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Message from the President

*Heather Cateau, The University of the West Indies (UWI),
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Dear Colleagues,

I have been a member of the ACH since I was a graduate student. The assumption of the Presidency of this Association is therefore a very meaningful marker in my career. It also brings home to me the significance of this period in the history of the Association. The Association continues to grow and evolve. We continue to have challenges in areas such as finances and linguistic and geographic representation. Perhaps however, the most serious challenge is ensuring that Caribbean history has the impact that it should locally, regionally and internationally.

On a positive note, over the years there has been growth and change in critical and impactful areas which ensure that the ACH emerges resilient as it grapples with challenges common to many long standing Associations. For example, we will be introducing a new membership fee structure, which we think captures the diversity within our group. During the coming year the Executive Committee (EC) will look at other issues raised by the membership. We will continue to move forward with the consultation that has always characterized the Association.

When I think back, not just on how the ACH was founded, but also on how it has been mentored by key persons over the years, the special nature of this Association becomes apparent. Many of us have been privileged to interact with the first members of the ACH who clearly were part of a dream to create a platform for action and interaction in the Caribbean for scholars working on the Caribbean. We feel the power of this dream every time we come to a meeting. In doing so they not only wrote history but made history. That is a secret dream of many of us historians.

We were honoured by the presence of Jacques Adélaïde-Merlande, our conference founder at this year's conference. We remain privileged to have strong shoulders, which we stand on, as well as newer members who will place their own stamp on the Association. We cannot be better placed to embrace the future. We will continue our initiatives to welcome and nurture new members. I take this opportunity to thank all our members who have remained with us over the years and have helped to constitute this great organization we call the ACH. With your participation and support the Association will maintain financial viability, increase representation across the Caribbean and increase its visibility regionally. With your help we will add to the great legacy!

Our conference this year in Curaçao was a resounding success. I thank our hosts, particularly Local Organization Committee (LOC) Chair, Margo Groenewoud, for a memorable conference. I also take this opportunity to thank Rosemarijn Hoefte, the outgoing President, as well as Kristen Block and Margo Groenewoud, our outgoing EC members. We also welcome Gérard LaFleur as Vice President and Raymond Laureano-Ortiz as a new EC member.

Our next conference will be held in Guadeloupe and the LOC is already hard at work. We hope to see you there for our 52nd conference. Here's to Guadeloupe 2020!

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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 2019-20:

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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, 2019.

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 Barbados, or cast in person at that meeting.



The ACH is now on Facebook!

You can now find us on Facebook! Get the latest information on Call for Papers; announcements; events; new publications; historical debates and news using our new social media platform on Facebook. Like us on Facebook and join the ACH community online today!

<https://www.facebook.com/AssociationofCaribbeanHistorians/>

We are looking for English-, French-, and Spanish-speaking moderators for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to broaden our outreach! If you are interested, please contact achsecretary@gmail.com for more information!



In Memoriam: Elizabeth Watson (1945-2019)

The ACH joined The University of the West Indies (UWI) Cave Hill campus community in mourning the passing of Dr. Elizabeth Watson, former Campus Librarian, who died on March 27, 2019, at the age of 74.

Described by the University as an “indomitable Cave Hill stalwart”, Dr. Watson devoted nearly 50 years of service to the university, beginning on August 1, 1968 as a library clerk. An early resolve to become an academic librarian saw her moving up the ranks to temporary Assistant Librarian in the then newly established Learning Resource Centre (LRC) in 1979.

In that department, she is credited with developing the largest tertiary-level audio-visual collection in the Anglophone Caribbean. Over 22,000 items were curated there between 1979 and 2008, and are now part of the Sidney Martin Library. She also worked assiduously to raise the visibility of the fledgling unit by hosting a series of lunch bag concerts. At the end of each event, she would share information about the LRC and encourage participants to make use of its facilities.

The unit was officially named the Elizabeth Watson Audiovisual Unit in September 2014, as a tribute to her outstanding achievements in this field.

Dr. Watson earned her first degree at The UWI, Cave Hill and later pursued a master’s degree in Library and Information Science at Long Island University. In 2007, she was promoted to the professorial level, the first non-academic member of staff to be so appointed. The long-standing member of staff retired in 2014.

She received her PhD in Cultural Studies in 2016 from The UWI, Cave Hill with doctoral research focused on the life and musical work of the late Jackie Opel who was credited with creating the musical genre spouge.

Dr. Watson also wrote bio-discographic books on Barbadian singers John King, Red Plastic Bag and Informer. At the time of her death, she was working on a book about Opel and was also scheduled to participate in a panel discussion in April at the Barbados Museum and Historical Society.

Dr. Watson was deeply involved in efforts to raise the visibility and importance of intangible cultural heritage in Barbados and the region. She served as the Chair of the Barbados Commission for the Memory of the World Programme as well as the Anglophone speaking expert on the Regional Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean of UNESCO’s Memory of the World Programme. She was also a past president of the Commonwealth Library Association (COMLA).

Pro Vice-Chancellor and Principal of The UWI, Cave Hill Campus, Professor Eudine Barriteau, expressed profound sadness at the loss. She recalled working with Dr. Watson during her tenure as Deputy Principal, and remembered her unwavering commitment to her work.

“She worked tirelessly to professionalise library services on campus, including the development of the Medical and Cultural Studies collections, the establishment of the Richard B. Moore and the George Lamming collections, implementing the Liaison Librarian programme to better serve the needs of faculty and students, creating the Kerri-Ann Ifill Unit for the Visually Impaired, and creating a study room that allowed students to work together in groups, among other initiatives,” Barriteau said.

She recalled that while Dr. Watson served as Chair of the Barbados Commission for the Memory of the World Programme, she was instrumental in securing the inclusion of the Federal Archives fonds and the Nita Barrow Collection, two valuable historical Barbados collections that are held at Cave Hill Campus, in the UNESCO’s Memory of the World Register.

“With Dr. Watson’s passing, the UWI Cave Hill Campus and its libraries have lost a tremendous resource. She will be greatly missed. To her family and close friends, I extend my deepest sympathies. May she rest in peace.”

In Memoriam: Colin Palmer (1944-2019)

By, Bridget Brereton, The UWI St. Augustine Campus [extracted from *T&T Express* 11 July 2019]



Colin Palmer was born in Jamaica in 1944, and obtained his BA in History from the Mona campus of UWI in 1964 (two years ahead of me). He received his MA and PhD degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in the USA. Palmer went on to teach at several US universities, including the University of North Carolina (where he was the first black chair of the history department), the City University of New York Graduate School, and finally Princeton. During his time at Princeton he also served as Director of the Scholars in Residence programme at the famous Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York.

Though Palmer lived and worked in the USA for most of his adult life, he kept in close touch with his first alma mater, UWI. He served as an external examiner in history, he gave the Goveia Memorial Lecture at Mona in 1996, and he was given an honorary D.Litt by UWI in 2009.

Palmer was an astonishingly prolific scholar with a truly remarkable list of books, which he wrote, or edited. His first book, *Slaves of the White God: Blacks in Mexico 1570-1650* (1976), was a pioneering study of African slavery in early colonial Mexico; it became a classic. Over the next 40 years, he produced a stream of books and articles, on a very wide range of topics: he researched and wrote on the history of Latin America, the Caribbean, and the USA, always with a focus on the African Diaspora.

In the last fifteen years of his life—remarkably prolific years despite very serious health challenges—Palmer turned his focus to the English-speaking Caribbean in the twentieth century. He produced a “trilogy” of major books on the period leading up to national independence in T&T, Guyana and Jamaica.

First was *Eric Williams & the Making of the Modern Caribbean* (2006), a sympathetic though not uncritical study of Williams up to 1970. (I remember asking him why he ended his book in 1970; he confessed that he’d been unable to understand Williams’ behaviour in the last ten years of his life.) Next was *Cheddi Jagan and the Politics of Power* (2010), a study of Guyana’s tortured struggle for national independence.

Palmer returned home to Jamaica for his last two books. *Freedom’s Children* (2014) examined the 1938 labour rebellion there and the struggle for independence, dominated by the duel between the cousins Norman Manley and Alexander Bustamante (he clearly admired the former much more than the latter). His final book, *Inward Yearnings: Jamaica’s Journey to Nationhood* (2016) was a sort of spin-off or sequel to *Freedom’s Children*; it examines the search by Jamaicans after 1938 for a sense of racial and political identity.

Palmer’s admiration for Williams led him to work closely with Erica Williams Connell and the Eric Williams Memorial Collection. He was the co-organiser of the 2011 conference at Oxford University to commemorate Williams’ centenary and edited the book of conference papers, *The Legacy of Eric Williams* (2015). In 2011 he also delivered the Central Bank’s annual Williams Memorial Lecture.

From all I have heard and read, Palmer was an inspiring teacher, mentor and supervisor to his many students, and always worked on behalf of black and minority students in the US universities where he taught. But above all he was a passionate researcher; it was no surprise that just two days before he died in Kingston, he had been working in Jamaica’s National Archives.

Palmer was an outstanding member of his (and my) generation of historians of the Caribbean; he’s left a fine legacy in his books and his students.

Palmer died suddenly while on a research trip to Jamaica. A Memorial Service was scheduled at The UWI, Mona Campus Chapel on Saturday, June 29, 2019. Colin Palmer was a Life Member of the ACH. The ACH President extended condolences with his family on behalf of the Association.

2019 Elsa Goveia Book Prize Announced

The Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) is pleased to announce the winner of the 2019 Elsa Goveia Book Prize book in recognition of excellence in the field of Caribbean history, Randy M. Browne for his latest book entitled, *Surviving Slavery in the British Caribbean* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017).

After receiving 52 submissions for the 2019 Elsa Goveia Prize the Committee, comprising Kathleen Monteith (Chair), Anne Eller and Chelsea Schields, was in unanimous agreement about this award, and announced its decision at the ACH Annual Conference (May 26-30, 2019) in Curaçao. The following extract of the citation was read during our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 30:

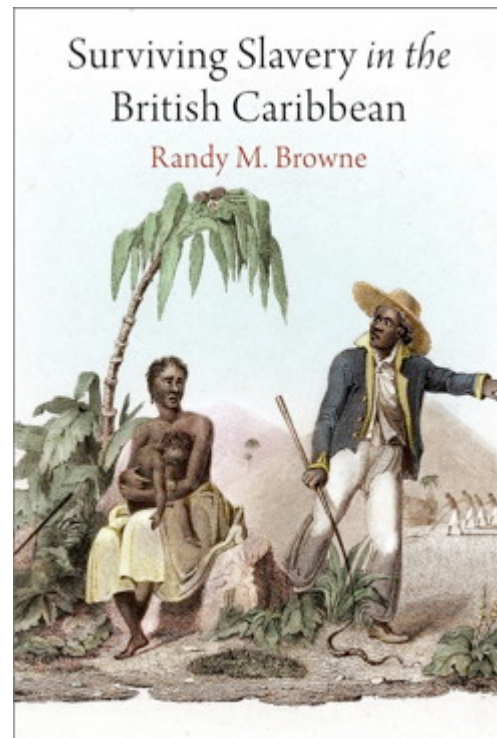
*Browne's book is a human-centred history, covering the period in the immediate aftermath of Berbice's transition from Dutch to British rule, analysing the means by which the enslaved in that colony conducted and negotiated their survival. Browne has utilised a body of primary sources, which hitherto were under-utilised in the study of enslavement. He deftly works through and analyses these layered negotiations in all of their complexities on numerous sugar and coffee producing properties: from the gendered politics of survival, to carving out spaces of spiritual autonomy. This work is an important contribution and expansion of our understanding of the everyday life and world of the enslaved beyond the routine of daily labour and the forms of resistance that have been excavated from plantation journals and other papers. It expands and deepens our understanding of the evolving character of slavery and slave society. Indeed, *Surviving Slavery in the British Caribbean* offers a path-breaking contribution to our understanding of slave life and experience, in the decades preceding the end of slavery in the British Caribbean.*

In addition to the prize being awarded to Randy Browne, the Committee recommended two additional books for special mention: Peter Hudson's *Bankers and Empire: How Wall Street Colonized* (University of Chicago Press, 2017) the Caribbean and Elena Schneider's *The Occupation of Havana: War, Trade and Slavery in the Atlantic World* (University of North Carolina Press, 2018).

A loyal member of the ACH, Browne graciously converted his prize of USD \$250 into a Life Membership with the organization. His commitment will continue to support outreach activities of the organization and future conference development.



Kathleen Monteith (Chair, Selection Committee), Randy Browne (2019 Elsa Goveia Recipient) and Rosemarijn Hoeffte (ACH President 2017-19)



For more information on the publication please visit:

<http://www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/15720.html>

Call for Nominations for the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize

The Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize is a biennial award that recognizes the best article in the field of Caribbean history. The next prize will be awarded in 2020, and will cover work published in 2018 and 2019.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Any history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in a scholarly journal between 2018 and 2019 is eligible for the award.
- Publication may be in English, Spanish, French or Dutch.
- Work should be marked by felicity of prose style and clarity of expression.

Call for Submissions:

Authors, publishers, editors and others interested in submitting articles for consideration must submit nominations to the chair and other members of the adjudicating committee by **January 15, 2020**. The winner

will be announced at the next ACH Annual Conference in Guadeloupe.

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

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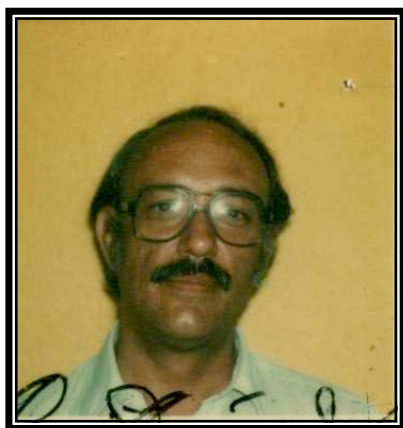
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Andrés "Tony" Ramos Mattei (1941-88), Puerto Rican Historian



Neville Hall photo - Courtesy of the Department of History & Archaeology, the University of the West Indies, Mona.

Neville Hall, (1936-86), Jamaican Historian

The Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize was named in honour of historians and long-time ACH members Andres "Tony" Ramos Mattei and Neville Hall. The prize was launched in 1996.

ACH and SIMARC SIGN A MoU

On Friday, May 24, 2019, historian Rosemarijn Hoefte, who is currently Senior Researcher at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast and Caribbean Studies (KITLV) and the President of the Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) and SIMARC President Ellinger Paul and Director Professor Jay Haviser signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions to stimulate and facilitate cooperation and collaboration in the promotion and development of Caribbean History and Heritage.

Meeting in the new SIMARC office in St. Maarten, the representatives from both organizations agreed to support their mutual interests in the field of education and research. Prof. Hoefte emphasized that “both organizations share an interest in pan-Caribbean history and culture and we value the work of community-based organizations”. The two entities met ahead of the 51st Annual Meeting of the Association of Caribbean Historians at the University of Curaçao from May 26-30, 2019. Paying a courtesy call to long-time colleague, Jay Haviser who is also President of the International Association for Caribbean Archaeology (IACA), Prof. Hoefte brought greetings from the over 50 year old professional organization of Caribbean Historians and commended SIMARC on its enduring commitment to protecting and preserving the archaeological heritage of St. Maarten and neighbouring islands in the wake of the 2017 Hurricane Irma which devastated the island and destroyed the building storing a number of important artifacts and papers documenting St. Maarten’s heritage.

At the signing, Dr. Haviser emphasized “the importance of the country St. Maarten to be more formally integrated and active with international and regional cooperation programs regarding the preservation of heritage in the Caribbean.”

The ACH Executive is grateful to the SIMARC Board for allowing the ACH to use its address for the purpose of legal incorporation and as its financial headquarters.



SIMARC President Ellinger Paul and SIMARC Director Dr. Jay Haviser receiving a gift and greetings from Prof. Rosemarijn Hoefte, ACH President and Dr. Tara Inniss, ACH Secretary-Treasurer

Preliminary Information for the 52nd Annual ACH Conference, Guadeloupe May 24-28, 2020

Una [traducción](#) al español está disponible en:
Une [traduction](#) en français est disponible.



The ACH Executive Committee is pleased to announce that its 52nd Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians will be held in Guadeloupe from Sunday, May 24 to Thursday, May 28, 2020. Registration opens early afternoon on Sunday. The conference fête, our annual dinner and dance, which is highly recommended and a central feature of this organization, will be on Thursday evening, May 28. An optional field trip is scheduled for Friday, May 29. More details about the field trip will be posted to the ACH as they become available. Please make your travel plans accordingly.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Local Organising Committee (LOC), Chaired by Dr. Clara Palmiste, Université des Antilles. The LOC is currently finalizing preparations to receive conference participants. As soon as information on the Conference Venue and Accommodations are available, these details will be made available on the ACH website. The LOC is committed to providing a range of options for delegates wishing to travel to Guadeloupe on various budgets.

TRAVEL

Guadeloupe has good air connections from several major cities in North and South America and the Netherlands/Europe via St. Maarten/St. Martin. Participants traveling from the Caribbean, US, Canada, the United Kingdom and Europe can purchase flights to Pointe-a-Pitre on LIAT, Air Antilles, Air Caraïbes, Air Canada and Air France.

Guadeloupe Entry Requirements (for stays less than 3 months)

For European citizens a valid passport is required. For Canadian and US citizens, no visa is required and valid passport. You may be required to provide a proof of accommodation. For passport holders of other countries, a visa application based on nationality may be required. You must hold a valid passport (issued less than 10 years before and valid for at least 3 months after departure date) to enter Guadeloupe; a valid visa (if required); a return or outward ticket on arrival; sufficient funds for accommodations and food and the necessary documents for returning to the country of origin, or further travel elsewhere. Some Caribbean territories may require special visa requirements. A list of entry requirements for Caribbean territories will be forthcoming. For further information on exactly what will be required at immigration please contact the French Embassy or Consulate in your country of origin or this <https://tinyurl.com/y4cqscqd>. The LOC advises that it will issue a Letter of Invitation to delegates wishing to travel for the Conference if required.



Call for Papers

Caribbean Interconnections/ Global Reach

52nd Annual ACH Conference, Guadeloupe, May 24-28, 2020

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The ACH welcomes this opportunity to work with local organizers the Société d'Histoire de la Guadeloupe and the Université des Antilles. The ACH will be hosting our 52nd Annual Conference with the overall conference theme, "Caribbean Interconnections/ Global Reach". We invite paper and panel proposals on aspects of the above theme and especially those that reflect on the interconnected histories, historiographies and heritage of the pan-Caribbean and the wider world.

In addition to the overall theme of 'Caribbean Interconnections/ Global Reach' the 2020 ACH conference will also welcome papers on the following topics suggested by members after our last AGM:

- The Challenges in/of Caribbean History: Historiographies, Historical Constructions and Reception
- Eric Williams' *Capitalism and Slavery* 75 Years Later
- The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade to the Caribbean
- The Emancipation Experience Across the Caribbean
- Caribbean Collaboration and Cooperation
- Migration and Movements in the Caribbean
- Venezuela and Caribbean Connections
- The Windrush in Historical Perspective
- The Fall of Empire, Brexit and the Caribbean
- The Reparations Debate in the 21st Century

While papers on the overall themes are encouraged, applicants are welcome to submit proposals on other subjects.

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

Preference is given to applicants who did not present at the previous conference, held in Curaçao in 2019.

Application Instructions

There are THREE WAYS to participate in the 2020 ACH Conference:

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

1. The appropriate cover sheet for either a paper or panel proposal;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please see Application Instructions here

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

All documents should be combined into ONE (1) Microsoft Word document file (please do not submit as a PDF). The deadline for proposal submission is October 15, 2020.

A few more important notes:

- To ensure that graduate student applicants are at an advanced stage of their research, they are required to provide a letter of support from their academic advisors.
- All participants must be current members of the ACH by the time they present.
- ACH presentations include both a pre-circulated paper and a brief presentation at the conference. Papers can be written in English, French or Spanish, and can be no longer than 25 typed, double-spaced pages using 12-point font. This includes notes and references. Presentations are intended to introduce the highlights of this written work, and so are strictly limited to 10 minutes.
- Poster presentations include both a shorter pre-circulated paper summarizing research to date (no more than 10 typed, doubled-spaced pages using 12-point font, including notes and references). Presentations at the conference will be limited to no more than 5 minutes and 10 PowerPoint slides.

- Papers for both panels and for poster presentations will be made available online at the ACH website in advance of the conference and can be accessed only by those who pre-register and pay their registration.
- To allow time to format and post material, presenters should email papers (as a Microsoft Word file) **NO LATER THAN March 15, 2020** to: Gelien Matthews, ACH Conference Coordinator, at achconference@gmail.com

If, after your proposal has been accepted, you find you are unable to attend, please inform the ACH Conference Coordinator as soon as possible in order to allow us to adjust the programme. All proposals for the 2020 ACH Conference, with translated abstracts and CVs, should be sent by email to:

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

The deadline for proposals is October 15, 2020. We look forward to your submissions.

ACH Paper or Poster Proposal

52nd Annual Conference, Guadeloupe, May 24-28, 2020

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

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

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 9 of the July 2019 *Bulletin*, list that theme here: _____

Paper or Poster Title: _____

Presenter: _____

Institution and
Address: _____

Email: _____

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

Proposals and all supporting materials are due by October 15, 2020 (those received after this deadline may not be considered).

All proposals for the 2020 ACH Conference, with translated abstracts and CVs, should be sent by email to Gelien Matthews, ACH Conference Coordinator, at achconference@gmail.com.

ACH Panel Proposal

52nd Annual Conference, Guadeloupe, May 24-28, 2020

Panel Title: _____

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 9 of the July 2019 *Bulletin*, list that theme here:

_____.

Suggested Chair (if applicable): _____

Institution and

Address: _____

Email: _____

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

Presenter #1: _____

Institution and

Address: _____

Email: _____

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

Presenter #2: _____

Institution and

Address: _____

Email: _____

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

Presenter #3: _____

Institution and

Address: _____

Email: _____

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

Presenter #4: _____

Institution and

Address: _____

Email: _____

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

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

Proposals and all supporting materials are due by October 15, 2020 and should be sent by email to the ACH Conference Coordinator, Gelien Matthews at achconference@gmail.com.

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, Curaçao, 2019

PREPARED BY: Tara Inniss, Secretary-Treasurer

PRESENT: Rose Mary Allen; Jennifer Anderson; Anne'el Bain; Dante Barksdale; Richard Blackett; Kristen Block; Randy Browne; Mildred Caprino; Heather Cateau; Stéphanie Dargaud; Rosa de Jong; Jerome Egger; Alison Games; Margo Groenewoud; Maurits Hassankhan; Gad Heuman; Rosemarijn Hoefte; Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie; David Lambert; Raymond Laureano; Devin Leigh; Lianne Leonora; Gelien Matthews; Janice Mayers; Michelle McDonald; Roderick McDonald; Alan McPherson; Kathleen Monteith; Ross Nedervelt; Hilde Neus; Clara Palmiste; Rita Pemberton; Carla Pestana; Dexnell Peters; Fiona Rajkumar; Arti Ramsaroop; Elena Schneider; Vikram Tamboli; David Trotman; Rinia Veldhuisen-Doelahasori; Cornelis van Galen; Andrew Walker; Pedro Welch

ACH President **Rosemarijn Hoefte** called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

Confirmation of the 2018 AGM Minutes: The June 2018 minutes were distributed electronically in advance of the AGM, and attendees asked to bring corrections and changes. As none were forthcoming, the minutes were unanimously approved. **Gad Heuman** moved their adoption, seconded by **Randy Browne**.

A moment of silence honoured long-standing member, **Rosalyn Terborg-Penn** who passed away in 2018. **Richard Blackett** delivered a tribute and remembered other ACH members who passed away in 2018-19 including **John Campbell**, **René Achéén**, **Selwyn Carrington**, **Anthony 'Tony' Phillips**, **Cherri-Ann Beckles** and **Elizabeth Watson**.

Report of the Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee (2017-18 publications):

After receiving 52 submissions for the 2019 Elsa Goveia Prize Committee members were in unanimous agreement about this award. The following extract of the citation was read during our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 30:

*Browne's book is a human-centred history, covering the period in the immediate aftermath of Berbice's transition from Dutch to British rule, analysing the means by which the enslaved in that colony conducted and negotiated their survival. Browne has utilised a body of primary sources, which hitherto were under-utilised in the study of enslavement. He deftly works through and analyses these layered negotiations in all of their complexities on numerous sugar and coffee producing properties: from the gendered politics of survival, to carving out spaces of spiritual autonomy. This work is an important contribution and expansion of our understanding of the everyday life and world of the enslaved beyond the routine of daily labour and the forms of resistance that have been excavated from plantation journals and other papers. It expands and deepens our understanding of the evolving character of slavery and slave society. Indeed, *Surviving Slavery in the British Caribbean* offers a path-breaking contribution to our understanding of slave life and experience, in the decades preceding the end of slavery in the British Caribbean.*

In addition to the prize being awarded to Randy Browne, the Committee recommended two additional books for special mention: Peter Hudson's *Bankers and Empire: How Wall Street Colonized* (University of Chicago Press, 2017) the Caribbean and Elena Schneider's *The Occupation of Havana: War, Trade and Slavery in the Atlantic World* (University of North Carolina Press, 2018).

Browne was present at the 51st Conference to accept his award.

Committee Members included **Kathleen Monteith** (Chair), **Anne Eller** and **Chelsea Schields**.

For a full version of this report please click here: <http://tiny.cc/nxjv8y>

Presentation of the Gould-Saunders Memorial Award 2019: Anne'el Bain (The UWI, St.

Augustine Campus) was selected as the postgraduate recipient of the award for her paper entitled, “**Una Amistad Equitativa: Exchanges of Support among Cuba, Grenada and Nicaragua, 1975-1990**”

Bain was present to receive her award. The ACH President **Rosemarijn Hoefte** presented the award on behalf of award donors **Ginger Gould** and **Gail Saunders** who could not attend the conference this year.

Nominations to the Andrès Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee: The following nominations were made to the selection committee for the article prize: **Elena Schneider, Dominique Rogers, and Sasha Turner.**

Report of the Executive Committee and Secretariat, 2018-2019: The 2018/2019 Executive Committee (EC) included: **Rosemarijn Hoefte** (President), **Heather Cateau** (Vice-President), **Tara Inniss** (Secretary-Treasurer), **Gelien Matthews** (Conference Coordinator), **Kristen Block, Stéphanie Dargaud, Margo Groenewoud and Fiona Rajkumar.** The Committee met twice, on November 17, 2018 and on May 29, 2019, both times in Curaçao. The EC especially wishes to thank the Faculty and staff at The University of Curaçao (UoC) and members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for their support of the November 2018 meeting, including space and transportation. The main item of the November agenda was the 51st Annual Conference academic programme and local arrangements in Curaçao. The EC reviewed 5 panels, 32 individual paper proposals and 4 poster proposals for the 2019 conference. Originally, the EC chose 42 papers, and 2 panels and 4 posters (which were selected to be converted to papers) for a total of 14 panels and this preliminary program appears in the January, 2019 issue of the *ACH Bulletin*. As some presenters subsequently withdrew, the final conference slate was 44 papers on 13 panels, including one local panel. One special roundtable (held in Papiamentu) was organised to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Trinta di Mei Uprising entitled, “Resistance: A View from the Margins: The Case of Curaçao 30 May 1969”.

ACH Membership and Dues Information

Over the past year, the ACH has welcomed many new members, and welcomed back several returning members. These include (as of May 30, 2019):

- **7 new Life Members:** Jennifer Anderson (Stony Brook University); Michele Russel Capriles (Curaçao Jewish Cultural Centre), Mary Chamberlain (Oxford Brookes University), James Dator (Goucher College), Reena Goldthree (Princeton University), Evelynne Laurent-Perrault (University of California), Kate Ramsey (University of Miami)
- **56 New Members or Member Renewals:** names and institutions of these members appeared, or will appear, in the January and June 2019 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.
- **20 New Student Members or Member Renewals:** names and institutions of these members appeared, or will appear, in the January and July 2019 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.¹

Activities of the Secretariat

The ACH published two issues of its newsletter, the *Bulletin* (July 2018 and January 2019), which included the 2019 conference call for papers and local arrangements information, and the preliminary programme respectively. Calls for papers and announcements about the conference were also advertised on H-Net listservs (such as H-Caribbean and H-Atlantic), as well as several Latin American/Caribbean Studies Programs. We also used social media such as Facebook platforms to circulate information about the conference.

We continued online registration and paper distribution systems continued to build strong coordination between the Secretariat and Conference Coordinators, which managed conference paper collection, reformatting, and posting to the web, and communications with

¹ NOTE: For comparison, in 2018 we had 3 new Life Members, 1 institutional member, 85 new or renewed members, and 29 new or renewed student members.

the LOC. The Secretariat also oversaw online conference registration, tracking both manual and online payments (conference registration monies were disbursed to the LOC, and membership funds retained by the ACH). The numbers of both members and conference registrations have declined compared to last year, but Barbados and the ACH@50 seemed to attract slightly more delegates, both internationally and locally. However, we note that this was due to an extra effort to promote the 50th conference among our membership. As of May 30, there were 80 new and renewed memberships (in all categories) since last year's conference.

Interest rates remain low for checking, money market, and certificate of deposit accounts. One portion of ACH funds (\$55053.82 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% (\$26144.52 US).

Legal Incorporation and Banking Jurisdiction

After the ACH's 50th Conference last year, the EC decided to prioritize finding both a legal and financial jurisdiction that would address the long-term needs of the Association offering flexibility, accessibility and sustainability. Thus, after much exploration of options in the United States, Canada and several other Caribbean jurisdictions, St. Maarten, which is a constituent country in the Kingdom of the Netherlands was chosen due to the relatively low cost for legal incorporation, its use of the US dollar and its accessibility as a transit hub in the region.

The President, Secretary-Treasurer and **Stéphanie Dargaud**, a resident of St. Martin, met with notary and banking representatives in St. Maarten to complete this process just prior to the conference. It is hoped that the future work of the EC could capitalize on the potential of this jurisdiction to offer the association long-term stability and sustainability as well as potential access to European Union funding mechanisms (should they exist). We also anticipate that our non-profit status could result in a tax application to state officials,

which would result in offering tax-deductible pathways for donors.

We note our appreciation to the Board of the St. Maarten Archaeological Centre (SIMARC) and to its Director, Dr. Jay Haviser who is also the President of our sister organization the International Association for Caribbean Archaeology (IACA). The Board members of SIMARC allowed us to use their address in St. Maarten to facilitate the legal and financial incorporation of the ACH as a gesture in regional cooperation.

Website Redesign and Social Media

The EC is also reviewing its social media platforms and existing website design. A decision was taken to update and re-design the now 10-year old website platform to make it easier to update and administer in a cost-effective manner. It is hoped that a new website could be launched later in the year. The project budget is likely to cost less than USD\$2500. However, given some requirements for functionality this cost could increase to USD\$3000, especially if we pursue the idea of mounting an online ACH@50 exhibition. The EC also recognizes the importance of outreach through social media and is seeking further assistance from members to help moderate Twitter, Instagram and Facebook accounts. It is hoped to draw on the membership's linguistic diversity. For example, three people moderate the ACH Facebook account - each drawn from the Spanish-; Dutch-/ Papiamentu-; and English-speaking Caribbean. If any one can assist us in moderating accounts, please let us know.

In a similar vein, the EC will be exploring how it can help to move to an online election format where members can cast their ballot online using either a free Google Form system or a fee-paid online election system. Paper ballots would still be available but paid-up members could still access the vote outside the conference. It is hoped that this initiative will also help members to remember to renew. The EC will be working with the Nomination Committee to trial this system next year.

ACH Membership Fees - Tiered Structure

Another priority for the EC was reviewing membership fees. On January 1, 2019 membership fees were raised to:

USD \$25 for students (it was \$15)

USD \$50 for full members (it was USD \$40)

USD \$100 for Institutional membership (it was USD \$80)

Life memberships are currently USD \$400, but are set to increase to USD \$500 on January 1, 2020. This special value offer resulted in seven (7) life memberships this year and it is still not too late for members who wish to demonstrate their commitment to the organization to obtain life membership before January 1, 2020.

The membership fee increase assisted greatly to offset the increasing administrative costs associated with organization (online payment fees, webmaster, etc.) and getting us in a better financial position to support outreach projects – publications, travel awards, help to LOCs, planning and outreach, etc.

Last year the idea of a tiered membership system was mooted and a small sub-committee of the EC looked at the issue. **Kristen Block** made this presentation and there was a brief discussion.

Kristen Block's presentation:

In response to discussion at last year's AGM, the EC discussed the advantages of adding a tiered system to our membership fees in order to better fund the ACH as an organization while not making membership cost prohibitive. As historians, we recognize structural inequalities in economic development and scholarly support that require redress, both in the past and our organization looking forward. We also remain committed to offering reduced rates for graduate students and Caribbean-based teachers, whose work determines the success of our organization's future.

After the November meeting of the EC, we undertook a preliminary study of a tiered income-based system (in line with that used by the American Historical Association) using projected fees of USD\$25 for students; \$40 for scholars whose annual income is less than

\$25,000; \$50 for those making \$25,001-\$55,000; \$75 for those earning \$55,001-80,000; and \$100 from those whose income amounted to more than \$80,001.

We estimated (based on current membership rolls) that we might accept as much as an additional USD\$2,000 each year with this system. That estimate has to be qualified, as it represents an ideal rather than a reality—many people do not pay their membership dues each year, and a good proportion of long-term members have lifetime status—their financial support of the organization must be undertaken on a voluntary basis (for instance, by choosing to register as Benefactors).

This system also remains unsatisfactory in that it pays undue attention to *individual* income instead of directly addressing the structural inequalities in institutional support. We reviewed the systems put in place by three other organizations with similar philosophies about redressing both injustices of the past and present inequities in institutional support.

The Native American and Indigenous Studies Association's (NAISA) \$25/50/75/100 tiers most closely mirror the numbers we used for the test estimate described above, but we like the way that the more subjective categories allow members to consider their own economic stability when choosing their level of support.

Both the Association of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD) and the Caribbean Studies Association (CSA) shine a light on the structural privileges of scholars in North America and Europe, and place a much heavier levy on members from those areas to support this organization (and pass along some of the levy to Global North institutions). Of course, this division ignores the fact that institutions in Europe and the United States have their own structural hierarchies and vary widely in terms of research support. But, we especially like the CSA's honoring of "elders" with reduced rates and propose including that language in our own retiree membership category.

We propose to construct a model that both discounts membership for those who live and

The EC is also considering a way forward to address the recently released Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) Task Force on History Report that examined the decline in the History CSEC (Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate)/ CAPE (Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination) registrants. This issue has had far-reaching effects on not only History teaching and learning at the secondary-school level (mostly in the English-speaking Caribbean) but also for the numbers of students who pursue History at the university level (particularly at the campuses of The University of the West Indies); and consequently the numbers who will go on to become graduate students and professional historians.

As an Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH), it is felt that the ACH should help to address the problem by reviewing the report and analyzing the Recommendations and Action Plan to see if the ACH should play a role in the recommendations. We will be circulating the report to the larger membership, but given the importance of this issue we wanted to raise the point in the EC's Report and enter into a short discussion on this item and help to guide the EC's response.

At the 50th Conference in Barbados (June 10-14, 2018), Panel #2 Perspectives on the Future of Caribbean History, which was sponsored by the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC), **Janice Mayers** and **Alan Cobley** presented a paper entitled, "The CXC Task Force on History".

Please also see the "CXC Task Force on History – What's Next?" <https://www.cxc.org/cxc-task-force-on-history-whats-next/>

Here is the full report of the CXC Task Force on History: <https://bit.ly/2VY6sZz>

Legacy ACH@50 Projects

The EC also continued some of its legacy projects that helped to commemorate the 50th Conference last year:

1. **ACH@50 Continuity, Change and Challenge Museum Exhibit**, which was sponsored by Brill Academic Publishers

and curated by the Barbados Museum and Historical Society (BMHS). The exhibit charts the development of the conference and the ACH from 1969 to the present while also highlighting its contributions to Caribbean culture and history. A decision was taken to launch the online exhibit as part of the re-design of the ACH website later in 2019.

2. **Journal of Caribbean History (JCH) Special Edition.** The Editor of the JCH invited members/ presenters to contribute to the JCH in a special ACH edition of the journal(s). The first of two issues has now been published and is available from UWI Press. The next issue will be published soon. We encourage members to support the journal.

Preparation for the 2019 ACH Annual Conference—Curaçao

We are grateful to members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) who kept the EC informed on the preparations of the 51st Annual Conference.

The EC commends the LOC on an excellent job hosting the conference. The hospitality and professionalism shown by the campus of the University of Curaçao has been outstanding especially from the several student volunteers who were on hand, ICTS, Campus Accommodation and the catering services. We congratulate the university on its 40th anniversary and look forward to continued collaboration in the development of Caribbean history.

But our special appreciation goes to Pamela Rusch and **Margo Groenewoud** who oversaw every detail of the conference and ensured its success.

We would also like to thank all of the local sponsors of the ACH Conference especially the Rector's Office, the Maduro & Curiel's Bank, Mongui Maduro Library, Korpodeko and Curaçao Tourist Board. We also thank Her Excellency

Lucille George-Wout, the Governor of Curaçao for a memorable evening at Governor's Palace. We also wish to extend our appreciation to the invited guests who shared their emotional experience living through and living with the legacy of the Trinta di Mei. We encourage conference organizers to record their voices and help to disseminate their stories to help to create discourse over national and regional labour struggles.

We also thank Brill Academic Publishing, which was a sponsor of one of our cocktail receptions.

The Conference Coordinator thanks Chairs and panelists for their participation in the conference and assistance with conference preparations.

The EC would also like to recognize the presence of our founder **Jacques Adèle-Merlande** (and his wife, Bertille) who joined us again this year in Curaçao. **Stéphanie Dargaud** shared some of his thoughts on the conference.

Future Projects

The EC will embark on the following projects for 2019/20:

1. Continuing outreach and advocacy to promote Caribbean History teaching and learning as well such as CXC and CARBICA, IACA and MAC.
2. Finding a suitable repository for ACH Papers.
3. Re-design of the ACH website.
4. Statement of Conduct/ Sexual Harassment Policy

Preparation for Future ACH Annual Conferences

The 2020 ACH Conference has been scheduled for Guadeloupe. **Clara Palmiste** offered information regarding the composition of the LOC and other details in her brief report. The conference will likely be held in Gosier with visits to the Memorial ACTe Museum and the St. Claude Campus of the Université des Antilles. Field trip offerings will be varied but may

include Les Saintes, Desirade and/or Marie Galante. For more information from her report click <https://tinyurl.com/yxqu74ca>.

The EC looks forward to additional proposals for later years and notes interest from Puerto Rico and possibly St. Maarten.

Follow-Up Discussion:

ACH Membership Fees - Tiered Structure

Kathleen Monteith asked the EC to consider a 3-5 year discounted membership category, which could replace the Life Membership category since the Association does not derive continued benefit from this category after 10 years. **Carla Pestana** was in general agreement with the proposal, but also supportive of a re-assessment of the Life Membership category. The EC would consider this point.

Michelle McDonald asked why a tiered system based on income level was not supported and the President responded that it was discussed in the EC's Fall Meeting but was found to infringe on members' privacy and may not reflect the net-income that some members actually receive after taxes in heavily taxed jurisdictions, particularly in Europe. The new tiered structure would still have to be done on an "honour" system for members to choose to renew under the appropriate category of membership.

Maurits Hassankhan mentioned that the Conference Registration rate should be also discounted since there was no longer reproduction of papers. However, the Secretary-Treasurer reminded the membership that the conference registration rate was set by the LOC and that it did not cover the total cost of the conference, especially with simultaneous translation services. **Kathleen Monteith** asked for a similar tier structure to parallel the new membership categories. The EC would consider this point.

Pedro Welch was in general agreement with the structure and especially with the introduction of a category for "retirees".

Jennifer Anderson introduced new language to describe "Early career scholars" and preferred

Non-Tenured Faculty, which included more categories of US-based Faculty who do not access to institutional support as “Tenured Faculty”. The EC agreed to consider this point.

Roderick McDonald also asked the EC to consider the inclusion of archivists and librarians. The EC agreed.

Devin Leigh introduced the possibility of more support for graduate students to attend the conference. **Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie** was supportive of the overall change in membership structure, but wanted to introduce the possibility for faculty to support graduates in registration.

Given general support for the introduction of a tiered structure for membership, the EC decided to consider the introduction of a new tiered membership fee structure for January 1, 2020.

Statement of Conduct/ Sexual Harassment Policy

Kathleen Monteith asked for more background on why there was a need for this policy. The President responded that there had been at least two anonymous past complaints that were brought to the attention of the EC.

The need for a policy was supported by **Randy Browne, Roderick McDonald, Elena Schneider and Stéphanie Dargaud**.

Richard Blackett did not object to the policy but wanted to know how it would be enforced.

Randy Browne, Stéphanie Dargaud and Roderick McDonald offered to serve on the sub-committee to formulate a policy.

CXC Task Force on History

Richard Blackett discussed previous ACH-led projects in host countries where the LOC would raise money which was used to offer essay prizes for local students. This was echoed by **Rita Pemberton** who mentioned that we needed more interaction with local communities.

Dexnell Peters and Vikram Tamboli mentioned their willingness to engage with communities outside of the conference.

Kathleen Monteith mentioned the difficulty with the timing of the conference in that it is usually scheduled during the exam period for secondary and tertiary-level students, which made their participation more difficult. **Margo Groenewoud** said this was indeed a challenge in Curaçao this year.

The Secretary-Treasurer said the report will be circulated to the wider membership and members will be invited to submit their proposals/ recommendations for the ACH’s response for discussion at the EC’s Fall Meeting.

Report of the Nominating Committee, 2018-2019:

This year’s Nominating Committee included **Rita Pemberton** (convener, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus), **David Lambert** (Warwick University), **Clara Palmiste** (Université des Antilles). **Heather Cateau** (President) and **Gérard LaFleur** (Vice President). **Tara Inniss** continues as Secretary-Treasurer. **Gelien Matthews** continues as Conference Coordinator. **Pemberton** reported that the following were re-elected to the EC for a one-year term: **Fiona Rajkumar** and **Stéphanie Dargaud**. **Raymond Laureano** was elected for a one-year term.

Rosemarijn Hoefte who is the out-going President of the ACH was invited to remain on the Executive Committee as an ex-officio member.

Preparation for Future ACH Annual Conferences

After **Clara Palmiste’s** report, **Rinia Veldhuisen-Doelahasori** asked the 2020 LOC to reconsider the field trip to Marie Galante given the negative experience with the quality of the tour the last time that the ACH was hosted in Guadeloupe. **Palmiste** agreed to bring this to the attention of the LOC.

Evaluation of the 2019 Conference:

As **Jacques Adélaïde-Merlande** had to leave the conference before the AGM, **Stéphanie Dargaud**

shared some of his impressions about this year's conference. Although he and his wife, Bertille, were disappointed with the absence of simultaneous French translation, they thought it was a well-organized conference. He was impressed that there were so many graduate students doing research on the region, and that there were a number of presentations looking at new historical questions in the Caribbean, including the history of the smaller, lesser-known islands/ territories.

AGM members agreed that the conference was very well organized and they appreciated the environmentally sustainable focus of organizers (i.e. the provision of reusable water bottles).

Jennifer Anderson suggested that an opportunity be given to graduate students to meet the founders of the organization.

The President reminded delegates that a new event was introduced at the beginning of the conference, which was a Graduate Welcome where graduate students were specially invited to meet the EC members and were guided on the ACH conference/ presentation culture. The session included presentations from **Kristen Block** and **Claudius Fergus** on the conference theme "Resistance from the Margins" and historiography. Light refreshments were offered after.

Devin Leigh and **Dante Barksdale** mentioned that they appreciated the Graduate Welcome, but felt that it was hierarchal in its presentation. He would welcome a more informal approach if it was held again. However, **Anne'el Bain** affirmed that she enjoyed the session and appreciated its focus on academic development. She felt it could have been longer. The EC will review the Graduate Welcome at its Fall Meeting.

Gad Heuman reinforced positive comments and affirmed that communications (i.e. Whatsapp) for the conference were excellent. However, he queried the quality of the accommodation

offering at Kura Hulanda, noting that he learned during the walking tour of Willemstad that the property was in bankruptcy, which may have explained the inconsistent service received at the hotel. **Margo Groenewoud** noted the concern and would share with the LOC.

Kathleen Montieth thanked the organizers for the provision of affordable lunches daily and the efficiency of the transport arrangements.

Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie also echoed positive comments but noted the absence of local people at conferences.

Mildred Caprino also thanked organizers and noted that hosting the conference in Curaçao made the ACH more accessible to her as a Suriname-based graduate student.

Richard Blackett remarked that he wondered what could be done to sensitize new ACH members who attend the conference about the "culture" of the ACH so that they would attend the sessions of colleagues and engage in academic exchange throughout the conference and not just present their papers. He also wanted to suggest that new members be encouraged to attend all events.

Fiona Rajkumar wanted to encourage future LOC's to expose delegates to the culture of the host country in a cultural programme for at least one evening. **Rose Mary Allen** mentioned the importance of the opening session being held in Papiamentu (with English translation) as the language is an important part of Curaçaoan culture.

Due to the delayed conclusion of the AGM, it was decided that the AGM would defer discussion of conference sub-themes and the Selection of the Nominating Committee, 2019-20 to an e-mail to members requesting their suggestions and nominations.

Rosemarijn Hoefte adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

ACH Financial Report, 2018-19

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

A. Beginning balance Checking Account (as of 6/30/18):

\$22495.67

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

*Dues Revenue (online via Paypal through May 31, 2019)**

\$5223.18

Life Members (6x \$400, less \$11.90 Paypal fee per transaction = \$2328.60)

Full Members (8 x \$40, less \$1.46 Paypal fee per transaction = \$308.32)

(2x \$40, less \$2.06 Paypal fee per transaction = \$75.88)

(25x \$50, less \$1.75 Paypal fee per transaction = \$1187.50)

(18x \$50, less \$2.50 Payppal fee per transaction = \$855.00)

Student Members (8x \$15, less \$.74 Paypal fee per transaction = \$ 114.08)

(4x \$25, less \$.1.03 Paypal fee per transaction = \$95.98)

(6 x \$25, less \$1.40 Paypal fee per transaction = \$141.60)

Benefactor (1x \$120, less \$3.78 Paypal fee per transaction = \$116.22)

Dues Revenue (by mail or on-site in Curaçao)

\$1050.00

Life Members (on site, 1 x \$400 = \$400)

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

Full Members (on site, 3 x \$50 = \$150.00)

Student Member (on site, 2 x \$25 = \$50.00)

Benefactor/ Donations (on site, 1x\$120= \$120)

(on site, 1x \$50= \$50)

(on site, 1x\$200=\$200)

C. Conference Registration Income

Registration Revenue (online via Paypal)

\$11484.42

Full Registration (16 x \$185, less \$5.67 Paypal fee per transaction = \$2869.28)

(17 x \$185, less \$8.44 Paypal fee per transaction = \$3001.52)

(5x [\$185+\$45], less \$10.42 Paypal fee per transaction = \$1097.90)

(12 x [\$185+\$45], less \$6.97 Paypal fee per transaction = \$2676.36)

(3x [\$185+\$45], less \$7.28 Paypalfee per transaction = \$668.16)

REFUNDS PROCESSED NOT INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION REVENUE

(3 x -\$185, for conference refunds = -\$555.00)

(1x -\$100, for conference refund = -\$100.00)

(1x -[\$85+\$45], for conference and lunch ticket refund = -\$130.00)

(1x -\$45, for lunch ticket refund = -\$45)

(Paypal refund transactions fees for registrations = -\$35.16)

Student Registration (2x \$85, less \$2.77 Paypal fee per transaction = \$164.46)

(2x \$85, less \$4.04 Paypal fee per transaction = \$161.92)

(1x \$45, less \$2.28 Paypal fee per transaction = \$42.72)

(1x [\$85+\$45], \$4.07 Paypal fee per transaction = \$125.93)

(2 x [\$85+\$45], less \$6.02, Paypal fee per transaction = \$247.96)

Caribbean Student
Registration

(1 x \$65, less \$3.16 Paypal fee per transaction = \$61.84)
(1x [\$65+\$45], less \$5.12 Paypal fee per transaction = \$104.86)
(1x [\$65+\$45], less \$5.44 Paypal fee per transaction = \$104.57)

Guest Fee

(1x \$100, less \$ 4.70 Paypal fee per transaction = \$95.30)
(1 x \$100, less \$3.20 Paypal fee per transaction = \$96.80)

**Registration Revenue (on-site in Curaçao collected directly by the University of Curaçao)*

D. Book Exhibition Income:

\$233.25

Flyer Insert (\$50.00, less \$1.75 Paypal fee per transaction = 48.25)

University of the West Indies Press (\$185.00)

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE

+ 2018-19 INCOME:

\$40486.52

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

\$56041.93

Interest earned 2017-18:

\$11.89

2017-18 Gould-Saunders Prize Winner (R. Bettinger)

-\$500.00

2018-19 Gould-Saunders Prize Winner (A. Bain)

-\$500.00

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE + 2018-19 INCOME/ EXPENSES:

\$ 55053.82

EXPENSES

A. Website/Communication-Related Fees:

Translation Services (One Hour Translation):

\$1046.50

- \$69.16 on 07/27/18 (Online Debit)
- \$49.71 on 08/01/18 (Online Debit)
- \$119.35 on 01/23/19 (Online Debit)
- \$89.19 on 06/26/19 (Payment from Paypal Account)
- \$119.35 on 01/22/19 (Payment from Paypal Account)

Constant Contact pre-paid (12 months 30% discount)

- \$408.24 on 7/02/18 (Online Debit)

Internet Domain Registration (GoDaddy) (2-years):

- \$150.45 (Payment from Paypal Account)

B. Conference Expenses:

\$11355.00

- 1/30/19: \$3035.00 (Incl. \$35 wire fee Outgoing Wire Transfer No. 190130003484)
- 5/15/19: \$8320.00 (Incl. \$35 wire fee Outgoing Wire Transfer No. 190515009743)

The above two payments included ACH "Seed Money" for Conference Expenses (\$3,000) and conference registration fees (\$8285.00).

C. EC Expenses

\$1941.00

November 2018 and May 2019 and Secretariat \$970.00

Legal Incorporation Expenses to Notary in St. Maarten \$970.50

- 5/15/19 \$835.00 (Incl. \$35 wire fee Outgoing Wire Transfer No. 190515010020)
- 6/30/19 \$135.50 (Cash payment to complete services)

TOTAL EXPENSES for 2018-19: \$14342.00

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY:

BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE + 2018-19 INCOME:	\$40486.52
2018-19 EXPENSES:	\$14342.00
FINAL CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE (INCOME LESS EXPENSES):	\$26144.52
BEGINNING MMA BALANCE + 2017-18 INCOME/ EXPENSES:	\$55053.82
TOTAL OF ALL ACH ACCOUNTS:	\$81198.34

Additional ACH expenses were paid by external sources:

Expenses of the Secretariat (UWI)

Travel to the ACH Annual Conference (May 2019): \$4722.60

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID EXTERNALLY: \$4722.60

WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

The following people have joined—or rejoined—the ACH since January 2019
(Don't see your name? You were in the winter issue if you joined before January 31, 2019!)

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- Teachers (primary/secondary), Graduate students and Retirees: \$25
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- Institutional: \$100
- Benefactor: \$150
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