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Message from the President

Rita Pemberton, formerly University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

As I assume my new role in the Association, I wish to convey my sincere thanks to all of you for supporting my elevation to the Presidential chair. I undertake to try to provide the level of service that is meritorious of your trust and to maintain the tradition set by the distinguished line of past presidents to whom thanks are also due. I hope that, in keeping with the ACH tradition, I will have your continued support to take the Association forward. Thanks also to the LOC Belize for the superlative production at San Ignacio. Welcome aboard Team Martinique. We look forward to the 2014 conference experience!

I would like you to consider some matters that I think warrant our urgent attention. As an Association we have to respond to the changing times and redirect our efforts as appropriate. The Association's finances need to be put on a stronger footing. We have to seek income-generating investment opportunities for those funds that we do have and find other creative ways to increase our revenue. I welcome suggestions for strategies to augment our revenues including stimulating more donor contributions to the Association.

As the main body representing the interests of Caribbean history, we ought to have a greater visibility in the region. We attract some public attention in the host country during the conference but this is not adequate. We ought to seek to attain a more enduring regional presence, being mindful of our resource constraints.

At our conferences we have a gathering of some of the finest minds in Caribbean History which provides an opportunity to give more publicity to the Association. A public lecture on some relevant topic at each conference venue should be a normal part of our annual conference. This has been successfully done in the past, as occurred in Barbados where the Walter Rodney Lecture was held.

At the present time, in the Caribbean, we face reduced registration in history at all levels of the education system. It is our business to influence the nurturing of the next generation of historians so we should consider ways to address this situation. We did adopt a policy of hosting an essay competition for secondary school students in the host country but, after an impressive start, this initiative has fallen into abeyance. Perhaps it is time for its resuscitation and a commitment to maintain this practice consistently as a part of our annual conference in addition to any other complementary initiatives we may consider worthwhile. The limited participation of graduate students from Caribbean institutions also remains a dogged question. We must find consideration as policy directors of the Association for this term and I look forward to working with you over the coming months.

Yours in Partnership,
Rita

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2013-14 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 2013-14:

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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, 2013. 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 Martinique, or cast in person at that meeting.

Advance Information: 46th Annual ACH Conference, Martinique, 2014

The 46th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians will be held in Fort-de-France and Schœlcher in Martinique from Sunday, May 11, to Friday, May 16, 2014. Registration will open on Sunday afternoon, and sessions will begin Monday morning.



Historic Fort St. Louis in Fort-de-France

CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATIONS:

Conference activities will be held in two locations, the historic heart of Fort-de-France (at Atrium, the debating chamber of the conseil general, and the Bibliothèque Schœlcher), and in Schœlcher at the Université des Antilles-Guyane, Bibliothèque Universitaire.

A variety of accommodations have been arranged with a wide range of prices and amenities. The main conference hotel will be the Hôtel Batelière, a four-star hotel priced at 115€, double 130€, including a buffet breakfast. Additional locations include: the Le Squash Hôtel, at 93€ for a single, the Centre international de Séjour de l'Etang Z'abricot, a nearby hostel, for 62€, and the CLOUS, cité universitaire dormitory housing, prices to be determined. Updates about hotel reservations and transportation will be posted on the ACH website when available. In the meantime, please visit the following websites for information about hotel services and amenities:

Hôtel Batelière: <http://www.hotel-bateliere-martinique.com/>

Le Squash Hôtel: http://www.karibea.com/martinique/hotel_squash.php

Centre international de Séjour : <http://www.french.hostelworld.com/hosteldetails.php/Centre-International-de-Sejour-Martinique/Fort-de-France/29033>

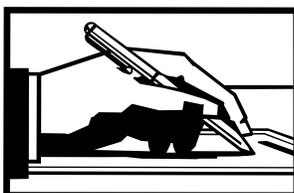


Cafard Anse Slave Memorial: These 20 effigies near Diamond Rock commemorate an 1830 slave ship sinking. This year's ACH coincides with the anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the French Antilles in May of 1848.

Call for Papers

The ACH is pleased to receive paper and panel applications for next year's conference. Members suggested several themes at this year's Annual General Meeting in Belize. While papers on these ideas are encouraged, 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:

- “World War I in the Caribbean”
- “Digital Resources, Online History and Archeology”
- “Gender and Women's Studies”
- “Caribbean Colonialism”
- “The Continental Caribbean”
- “Pan-Caribbean Labor Organizations”
- “A Retrospective of the Work of Michael Rolph-Troillot”
- “Representations of the Caribbean in Film”
- “The Work of Tony Martin and Mary Turner”
- “African Religions in the Caribbean”
- “The LBGT Community in the Caribbean”
- “The Impact of the Congress of Vienna on the Caribbean”
- “Slavery and Abolition in the French Antilles”
- “Labor in the Post-Slavery French Antilles”
- “Teaching and Learning Caribbean History”



Instructions to Proposers

46th Annual Conference, Martinique, May 2014

To propose a paper or panel for the 46th Annual ACH Conference in Martinique, please provide the following:

- Either a paper or panel proposal (format 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.
- A brief curriculum vitae (no more than 1-2 pages—this is requested from ALL applicants regardless of whether they are already members of the organization; please note that, if selected, all conference presenters must be ACH members in good standing).
- In order to ensure that graduate students are at an advanced stage of their research, graduate students are also required to provide a letter of support from their academic advisor attesting to the research strength and progress of their proposed paper.

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. Proposed 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 the ACH Secretary Treasurer and your Panel Chair as soon as possible in order to allow us to adjust the program.

All proposals for the 2014 ACH Conference, with abstracts and CVs, 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, 2013.**

While the ACH tries to include as much good scholarship as possible, the cost of simultaneous translation of all presentations into English, Spanish and French restricts us to one panel at a time. Because we can accommodate only a limited number of speakers each year, proposals from those who did not present in the immediate year prior will be given priority.

ACH Paper Proposal Form

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

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 3 of the July 2013 *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 1-2 pages) curriculum vitae.

Graduate students are also required to provide a letter of support from their academic advisor attesting to the research strength and progress of their proposed paper.

Proposals and all supporting materials are due by Oct. 1, 2013.

All proposals for the 2014 ACH Conference, with abstracts and CVs, 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

46th Annual Conference, Martinique, May 2014

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

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 3 of the July 2013 *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 1-2 pages) curriculum vitae. Graduate students are also required to provide a letter of support from their advisor. **Proposals and all supporting materials are due by OCTOBER 1, 2013** to the ACH Secretary-Treasurer, Michelle Craig McDonald at achsecretary@gmail.com. Papers can also be mailed to the Secretary-Treasurer, Association of Caribbean Historians 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 2013.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

University of the West Indies Press

LIFE MEMBERS

Gelien Matthews, University of the West Indies,
St. Augustine

BENEFACTORS

Carla Pestana, UCLA

MEMBERS and MEMBER RENEWALS

Rose Mary Allen, University of the Netherlands,
Antilles

Jaime Awe, National Institute of Culture and
History, Belize

Caree Banton, Vanderbilt University

Kristen Block, Florida Atlantic University

Bridget Brereton, University of the West Indies,
St. Augustine

Geoff Burrows, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Angel Call, University of Belize

Josue Caamano Dones, Universidad de
Puerto Rico

Arnaud Clermidy, Université des Antilles et de la
Guyane

John Coakley, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Elisabeth Cunin, URMIS, Université de Nice
Sophia Antipolis

Christian Cwik, Universität zu Köln

James Dator, Goucher College

Jenise DePinto, The College of St. Rose

Andrew Dixon, Independent Scholar

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Anthropological Museum, Curaçao

Nigel Encalada, National Institute of Culture
and History, Belize

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John Garrigus, University of Texas, Arlington

Antonio Gaztambide, Universidad de Puerto
Rico

Philippe Girard, McNeese University

Pablo Gomez, University of Wisconsin, Madison

María D. González García, Centro de Estudios
Avanzados de Puerto Rico y El Caribe

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Université d'État d'Haïti

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History, Belize

Verena Muth, Society for Continental American
and Caribbean Studies

Melanie Newton, University of Toronto

Ronald Noel, University of the West Indies, St.
Augustine

Fernando Picó, Universidad de Puerto Rico

Lara Putnam, University of Pittsburgh

Anju Reejhsinghani, University of Wisconsin,
Stevens Point

Elena Rivera, The Peret Group, LLC

Justin Roberts, Dalhousie University

Dominique Rogers, Université des Antilles et de
la Guyane

David Ryden, University of Houston

Jean-Pierre Sainton, Université des Antilles et de
la Guyane

Gail Saunders, College of the Bahamas

Lorena Walsh, Independent Scholar

Swithin Wilmot, University of the West Indies,
Mona

Kathleen Wilson, SUNY, Stony Brook

STUDENT MEMBERS

Jeanette Corniffe, University of the West
Indies, Mona

Royline Fontenelle, University of Oklahoma

Oneil Hall, University of the West Indies, Cave
Hill

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Philip Janzen, University of Wisconsin

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Miriam Martin, Vanderbilt University

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Tyler Parry, University of South Carolina

Nathalie Pierre, New York University

Carlos Rivera Velez, Universidad de Puerto Rico

Christine Walker, University of Michigan

Royline Williams-Fontenelle, University of
Oklahoma

Victor Wilson, Åbo Akademi University

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, Belize, 2013

PRESENT: Rose Mary Allen, Jennifer Anderson, Roy Augier, Caree Banton, Richard Blackett, Kristin Block, Bridget Brereton, Josué Caamaño-Dones, Heather Cateau, John Coakley, Jeanette Corniffe, Christian Cwik, Jonathan Dalby, Nigel Encalada, Bethan Fisk, Georgia Fox, Marisa Fuentes, Antonio Gaztambide, Virginia Gould, Oneil Hall, Gad Heuman, Rosemarijn Hoefte, Philip Howard, Jane Landers, Teresita Levy, Daniel Littlefield, Anne Macpherson, Woodville Marshall, Gelien Matthews, Janice Mayers, Michelle McDonald, Roderick McDonald, Bernard Moitt, Verena Muth, Renee Nelson, Melanie Newton, Ronald Noel, Tyler Parry, Ale Pålsson, Tiffany Patterson, Rita Pemberton, Carla Pestana, Lara Putnam, Justin Roberts, Dominique Rogers, Jean-Pierre Sainton, Gail Saunders, David Trotman, Swithin Wilmot, Royline Williams-Fontenelle, Victor Wilson

ACH President Bernard Moitt called the meeting to order at 3:15pm and asked that the AGM observe a moment of silence to honor Tony Martin and Mary Turner, both longstanding ACH members, who passed away this year. Memorials for both appeared in the January 2013 issue of the *Bulletin*.

Confirmation of the AGM Minutes: The agenda was considered and the May 2012 minutes approved with the following corrections: 1) Gail Saunders, Bridget Brereton, and Kristin Block should all be added to the list of those attending the 2012 AGM; 2) Rosemarijn Hoefte noted that the Philipsburg Jubilee Library was in St. Martin rather than Aruba. The AGM approved the amended 2012 minutes; moved by **Pedro Welch**, seconded by **Janice Mayers**.

Report of the Executive Committee and Secretariat, 2012-2013: **Michelle Craig McDonald** summarized the information provided to the AGM in a written report. The 2012/2013 Executive Committee (EC)

included: Bernard Moitt (President), Rita Pemberton (Vice-President), Michelle Craig McDonald (Secretary-Treasurer), Rose Mary Allen, Ada Ferrer, Tara Inniss, and Jean-Pierre Sainton. The Committee met twice this year, on October 20, 2012, in Belize, and on May 16, 2013, before this year's AGM. The EC especially wishes to thank the National Institute for Culture and History and the San Ignacio Resort Hotel for their support of the October 2012 Meeting, including meeting space, refreshments, meals, and transportation. The main item of the October agenda was the 45th Annual Conference academic program and local arrangements in Belize. The EC reviewed 9 panel and 64 paper proposals for the 2013 conference. Originally, the EC chose 66 papers for a total of 16 panels (including two proposed local panels), and this preliminary program appeared in the January issue of the *ACH Bulletin*. As some presenters subsequently withdrew, the final conference slate was 52 papers on 14 panels, including one local panel.

The ACH welcomed many new and returning members including (as of May 16, 2013):

- **1 renewed Benefactor:** Carla Pestana (University of California, Los Angeles)
- **2 new Life Members:** Christopher Starr and Gelien Matthews, both of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine.
- **1 Institutional Member:** The University of the West Indies Press
- **74 New Members or Member Renewals:** names and institutions of these members appear in the January and July 2013 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.
- **31 New Student Members or Member Renewals:** names and institutions of these members appear in the January and July 2013 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.

The Secretariat concluded the language translation project for the ACH website (now largely multi-lingual), supported by two grants from Richard Stockton College. It also compiled a list of former Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize winners (see: <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/pastarticleprize.htm>).

The ACH published two issues of its newsletter, the *Bulletin*, in July 2012 and January 2013, which included the 2013 conference call for papers and the preliminary program respectively. 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 third year of online registration and paper distribution systems continued to build strong coordination between the Secretariat, which 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 disbursed to the LOC, and membership funds retained by the ACH). The numbers of members and conference attendees both remained strong this year; registration was 121 (including student workers) as of May 16, and the number of new and renewed memberships (in all categories) is 109 since last year's conference.

Interest rates remain low, unfortunately, and interest income was only \$256.29 for the ACH's combined accounts. One portion of ACH funds (\$51,306.29 US) 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%. The ACH is now legally incorporated as a local non-profit, but interest rates in

government bonds and CDs are no higher than available money market rates, so were not utilized.

Questions were then taken from the floor. **Roy Augier** asked whether the ACH could reach out to the Institute for Caribbean Studies; the ICS provides links to several Caribbean scholarly organizations on its website but currently omits the ACH. The EC agreed to follow-up on this suggestion. **Kathleen Wilson** asked for clarification on the EC's selection process for papers, specifically the decision to include some speakers who had presented the year prior. **Pedro Welch** added that if a presenter is selected two years in a row, they should be required to present on a different project each year. He added that while this year's conference included a number of strong, junior scholars, the EC should be mindful of balancing new presenters with longer-term ACH members to ensure institutional continuity, and should work hard to retain newer members to build the membership base. **Antonio Gaztambide** asked whether the EC would consider adding additional qualifications to student applications—perhaps a letter from the student's advisor attesting to the status of their research. He also suggested that non-historians, if presenting, be asked to situate their work in a historical context. **Kathleen Wilson** asked that the EC provide feedback to proposals that were not selected to ensure transparency in the selection process. This generated some debate. **Carla Pestana** noted that organizations rarely offer substantial feedback with each rejection (and that doing so would be time intensive), and suggested that rejections include a sentence indicating that those who wished to have more information contact the ACH for more details. **Swithin Wilmot** also noted that such detail would be difficult to compile and would need to be carefully vetted. Moreover, the EC is elected to represent the ACH membership as a whole, and in over 40 years there have been no accusations of bias. **Gad Heuman**, who has previously

served on the EC, added that such individual responses would be time consuming and tax a volunteer body that already donates significant hours to the organization. **Kathleen Wilson** disagreed. **Melanie Newton** added that the lack of consistency (allowing some presenters to give papers two years in a row, while rejecting other papers for the same reason) is confusing. There should be one policy, and no five-person panels. **Michelle McDonald** noted that a number of factors weigh into the ranking process, such as balancing new and returning scholars, English, French, and Spanish-language applications, relevance to themes suggested by the AGM, etc. Proposals from those who presented the year prior are not dismissed categorically, but given secondary priority because of the limited number of spaces on panels (as there are no simultaneous panels at the ACH given the prohibitive cost of translation). **Bernard Moitt** suggested the EC could draft a paragraph that lays out these considerations in the call for proposals.

Woodville Marshall suggested that that ACH consider running sessions on Wednesday afternoons to accommodate more presenters (an afternoon typically left free to explore the host country). **Roy Augier** concluded the conversation by noting that these concerns are raised annually, and that there are inherent conflicts between the number of papers and panels a conference can include and the kind of informal networking and socializing that the ACH has traditionally supported. It is not a problem with an easy solution, but the growing number of applicants at least indicates the vitality of the organization, so these are good problems to have. He also wanted to emphasize that the work of the EC is already prodigious. To ask for individual comments is too much; instead the AGM should rely on the collective wisdom of their representatives and let the EC do their job.

Financial Report, 2012-2013: Copies of the financial report were distributed to the AGM. **Michelle Craig McDonald** noted that both membership and registration income remained strong this year, and the book exhibit generated \$400; moreover, \$815.00 was returned to the EC as profit from the 2012 Annual Meeting in Curaçao. 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. The Gould-Saunders Fund did receive \$1,250.00 in additional donations, however; \$1,000 came through online donations and \$250.00 from this year's Elsa Goveia Prize Winner, who opted to donate the funds rather than receive a check (see that agenda item below for more information). A full copy of the May 2013 financial report will be included in the July 2013 issue of the *Bulletin*.

Report of the Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee: **Rosemarijn Hoefte**, chair of the Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee for 2011-12, reported that the committee (including herself, **Melanie Newton** of the University of Toronto, and **Philip Howard**, University of Houston) received a total 43 books for consideration. The committee thought that all books were of excellent quality. There were a number of strong contenders for the EGP, but ultimately one clear winner emerged: *The Spirits and the Law: Vodou and Power in Haiti* by **Dr. Kate Ramsey** of the University of Miami. Her book was published by The University of Chicago Press (a full report of this committee's decision will appear in the July 2013 issue of the *Bulletin*). **Professor Ramsey** was unable to join the ACH meeting in person, but generously donated her EGP prize funds to the Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Fund Award for graduate student travel to the ACH, and she hopes to apply to present in Martinique at next year's conference. The

Secretary-Treasurer has emailed a formal letter and award certificate to **Dr. Ramsey**.

Gould-Saunders Travel Award: Virginia Gould and Gail Saunders, joint founders of the Gould-Saunders Travel Award, presented this year's prize to **Renee Nelson**, Ph.D. Candidate, University of the West Indies, Mona, for "The West Indian Press and the Federal Idea: 1948-1957." The Gould-Saunders Memorial Endowment Fund was established in 2005 in memory of **Gould's** and **Saunders's** late husbands. Its purpose is to provide assistance for graduate students and, in some cases, junior scholars, especially from universities and other institutions in the Caribbean and Central America to attend the ACH conference. This is the third year it has been awarded.

Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee: **Bernard Moitt** called for nominations from the floor for the 2012-2013 Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee. **Melanie Newton** nominated **Anne Macpherson**; **Roderick McDonald** nominated **Fernando Picó**, and **Richard Blackett** reminded the AGM that committee members must represent all three dominant Caribbean languages (**Macpherson** reads English, French, and Spanish, and **Picó** reads both English and Spanish). **Bridget Brereton** nominated **Lara Putnam**, as the third committee member, and **Anne Macpherson** agreed to convene the committee.

Report of the Nominating Committee, 2012-2013: This year's committee included **Swithin Wilmot** (convener), **Fernando Picó**, and **Alain Buffon**. **Wilmot** reported that **Rita Pemberton**, University of the West Indies, had been nominated as President, and **Jacques Dumont**, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, as Vice President, while **Michelle Craig McDonald**, Richard Stockton College would begin a second three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer. The following were elected to the EC for a one-year term: **Ada Ferrer**, New York University, **Antonio**

Gaztambide, Universidad de Puerto Rico, **Melanie Newton**, University of Toronto, and **Jean-Pierre Sainton**, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane.

Selection of the Nominating Committee, 2013-2014: **Bernard Moitt** called for nominations from the floor for the 2013-14 Nominating Committee. **Melanie Newton** nominated **Marisa Fuentes**, Rutgers University, **Rita Pemberton** nominated **Heather Cateau**, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, **Richard Blackett** nominated **Jonathan Dalby**, University of the West Indies, Mona, and **Bridget Brereton** nominated **Dominique Rogers**, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane. **Heather Cateau** agreed to convene the committee.

Preliminary Report from the Local Organizing Committee for the 46th Annual Conference, Martinique: **Dominique Rogers** and **Jean-Pierre Sainton**, both of the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, presented on preliminary preparations for the 2014 ACH conference, proposed for May 18-23 to coincide with Martinique's commemoration of the abolition of slavery [NOTE: dates were subsequently changed to May 11-18, 2014]. The LOC will include both an Honorary Committee (chaired by **Jacques Adélaide-Merlande**), as well as a Local Arrangements Committee (consisting of **Dominique Taffin**, **Elisabeth Landi**, **Benoit Bernard**, **Jacques Dumont**, **Jean-Pierre Sainton**, **Catherine de Firmas**, **Christelle Lozere-Bernard**, **Danielle Begot**, **Erick Noel**, and **Dominique Rogers**). The ACH has been to Martinique twice before, but it has been some time and there is local interest in recording conference sessions for television and radio, as well as publishing the proceedings.

Melanie Newton and **Anne Macpherson** noted that this will overlap with the Berkshire Conference on Women's History. **Roderick McDonald** and **Swithin Wilmot** noted that the date of the conference has always been the prerogative of the LOC.

Several organizations have already pledged support including: La Région Martinique, Le Conseil general de la Martinique, La Comité Martiniquais du Tourisme, Les Archives départementales de la Martinique, L'Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, La Bibliothèque Schœlcher de Fort de France, La Ville de Fort de France, La Groupe Hayot. Conference sessions would be held both in Fort de France and Schœlcher.

Proposed hotel facilities include a range of budgets from the Hôtel Batelière (priced at 115 euros for a single and 130 euros for a double) and Squash Hôtel (for 93 euros), to the Centre international de Séjour de l'Etang, Z'abricot (at 62 euros) and the L.O.U.S, Cité Universitaire (at 40 euros per person a night). Final plans for the Friday field trip are still in process, but the LOC hopes to have options (including a tour of the north end of the island, as well as some of the plantation homes of Martinique; a third option remained "a surprise").

Discussion of Proposed Conference Venues for the 2015 ACH Conference: Gail

Saunders noted that the Bahamas was interested in hosting an ACH conference; while she had requested support for a 2014 event, she will ask whether the College of the Bahamas will defer in 2015. The Secretary-Treasurer agreed to write a formal letter making this request on behalf of the EC.

Antonio Gaztambide asked whether there was still a possibility of holding an ACH conference in the Dominican Republic, and asked that the same letter be sent to the DR for consideration. **Michelle Craig McDonald** noted that the 2013 proposal from **Frank de Moya-Pons** was specifically for 2013 only, but **Gaztambide** intimated that he might have additional names to provide to the EC.

Evaluation of the 2013 ACH Conference: **Swithin Wilmot** complimented the LOC for a job well done. **Rosemarijn Hoefte** added

her thanks to the translators for their contributions to the event. **Melanie Newton** noted the greater participation of Caribbean-based graduate students and hoped that the trend would continue. **Roy Augier** specifically thanked **Bernard Moitt** for his last two years of service as the ACH president. He also updated the AGM on the status of the UNESCO history of the Caribbean publishing project (most recently, the project published volume IV). The present state of UNESCO's precarious financing makes future publications unlikely; back issues are available for all prior volumes. Please contact UNESCO, the publisher, or **Roy Augier** for additional information.

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

Any Other Business: **Carla Pestana** asked the ACH to consider including a list of attendees and contact information in the registration materials for each conference.

Fernando Picó asked about the status of **Roy Augier's** request last year to consider enlarging the size of the EC by two members (from 7 to 9); **Roy Augier** asked that the same request be considered by the current EC.

ACH President **Bernard Moitt** adjourned the meeting at 5:06pm.

ACH Financial Report, 2013

ACH Commercial Checking (all amounts appear in US Dollars)

INCOME

A. <u>Beginning balance (as of 6/1/12):</u>	\$14,651.26
B. <u>Conference income left over from the Curaçao LOC (wired 10/22/12):</u>	\$815.00

C. Membership Dues Income

<i>Dues Revenue (online via Google Checkout)</i>	\$2,587.84
Full Members (56 x \$40, less \$1.46 Google fee per transaction = \$2,158.24)	
Student Members (30 x \$15, less \$.68 Google fee per transaction = \$429.60)	

<i>Dues Revenue (by mail)</i>	\$1,360.00
Benefactor (\$120 x 1 = \$120.00)	
Full Members (\$40 x 11 = \$440.00)	
Life Members (\$400 x 2 = \$800.00)	

<i>Dues Revenue (on-site in Belize)</i>	\$295.00
Full Members (\$40 x 7 = \$280.00)	
Student Members (\$15 x 1 = \$15.00)	

D. Conference Registration Income

<i>Registration Revenue (online via Google Checkout)</i>	\$5,879.73
Full Registration (41 x \$115, less \$4.78 Google fee per transaction = \$4,519.02)	
Student Registration (22 x \$60, less \$2.04 Google fee per transaction = \$1,275.12)	
Caribbean Student Registration (3 x \$30, less \$1.47 Google fee per transaction = \$85.59)	

<i>Registration Revenue (by mail)</i>	\$1,035.00
Full Registration (\$115 x 9 = \$1,035.00)	

<i>Registration Revenue (on-site in Belize)</i>	\$580.00
Full Registration (\$115 x 4 = \$460.00)	
Student Registration (\$60 x 1 = \$60.00)	
Local Member Day Registration (\$10 x 12 = \$120.00 BZ, or \$60.00 US)	

E. <u>Book Exhibition Income:</u>	\$400.00
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1 non-local publisher at \$200.00 and 2 local vendors at \$100.00

EXPENSES

A. Bank Fees:

Wire transfer fee from Curaçao LOC (10/22/12)	\$18.00
Wire transfer fee to Belize LOC (4/15/13)	\$30.00

B. Website/Communication-Related Fees:

Website Domain 2-Year Name Renewal (11/29/12) :	\$119.76
Translation Services:	\$615.23

C. Conference Expenses:

ACH "Seed Money" for Conference Expenses:	\$3,000.00
ACH Conference Registration Monies paid to Belize LOC (4/15/13):	\$5,000.00
Balance of ACH Conference Registration Monies paid to Belize LOC (5/15/13):	\$2,494.73
*any balance remaining after conference expenses are paid will be returned to the ACH	
Servicing of the Executive Committee (2013 Conference Meeting):	\$100.00

D. Prizes:

Elsa Goveia Prize:	\$250.00
(winner donated prize monies to the Gould-Saunders Travel Award, see below)	
Gould-Saunders Prize:	\$500.00

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

\$50,056.29

A. Gould-Saunders Fund Gift Donations (including Elsa Goveia Prize Donation):	\$1,250.00
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TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES + INCOME:	\$27,603.83
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$12,127.72
BALANCE (INCOME LESS EXPENSES):	\$15,476.11
BALANCE IN MMA:	\$51,306.29
TOTAL OF ALL ACH ACCOUNTS:	\$66,782.40

Additional ACH expenses were paid by external sources:

The Executive Committee would like to especially thank the National Institute for Culture and History (NICH) for refreshments and transportation, and the San Ignacio Resort Hotel for meeting space, refreshments, and accommodation during the October 2012 Executive Committee Meeting.

Expenses of the Secretariat (provided by Richard Stockton College)

Travel to the Executive Committee Meeting (Oct. 2012):	\$1,182.28
Travel to the ACH Annual Conference (May 2013):	\$2,420.19

Website Development (Stormhaven Designs; funded by balance of a grant managed by Roderick McDonald and Michelle Craig McDonald, m through 2012-2013; \$1,280 for annual maintenance):	\$1,280.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES PAID EXTERNALLY:	\$4,902.47
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Elsa Goveia Book Prize Recipient announced for 2011-2012

In total 43 books were submitted. The committee thinks that all of these books are of excellent quality. There were a number of strong contenders for the EGP, but ultimately one clear winner emerged: *The Spirits and the Law: Vodou and Power in Haiti* by Kate Ramsey of the University of Miami. Her book is published by The University of Chicago Press. The committee considers *The Spirits and the Law* to be a ground-breaking study, combining historical narrative and sophisticated analysis in exploring the relationship between popular practices of Vodou and its legal repression in Haiti's history.

Kate Ramsey uses a compelling writing style to dissect the complex relations between legal cultures and state power on the one hand and popular cultures and resistance on the other. The study is based on a variety of sources, including official archival documents, interviews, travel accounts, and letters. The committee is convinced that *The Spirits and the Law* not only offers fresh insights into Haitian history, but also that this study will have relevance to our thinking about other Caribbean societies.

Professor Ramsey was unable to join the ACH meeting in person, but generously asked to donate her EGP prize funds to the Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Fund Award for graduate student travel to the ACH, and hopes to apply to present in Martinique at next year's conference.



Mary Turner, 1931-2013

Mary Turner, who died in London on 22 January 2013, belonged to the small group of historians, born in the 1920s and early 1930s, who pioneered the writing and teaching of the history of the Anglophone Caribbean. She was born in Kingston-upon-Hull, Yorkshire, in 1931, and attended first Scarborough High School for Girls—the family had moved out of Hull to avoid the heavy bombing the city endured during World War 2—and then Kingston High School in Hull after the war's end. Turner won a scholarship to Manchester University and went there to read for a degree in history in 1949.

It was while she was at Manchester that she met the Jamaican playwright Barrington (Barry) Reckord, who was then a student at Cambridge. They married in 1953, and Turner spent the next few years in Kingston. As a teacher at Wolmers Boys School, Kingston, Turner was one of the first to teach West Indian history for the new Cambridge GCE 'O' Level syllabus. One of her students was Patrick Bryan, subsequently of the Department of History at UWI, Mona, who was taught by her while he was in the Wolmers Fifth Form in 1958. He recalls that she produced a collection of documents to support the 'O' Level course, which predated the well-known *Sources of West Indian History* subsequently published by F. R. Augier and Shirley Gordon.

Her involvement in teaching West Indian history at Wolmers led to her inclusion in the team of historians—Augier, Gordon, Douglas Hall and Reckord, as she then was—who wrote the classic textbook, *The Making of the West Indies*. First published in 1960 by Longman Caribbean, it went through many impressions, and was the most widely used text for GCE 'O' Level West Indian History in the region during the 1960s and 1970s.

Turner received her Ph.D. from King's College, University of London, in the early 1960s. Her doctoral research was a pioneering foray into Jamaican history during the last fifty years of slavery, based on intensive archival study, notably of the voluminous records of the various missionary bodies working in the island at that period. It resulted in her classic book, *Slaves and Missionaries: The Disintegration of Jamaican Slave Society, 1787-1834*, first published in 1982 (and reissued by the UWI Press in 1998).

In 1969, Turner—whose marriage was by then coming to an end—took up an appointment at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Her research during this period focused on Jamaican slave society and the transition to free labour in the 1820s and 1830s, for instance her classic essay “Chattel Slaves into Wage Slaves: A Jamaican Case Study”, first published in 1988. Among her many other publications, she authored the chapter “Religious Beliefs” in the UNESCO General History of the Caribbean, *The Slave Societies of the Caribbean*. Outside of strictly academic matters, Turner was an active member of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, and recalled with pride her involvement in the longest strike in Canadian tertiary education in 1988. After she left Dalhousie she was made an honorary member of the London Retired Members branch of the Association and took a keen interest in university politics and disputes in the UK.

Even before her retirement from Dalhousie and her return to London, Turner was much involved in the Institutes of Commonwealth and Latin American Studies (University of London), where she was a Senior Research Fellow. In 1991, for instance, she organized a conference under the auspices of the two Institutes on slave, contract and free labour in the Americas and Africa. This resulted in the important book, which she edited, *From Chattel Slaves to Wage Slaves: The Dynamics of Labour Bargaining in the Americas* (1995).

Once she had left Dalhousie and lived in London, Turner continued her active involvement in the Institutes, organizing for many years well-attended seminars on the Caribbean. She was an engaged member of the UK Society for Caribbean Studies and attended several of their annual conferences, up to the one at Liverpool in 2011. She was also a Life Member of the Association of Caribbean Historians, and went to many of their annual conferences. Turner was especially interested in Cuba, which she visited many times, the last visit being in April/May 2012.

Turner's research in these years focused on labour relations and labour law in the Caribbean, for which she received a major grant in 1991. One outcome of this project was her significant essay “The British Caribbean, 1823-1838: The Transition from Slave to Free Legal Status”, published in a book edited by Paul Craven and Douglas Hay, *Masters, Servants and Magistrates in Britain & the Empire, 1562-1955* (2004). Though Turner never taught at UWI, she had many links with it; she often served as External Examiner for graduate theses, and in 2004 she gave the 20th Elsa Goveia Lecture (on “Slave Rebels and Slave Revolutionaries”) at Mona. She cherished warm friendships with many UWI historians, current and retired, some lasting over many decades.

In London over the last two decades of her life, Turner was central to Caribbean studies in the UK. She knew nearly everyone in the field, and helped, encouraged and mentored many of them. Through the ICS and ISA seminars, she organized and mobilized scholars and graduate students working in the area, whether they were based in Britain or merely passing through. Her warm personality, and gracious hospitality in her London house—so conveniently near to Senate House and the British Library—endeared her to her many friends from far and wide.

BRIDGET BRERETON, MARCH 2013



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Nominations are being sought for the 2012-13 Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize. This is a biennial award that recognizes the best article in the field of Caribbean history.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Any history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in a scholarly journal between 2012 and 2013 is eligible for the award, provided it has not received an award elsewhere.
- Publication may be in English, Spanish, French or Dutch.
- Work should be marked by felicity of prose style and clarity of expression.
- Multi-authored articles are not eligible.

Call for Submissions:

Authors, publishers, editors, and others interested in submitting articles for consideration must send nominations to the chair and other members of the adjudicating committee by **February 15, 2014**. The winner will be announced at the 2014 ACH Annual Conference in Martinique.

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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Eligibility Criteria:

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- 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 2013 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;
- Have held a permanent position in his or her department 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 **January 15, 2014** to Michelle Craig McDonald, ACH Secretary-Treasurer:

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