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Message from the President

Bernard Moitt, Virginia Commonwealth University

During our Annual Conference in Curaçao in May, it was a great pleasure to witness the success of the largest gathering the ACH has had. There was great interaction and rapport among the membership, and a spirit of togetherness that is at once unique and legendary. The LOC in Curaçao worked tirelessly, did a marvelous job, and along with members of the ACH Executive, deserve to be congratulated.

As you know, we dedicated very little time to the AGM this year due to constraints that could not be avoided. Consequently, members did not get the opportunity to express their views fully and discuss matters in the usual way. As promised, Secretary-Treasurer, Michelle McDonald, sent out a survey consisting of ten questions aimed at soliciting responses from the membership about various aspects of the conference, including the conference facilities, status of members, intuitional affiliation, and language translation. The last question was reserved for general comments. This method of evaluation produced an array of responses that fall outside the boundaries of those traditionally given at the AGMs. This is partly due to the fact that the questions were focused. Also, respondents had adequate time to reflect and respond individually at leisure. The evaluation also produced useful data that the ACH can use to plot its course in the years ahead. For example, it showed that more than half of the respondents were based in the United States. It also demonstrated the loyalty of the membership because almost one-third have been have attached to the organization for over 10 years.

Overall, comments were very positive (and ranked the experience as an 8 or higher). There were, of course, some concerns, particularly the relatively high cost of rooms at the Renaissance, the inadequacy of the sound system in the conference room, and very serious shortcomings with language translations. It also comes as no surprise that most respondents thought that the 2012 program was “too packed” and the AGM, which deserves a “whole afternoon” in the view of some, “too short and hurried.” The general view was that the number of presenters per panel should be limited and more time given for the presentations and discussion. Most seem to think that this can be achieved by maintaining the present structure of the conference, that is, three and a half days, but others acknowledge that we may need to begin on Sunday in order to accommodate deserving papers. What is particularly revealing is the fact that the conference was rated as excellent overall. Indeed, some respondents were effusive in their praise.

What is clear, however, is that the ACH is at a crossroads, and members cannot expect to have it both ways. The ACH has grown significantly over the past few years, and with growth comes challenges. A gap identified by a member who responded to the survey is apt in this regard. *(continued on p. 15)*

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2012-13 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 2012-13:

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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, 2012.

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 Belize, or cast in person at that meeting.

Advance Information: 45th Annual ACH Conference, Belize, 2013

The 45th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians will be held in Belize from Sunday, May 12 to Friday, May 17, 2013. Registration will open on Sunday afternoon, and sessions begin Monday morning.



CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATIONS:

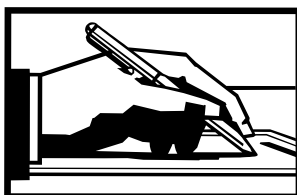
All conference sessions will be held at the twin resorts of Coco Beach and Belizean Shores in Ambergris Caye, 40 miles east of Belize City, and within a few minutes of San Pedro, which boasts a range of restaurants, shops, and internet cafes. A special rate is being negotiated for ACH attendees. Located on the beach, hotel facilities offer air-conditioned villas, on-site dining, and swimming facilities, complimentary shuttle service to and from San Pedro, and internet access in public areas. Belize is located on the Yucatan Peninsula, south of Mexico and east of Guatemala, and boasts a rich history. It was first inhabited by Mayan Indians who built a complicated civilization; after their decline around 900 A.D., various native peoples lived in the region. In the seventeenth century, the arrival of Europeans encouraged the development of the region's logging industry and in 1862 the area officially became part of the U.K. Commonwealth as British Honduras. From 1920 to 1980 workers, labor unions and the nationalist movement all pushed for independence, and the territory was renamed Belize in 1981. Updates about hotel reservations and rates will be posted on the ACH website when available. In the meantime, please visit the hotel website for information about services and amenities:

<http://www.sandypointresorts.com/>

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 Curaçao. 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 pages. Suggested themes included:

- "Comparative Methodology for Caribbean Studies"
- "Caribbean Universities: Comparative Histories"
- "Diasporic Relations between the Caribbean and North America"
- "Black-Native Interactions"
- "African Religions in the Caribbean"
- "Definitions and Inclusions in Caribbean History"
- "Intersections between Caribbean and Atlantic History"
- "Comparative Women's History: 20th Century Caribbean"
- "Comparative Slave Revolts"
- "Afro-Atlantic Islands and Caribbean Islands: A Comparison"
- "Transportation History in the Caribbean"
- "Urban Slavery"
- "Comparative Medical History"
- "Transition from Slavery to Freedom"
- "English-Speaking Communities in Central America and the Adjacent Caribbean"
- "Social Networks between Fugitives and Runaways in the Caribbean"
- "Caribbean Women from the Post-Emancipation Period to the End of the Twentieth Century"
- "The Role of the Individual in Caribbean History"
- "Comparative Studies of the U.S. Presence in the Caribbean during World War II"
- "Ideas and Culture of Caribbean Colonialism and Anti-Colonialism"
- "Popular Culture before and after the Abolition of Slavery"
- "Online Research, Teaching, and Learning of Caribbean History"
 - "Natural and Environmental History of the Caribbean"
- "Trades and Industries"
- "History, Family History, and Genealogy"
- "Archives and Digital Humanities"
- "The Material Culture of the Caribbean World"



Instructions to Proposers

To propose a paper or panel for the 45th Annual ACH Conference in Belize, 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 NO MORE than 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 2013 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 1, 2012.**

ACH Paper Proposal

45th Annual Conference, Belize, May 2013

(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 2012 *Bulletin*, list that theme here: _____

Paper Title: _____

Presenter: _____

Institution and
Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Please remember to attach an abstract of NO MORE than 250 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 Oct. 1, 2012.

All proposals for the 2013 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 1 deadline may not be considered.

ACH Panel Proposal

45th Annual Conference, Belize, May 2013

(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 2012 *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 1, 2012**, 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 2012.

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Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, Curaçao, 2012

PRESENT: Laura Rosanne Adderly, Ronny Alders, Rose Mary Allen, Roy Augier, Danielle Bégot, Aviva Ben-Ur, Richard Blackett, Amy Borgansky, Marcia Burrowes, Heather Cateau, Mildred Caprino, Denise Challenger, Sharika Crawford, Christian Cwik, Jonathan Dalby, Kathryn Dungy, Jacques Dumont, Karen Eccles, Nigel Encalada, Jerome Egger, Joanna Elrick, Ada Ferrer, Marisa Fuentes, Alison Games, Armando Garcia, Antonio Gaztambide, Michelle de Costa Gomez, Richard Goodridge, Christine Grant, Jeanne Henriquez, Gad Heuman, Rosemarijn Hoefte, Philip Howard, Tara Inniss, Eric Jagdew, Aleric Josephs, Marjoleine Kars, Gerard LaFleur, Jane Landers, Anne Lebel, Lianne Leonora, Natasha Lightfoot, Daniel Littlefield, Daniel Livesay, Woodville Marshall, Gelien Matthews, Janice Mayers, Cecelia McAlmont, Michelle Craig McDonald, Roderick McDonald, Bernard Moitt, Melissa Morris, Verena Muth, Melanie Newton, Clara Palmiste, Tiffany Ruby Patterson, Rita Pemberton, Carla Pestana, Christer Petley, Fernando Picó, Jean-Pierre Sainton, Leonard Smith, Stephen Snelders, Patricia Stafford, Grace Stroop, Angela Sutton, Rosalyn Terborg-Penn, Dominique Taffin, Clyde Thierens, Fredrik Thomasson, David Trotman, Shagline E. Kock Veeris, Rinia Veldhuizen-Doelahasori, Pedro Welch, Nigel Westmaas, Swithin Wilmot

ACH President Bernard Moitt called the meeting to order at 4:42pm. The agenda was considered and approved.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Puerto Rico: The AGM approved the 2011 minutes; moved by **Richard Blackett**, seconded by **Roderick McDonald**.

Matters arising from the Minutes: **Melanie Newton** noted that last year's AGM included discussion about encouraging more presentations from Caribbean-based

graduate students, but attendance remained low this year. **Rosanne Adderly** added that the EC should institute a formal program to develop procedures for future recruitment. **Roy Augier** suggested that ACH members should try to persuade Caribbean-based universities and colleges to support graduate student travel to the ACH as an essential part of their professional development. **Swithin Wilmot** proposed that the problem may not be financing; if a University of the West Indies' graduate student is accepted to the ACH, for example, UWI will assist with funding. What he suggested is that students need to be encouraged to apply; perhaps the EC could form a committee to oversee advertising. **Pedro Welch** added that non-UWI institutions should be solicited to send their students as well. **Richard Blackett** reminded the AGM that the ACH already offers a travel award intended to support graduate student travel to the Annual Meeting, and that it is specifically geared for Caribbean-based students. **Janice Mayers** asked whether the ACH has been re-incorporated as a non-profit, and **Michelle Craig McDonald** responded that this issue will be addressed in the Executive Committee Report.

Report of the Executive Committee and Secretariat, 2011-2012: **Michelle Craig McDonald** summarized the information provided to the AGM in a written report. The Committee met three times this year—immediately after the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 19, 2011 in Puerto Rico, on November 19, 2012 in Curaçao, and on May 17, 2012 before this year's AGM. The November 2011 meeting focused primarily on the 44th Annual Conference academic program for Curaçao. The EC reviewed 8 panel and 56 paper proposals for the 2012 conference. Originally, the EC chose 83 papers for a total of 19 panels, and this preliminary program appeared in the January

issue of the *ACH Bulletin*. As some presenters subsequently withdrew, the final conference slate was 68 papers (2 additional speakers withdrew during the conference, bringing the final total of presented papers to 66).

The ACH also welcomed many new and returning members including:

Over the past year, the ACH has welcomed many new members, and welcomed back many returning members. These include (as of May 17, 2012):

- 1 new Benefactor: Carla Pestana (Miami University).
- 3 Institutional Members: Ian Randle Publishers, Markus Wiener Publishers, and the Philipsburg Jubilee Library, Aruba
- 98 New Members or Member Renewals: names and institutions of these members appeared, or will appear, in the January and June 2012 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.
- 30 New Student Members or Renewals: names and institutions of these members appeared, or will appear, in the January and June 2012 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.

The Association now has a directory of 801 members/past members of all categories, although not all are current in their dues. At least 35 past members remain without current contact information; conference participants are encouraged to stop by the registration desk to review this list of and provide current information if available.

The Secretariat wrote two grants to support translation of the ACH website into Spanish and French (\$1,995 and \$1,500 from Richard Stockton College's Research & Professional Development fund). This project, which concludes during the summer of 2012, included four language faculty (2 Spanish and 2 French) and 10 students. Almost three-quarters of the website is now multi-lingual

and the remainder will be so by August 2012. She also compiled a list of past Elsa Goveia Book Prize recipients (posted online at <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/pastprizes.htm>), and hopes to complete a similar list for the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize this coming year. Funding for the website itself was provided by a donation from an outside grant written by Roderick and Michelle McDonald, which will continue through the 2012-13 year (specifics appear in the financial report).

The ACH published two issues of its newsletter, the *Bulletin*, in July 2011 and January 2012, which included the 2012 conference call for papers and preliminary program. Calls for papers and announcements about the conference were also advertised on over fifteen H-Net listservs (such as H-Caribbean and H-Atlantic), as well as to over fifty Latin American/Caribbean Studies Programs.

The second year of online registration and paper distribution systems continued to build strong coordination between the Secretariat, who managed conference paper collection, reformatting, and posting to the web, and the LOC. The Secretariat also oversaw conference registration, tracking both manual and online payments (conference registration monies were dispersed to the LOC, and membership funds retained by the ACH). Both numbers of members and conference attendees rose again this year; registration was 148 as of May 17, and the number of new and renewed memberships (in all categories) is 132 since last year's conference.

Interest rates remain low, unfortunately, and interest income was only \$224.09 for the ACH's combined accounts. One portion of ACH funds (\$50,000US) is now deposited in a Business Growth Savings/Money Market Account at an interest rate of .75%; the balance remains in an interest-bearing Commercial Checking account earning .5%. While the ACH is now legally incorporated as

a local non-profit, interest rates in government bonds and CDs are no higher than available money market rates, so were not utilized.

Antonio Gaztambide asked how the EC had originally fit 19 panels into the conference schedule, and **Moitt** replied that the ACH received a record number of strong proposals and that the organization might need to reconsider its conference schedule (which currently extends only a half day on Wednesday and reserves Friday for a field trip) in order to accommodate as much good scholarship as possible. **Craig McDonald** added that the number of panels were increased from 4 to 5 on Monday and Tuesday as of last year, and that the original program set by the EC extended through Wednesday afternoon and included 5 presenters on more than half of the panels. **Rosalyn Terborg-Penn** noted that the ACH used to have a policy of limiting repeat presentations as a way of rotating the opportunity to participate in the annual conference; perhaps that policy could be revived. **Gaztambide** was concerned about any change in the current composition of presentations, free afternoons, and field trips, and proposed that perhaps poster sessions (for graduate students or those at the beginning of their projects) might enable the conference to include more work without extending the number of panel sessions (and seconded the proposal to limit repeat presentations). **Jacques Dumont** agreed that a poster session might allow the conference to incorporate more good work without requiring such long days. **Ronny Alders** suggested that 10 minutes was not long for an oral presentation and asked why the ACH didn't use Friday or even Sunday afternoon to include more papers. **Moitt** answered that the Friday field trip is an ACH tradition, but that the organization needed to rethink its current format in order to expand. **Gad Heuman** thought that five presenters on a panel was problematic as some presenters received little or no feedback on their work. **Gelien Matthews**

added that some participants asked multiple questions, and asked that those asking questions be more succinct (and considerate) in the future, to allow as many as possible to participate in each session.

Financial Report, 2011-20112 Copies of the report were distributed to the AGM. **Craig McDonald** noted that both membership and registration income increased this year over last year, and the book exhibit generated \$560; moreover, \$3,703.63 was returned to the EC as profit from the 2011 Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico. This additional income enabled the EC to repay the Gould-Saunders Fund the \$5,000 withdrawn when monies transferred to Barbados. Interest rates remained low however, so all accounts generated less than \$300 in interest income. Rates for CDs or government bonds, however, are no higher than what the association currently earns for its Money Market Account so the EC opted to leave the funds relatively liquid. In response to **Janice Mayers** earlier question, **Craig McDonald** reported that the ACH is now re-incorporated as a registered local nonprofit. **Rinia Veldhuizen-Doelahasori** inquired why registration income appeared to be \$30 higher than registration monies paid to the LOC; **Craig McDonald** responded that a one-day registration occurred on Thursday morning and had not yet been paid out. No additional questions were forthcoming, and a full account of income and expenses will be published in the June *Bulletin*.

Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize: **Melanie Newton**, chair of the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Article Prize Committee for 2009-2011, reported that the committee (including herself, **Matthew Smith** of UWI, Mona, and **Danielle Bégot** of the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane) received 36 articles; applicants included both English and Spanish submissions, but none in French. This was an especially strong year and the committee opted to jointly award the prize to: Marisa J. Fuentes, "Power and Historical Figuring: Rachael

Pringle's Troubled Archive," *Gender and History*, vol. 22, no. 3, November 2010, and Matthew R. Casey, for "Haitians' Labor and Lesiure on Cuban Sugar Plantations: The Limits of Company Control," *New West Indian Guide*, vol. 82, no. 1 and 2, 2011).

The committee also selected two other articles for special mention: Anne Eller, "'All would be equal in the effort': Santo Domingo's 'Italian Revolution', Independence, and Haiti, 1809-1822," *Journal of Early American History*, vol. 1:2 (2011), and Maria del Carmen Baerga-Santini, "History and the Contours of Meaning: The Abjection of Luisa Nevarez, First Woman Condemned to the Gallows in Puerto Rico, 1905," *Hispanic American Historical Review*, November 2009, vol. 89(4).

Elsa Govia Prize Committee: Moitt called for nominations from the floor for the 2010-2012 Elsa Govia Book Prize Committee. Roderick McDonald nominated Rosemarijn Hoefte; Debbie McCollin nominated Melanie Newton, and Richard Blackett nominated Philip Howard. Pedro Welch reminded the AGM that members should collectively be proficient in all three ACH languages; Hoefte and Howard can both read Spanish, while Newton is proficient in French. All members can read English.

Gould-Saunders Travel Award: Virginia Gould and Gail Sanders, joint founders of the Gould-Saunders Travel Award, presented this year's prize to Amy Borgansky, Bard Graduate Center, for her presentation "The Culture of Cloth in the Eighteenth-Century West Indies." The Gould-Saunders Memorial Endowment Fund was established in 2005 in memory of Gould's and Saunder's late husbands. 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. This is the second year it has been awarded.

Report of the Nominating Committee, 2011-2012: This year's committee included Roy Augier (convener), Danielle Bégot, and Gladys Jiménez-Muñoz. Augier reported that the committee received 77 ballots (including 3 posted online and 5 by regular mail). All three officers remain in their current positions (Moitt as President Pemberton as Vice President, and Craig McDonald as Secretary-Treasurer). The following were elected to the EC for a one-year term: Rose Mary Allen, Ada Ferrer, Tara Inniss, and Jean-Pierre Sainton.

Augier also proposed that the EC consider drafting language for a constitutional amendment to present to next year's AGM about expanding the number of "at-large" members from 4 to 6 (bringing the total number on the EC from 7 to 9) to reflect both the larger overall membership of the organization, and the need to adequately represent Europe and the United States, in addition to the traditional representation of the different Caribbean regions. Marshall added that the expanded representation should be based: a) on where a candidate currently resides rather than where he or she originates, and b) all positions would continue to be voted on by the full membership. He added that the Constitution gives the Nominating Committee considerable authority in shaping the ACH's governance, and suggested that the responsibilities of that body be more specifically defined. Welch noted that perhaps there should be some minimum years as a member before one could be elected to the Nominating Committee, to ensure that those serving were sufficiently familiar with both candidates and ACH's institutional history.

Selection of the Nominating Committee, 2012-2013: Recommendations for a new nominating committee were then solicited from the floor. Antonion Gaztambide proposed Swithin Wilmot, Alain Buffon, and Fernando Picó, all of whom accepted the

nomination. **Wilmot** agreed to serve as chair of the committee.

Preliminary Report from the Local Organizing Committee for the 45th Annual Conference, Belize: **Nigel Encalada**,

Director, Institute for Social and Cultural Research, NICH of the presented on preliminary preparations for the 2013 ACH conference. The LOC chair will be **Diane Haylock**, Committee Chair, President of National Institute of Culture and History (NICH). Other proposed members include: **Dr. John Morris**, Associate Director, Institute of Archaeology, NICH; **Nigel Encalada**, Director, Institute for Social and Cultural Research, NICH, **Dr. Filiberto Penados**, Director of Research, University of Belize; **Elizabeth Cunin**, Director of Research, Institute for Research and Development, France and attached to University of Quintana Roo, Mexico; **Dr. Herman Byrd**, Director, Belize Archives and Records Service.

Proposed hotel and conference facilities are the twin properties of Coco Beach and Belizean Shores Resorts. Prices would be comparable with 2012 facilities, if not less expensive. Two local panels, focusing on Mayan archeology and social history, are being proposed. **Wilmot**, while complimenting **Encalada** on his report, asked out remote the proposed location was, and whether this might affect local participation. **Gaztambide** voiced the same concern. **Encalada** responded that the nearest town, San Pedro, is 8 min. from the hotels—which are not isolated, and that concerted efforts would be made to recruit local speakers, students, and media representatives. He also noted that the LOC is interested in reviving a past ACH Local History Essay Competition. Several airlines fly to Belize from the Caribbean, Europe, and the United

States; San Pedro is the closest airport, but the LOC is working on transportation arrangements from the much larger airport in Belize City and will provide more information about transportation, accommodation, and visa requirements for the next issue of the *Bulletin*. The proposed field trip will focus on Mayan history and archeology.

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

Preliminary Proposals for the 46th Annual Conference: **Moitt** noted that he had

approached **Dominique Taffin**, Archives départementales de la Martinique, about hosting the 2014 conference. **Gail Saunders** added that the College of the Bahamas had submitted a formal letter of consideration for 2014 or 2015. **Sharika Crawford** and **Jane Landers** both asked if the Dominican Republic, which submitted a proposal for 2013, might be reconsidered, but **Moitt** responded that their proposal was intended only for the year it was originally submitted; **Gaztambide** also suggested re-approaching the Dominican Republic about a future date. **Ronny Alders** noted that Aruba, which sent 8 delegates to this year's conference, would also be interested in hosting at a future date, and has well-developed hotel and conference facilities). It would be, as it was in Curaçao, a tremendous boom to the local historical community.

Evaluation of the 2012 Annual Conference:

Given the late hour, discussion of the 2012 conference was postponed and will be conducted via online survey.

ACH President **Bernard Moitt** adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm.

ACH Financial Report, 2012

ACH Commercial Checking (all amounts appear in US Dollars)

INCOME

Beginning balance for 2011-2012:	\$12,238.75
○ Conference income left over from the Puerto Rico LOC (11/30/11):	\$3,707.63
○ University of North Carolina Royalties (2011-2012): (checks under \$50 are not mailed so account will continue to accumulate; amount shown here for reference and not included in total)	(\$19.49)
○ Dues revenue since 2011 Conference (as of 5/4/12):* (1 Institutional Member, \$76.58 after checkout fee; 1 Benefactor, \$116.22 after checkout fee; 67 Professional Members, \$38.14 after checkout fee; 29 Student Members, \$14.12 after checkout fee)	\$3,157.66
○ Dues revenue at 2012 Conference:	\$1,565.00
○ ACH Registration Monies for 2012 Conference (before conference):	\$6,914.25
○ ACH Registration Monies for 2012 (at conference as of May 17, 2012):	\$7,613.68
○ Book Exhibition Income:	\$560.00
• 2 non-local publishers at \$200 each	
• 1 local vendor for 2 days at \$30 per day	
• 2 presses dissemination of administrative materials for \$50 each	

EXPENSES

○ Transfer from Checking to MMA (Gould-Saunders Fund):	\$3,775.91
○ Wire transfer fee to LOC (4/27/12)	\$35.00
○ Website Domain 2-Year Name Renewal (6/12/11) :	\$84.24
○ Translation Services:	\$337.63
○ Non-Profit Filing Fee:	\$125.00
○ Subvention paid to Curaçao LOC:	\$2,500.00
○ ACH Conference Registration Monies paid to Curaçao LOC: • any balance remaining after conference expenses are paid will be returned to the ACH	\$14,497.93
○ Servicing of the Executive Committee (2012 Conference Meeting):	\$250.00
○ Gould Saunders Prize:	\$500.00

ACH Business Growth Savings/Money Market Account (Gould-Saunders Fund)

Includes the \$20,000 moved from a 12 month CD that matured in October 2011, as well as another \$26,000 transferred to this account from the ACH Business Savings Growth Account with a .90% interest rate) \$50,224.09*

**This includes Savings/Money Market Interest earned of \$224.09.*

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES +INCOME:	\$35,756.97
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$21,105.71
BALANCE (INCOME LESS EXPENSES):	\$14,651.26
BALANCE IN MMA:	\$50,224.09
TOTAL OF ALL ACH ACCOUNTS:	\$64,875.35

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

The Executive Committee would like to especially thank the National Archives of Curaçao for their support of the November 2011 Meeting, including meeting space, refreshments, meals, and transportation.

Expenses of the Secretariat (provided by Richard Stockton College)	
Travel to the Executive Committee Meeting (Nov. 2011):	\$1,225.22
Travel to the ACH Annual Conference (May 2012):	\$3,046.45
Photocopying Services (600 copies x \$.05)	\$30.00
Photocopying Services (Rider University color copies, 150 x \$.50)	\$75.00
Website Development (Stormhaven Designs; funded by balance of a grant managed by Roderick and Michelle McDonald, support to continue through 2012-2013; \$1,280 for annual maintenance):	\$1,280.00
Website Translation Services (utilizing 4 faculty and 10 students; funded through two grants provided by Richard Stockton College)	
Initial Grant (Summer Fall 2011):	\$1,995.00
Extension Grant (Spring-Summer 2012):	\$1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES PAID EXTERNALLY:	\$9,151.67

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN...(continued from page 1)

What is needed, according to this member, is a list serv, or similar facility for ongoing communication and discussions between members. In fact, such a list already exists, but given the rise in recent new members, perhaps we need to reintroduce it. H-Caribbean (<http://www.h-net.org/~carib/>), founded almost a decade ago, was specifically intended to overcome the linguistic, political, and geographic fragmentation that has traditionally characterized the field and region, provide access to debates and discussions on Caribbean studies, and act as a resource to academics teaching and researching in associated fields. Nor is this list restricted only to ACH members; all practitioners in the field can read, post, and participate, and membership is free.

There are additional steps that can be taken to enhance the way we function. However, some of these steps require reflection, debate, and additional resources that the membership should consider. Take the structure of our conference week for example. In my view, rejection of good scholarship (even if presented by a member who gave a paper the previous year) just to maintain the present structure is not the answer. Packing panels with 10-minute presentations is not the way to go either. Since the ACH has always rejected parallel sessions, it seems logical that we need to use more time during the week for presentations. Could we begin the conference on Sunday afternoon and move the field trip to Saturday? With regard to language translation, some have suggested that we hire our own and fly them to the location. Would members be willing to bear the cost? The ACH has no external source of funding. The translation situation varies from location to location and does not offer a quick or easy fix.

Traditionally, the ACH Executive meets once a year to plan the Annual Conference. Going forward, the EC may need to meet more often or find other means besides e-mail correspondence to do the business of the organization. Most of the problems we have would be welcome by many other associations. They are not insurmountable. Surely, the excellence that characterizes the ACH can be drawn upon now.

Awards and Opportunities

ELSA GOVEIA BOOK PRIZE:

The ACH is pleased to invite nominations for the 2011-2012 Elsa Goveia Book Prize. The Elsa Goveia Prize, previously awarded every three years, has been awarded every two years since 1995, and recognizes excellence in the field of Caribbean history.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Any scholarly history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in 2011 or 2012 is eligible for this year's competition.
- Any press or place of publication will be considered.
- Publication may be in English, Spanish, French or Dutch.
- Work should be marked by felicity of prose style and clarity of expression.
- Only first editions of original works will be considered.
- Multi-authored collections, anthologies, and other such edited works are not eligible.

Call for Submissions:

Authors, publishers, managing or marketing editors, and others must submit nominations to the prize chair and adjudicating committee by December 30, 2012. The winner will be announced at the 2013 ACH Annual Conference in Belize. It is important that one copy of the book nominated be sent directly by courier or airmail to each member of the committee. Please ensure that all charges connected with mail or courier services are pre-paid. The addresses are:

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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, 2012** to Michelle McDonald, ACH Secretary-Treasurer:

Association of Caribbean Historians
Richard Stockton College
101 Vera King Farris Drive
Galloway, NJ 08205
e-mail: achsecretary@gmail.com

Visit the ACH website's listing of "Prizes and Fellowships" for more information:

<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>

BECOME AN ACH MEMBER

Yes! I want to join the ACH. Please select one of the following categories:

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

NAME:

INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS:

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EMAIL:

New Member: Yes No Need 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.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP...Become a Life Member and Support the Gould-Saunders Fund

If you believe in the ACH's mission to promote new scholarship and inter-disciplinary study in Caribbean history, consider becoming a Life Member. Lifetime memberships never expire, so you need never worry about renewal. More importantly, you will be part of a unique multi-lingual organization that offers an unparalleled opportunity for intellectual exchange.

At \$400, Life Membership is the best membership bargain—equivalent to 10 years of annual membership, but valid for life.

There are two easy ways to join. Either print and complete the ACH membership form to the left, or join online using any major credit card at: <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/life-membership.htm>.

Already a Life Member? Support the Gould-Saunders Fund directly.

One of the chief concerns expressed at the 2012 general meeting was the need to encourage more Caribbean-based students and junior scholars to attend our conference.

The ACH—through the generosity of two long-standing members, Virginia Gould and Gail Saunders—established the Gould-Saunders Travel Award in 2005 for just this purpose, and now you can follow in their footsteps. One travel stipend was awarded in both 2011 and 2012, but the number of fellowships available is limited only by the size of the fund.

This year the ACH is kicking off a fund-raising drive to expand the Gould-Saunders Travel Award. Your generosity will directly support the ability of new scholars from less represented nations to contribute to the ACH's mission. Please consider making a gift today. More information is available at:

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

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