculty member, and a paper proposal;
- Submit a budget (including an invoice from an airline or travel agency).

Junior faculty applicants must:

- Be a member of the ACH in good financial standing at the time of the award;
- Hold a permanent position in his or her department, and have been employed for 1 to 5 years;
- Enclose a recent CV, letter of support from their Head of Department, as well as a paper proposal.
- Submit a budget (including invoice from an airline or travel agency).

Applications, with all required materials, are due, either by mail or e-mail, by **December 15, 2011** to Bernard Moitt, ACH President:

Virginia Commonwealth University
Department of History
P.O. Box 842001
Richmond, VA 23284, USA
e-mail: bmoitt@vcu.edu



Elsa Goveia Book Prize Recipient announced for 2010-2011

There were 25 submissions for 2009-2010 Elsa Goveia Book Prize, and it was a difficult decision to make due to the quality of the pool. The criteria taken into consideration were: contribution to the field, (which includes a criterion of originality—of scholarly vision; quality and caliber of the research, and quality of the writing. The Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee is proud to announce the recipient for 2009-2010 is: [Frank Guridy's *Forging Diaspora: Afro Cubans and African Americans in a World of Empire and Jim Crow* \(Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2010\).](#)

In *Forging Diaspora*, Frank Guridy “documents the institutional relationships and cultural interactions between Afro-Cubans and African Americans from the U.S. intervention of 1898 until the eve of the outbreak of the Cuban Revolution.” He contends that “...Afro-descended peoples in Cuba and the United States came to identify themselves as being part of a transcultural African diaspora, an identification that did not contradict black aspirations for national citizenship.” This study examines four examples: Booker T. Washington and his endeavor to enlist Afro-Cubans in the Tuskegee Institute; the important part that Garveyism played in Cuba; the intersection between the Harlem Renaissance and Afrocubanismo; and the development of Afrocentric tourism in Cuba and the U.S. before the Cuban Revolution. These issues speak to the complexity of these connections and to the building of Afro-diasporic relationships. Guridy is able to underline the important linkages of these institutional and cultural connections and has uncovered contacts not widely known by other historian.

This book is the work of a well-rounded scholar with an in-depth knowledge of African American history, U.S. imperialism, the complex reality of Cuban race relations in the period of the republic, and he possesses an understanding of the meaningful cultural context of negritude. He provides significant evidence for and sound interpretation of how African-Americans and Afro-Cubans were able to develop throughout their contact an awareness of national difference and trans-national similarities and linkages: namely, their shared experiences as Afro-descended, oppressed, racialized subjects.

His book reflects professor Guridy's intensive and expansive research work as a social historian, an intellectual, and a thinker, and his extensive footnotes and references are an example of intellectual integrity and generosity. All of these express his signature quality of paying specific attention to historiographical detail and sophisticated theoretical engagement. His capacity to write to an interdisciplinary audience—one of the tasks of those working in the field of Cultural Studies, Cuban history, African American studies, Caribbean History, and U.S. History—is another of the distinguishing aspects of Professor Guridy's scholarship. While he takes on difficult concepts, his writing style encourages readers to think well. The quality of his work is sound. His discussions reveal his sensitivity to academic nuances and the audiences he is reaching as he deploys the sharp theoretical underpinnings which guide his work. He is clearly innovative and creative. He does not let theory master him—rather he allows it to inform his analyses and is therefore able to do his subject matter the kind of justice it deserves.

BECOME AN ACH MEMBER

Yes! I want to join the ACH. Please note, new membership rates became effective June 1, 2011.

- ☐ Professional \$40
☐ Student \$15
☐ Institutional \$80
☐ Benefactor \$120
☐ Life Membership \$400

NAME:

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Member:	Yes	No	Receipt:	Yes	No

The ACH membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. **All payments must be made in US dollars.**

Please complete this form and enclose a check made payable to **The Association of Caribbean Historians**. Mail to: Michelle Craig McDonald, Department of Historical Studies, Richard Stockton College, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205-9441.

Give Us 5 Campaign!!

A few of you have already participated in our call for new members, but in case you haven't, there is still time!

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, and is the primary association for scholarly and public historians working in the field.

Initially formed from a 1969 colloquium under the leadership of Francophone scholar Jacques Adelaide, the ACH held its first annual conference in 1972. Since then, the organization has grown to some 400 active members around the globe.

But we have room for many more.

The Executive Committee invites all members to help support the "Give Us 5 Campaign" membership initiative. The concept is simple. All of us know colleagues and friends who would benefit from ACH activities, and in turn contribute to the health and vitality of the organization.

We are asking that you provide the ACH Secretariat with the name and e-mail address of at least five such people. They will immediately be e-mailed this issue of the *Bulletin* and be encouraged to attend and present at the next ACH conference.

Please take a few minutes to look through your address book and send the names to: Michelle Craig McDonald at achsecretary@gmail.com. If we all participate, the results will be exponential!

Interested in renewing—or upgrading—your ACH membership? Use the form to the left, or visit the ACH website (<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>).

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