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Dear Fellow Member of WHA:

Congratulations to new council members elected last December. They include Philip Curtin, Peter Stearns, and Lynda Shaffer.

This year a number of positions are up for election: Treasurer, Vice President (President-elect), Secretary, and three council positions. If you are interested in serving, or have suggestions, please contact--before the end of August--the Chairman of the nominating committee, Professor Stephen Gosch. His address: Dept of History, Univ of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Phone: 715-836-5178.

I'm sorry for the delay in sending this Bulletin; it has taken longer than expected to compile an up-to-date membership mailing list. Address changes are difficult to monitor, since some notifications go to the Editor, some to the Treasurer, and some to me. You can help by sending change-of-address notification directly to me as soon as you know, so I can maintain an up-to-date membership database. Please send to the Nebraska address listed above.

For your information, enclosed are sets of minutes from WHA meetings on 26 September 1986, 27 December, and 28 December. (The latter two have yet to be approved by the council.)

Thanks for your continued support of world history.

Sincerely,

Joe C. Dixon
Executive Director

MINUTES

World History Association Council Meeting
Spelman College Guest House, Atlanta, Georgia
September 12, 1986.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. Present were President Kevin Reilly, Vice President Arnold Schrier, Secretary Marilyn Hitchens, Treasurer Michael Zaremski, Executive Director Joe Dixon, and Council members Sam Ehrenpreis, Lynda Shaffer, Marc Gilbert, and Margery Ganz. Also present was our formidable host Marty Yanuck.

2. The minutes of the World History Association Council meeting held in New York City December 27, 1985 and of the World History Association business meeting held December 28, 1985 were read and approved with spelling corrections of the names Schrier, Margery Ganz, Ehrenpreis, and Marilyn Hitchens.

3. Michael Zaremski gave the treasurer's report. He reported that the Association has \$9,719.00 on account, but that since some of the money was for memberships paid through 1988, the present usable figure is probably closer to \$8,000. He also reported that we are in the process of applying for non-profit status. (see attached report)

4. Joe Dixon reported on membership. He cited a paid membership figure of 440 which indicates some decline from the 1985 figure of 475. According to his latest list, 109 have paid through 1985, 174 through 1986, 27 through 1987, 128 through 1988 and 2 through 1999. The 109 not paid for 1986 prompted a discussion of the arrears problem. Joe suggested an ameliatory letter (since he was also in arrears). It was also agreed that another letter should be sent to those 34 on the list who have not paid dues since 1984 indicating that the cost of the Bulletin made it impossible to continue carrying their names on the membership list unless prompt payment was received.

Joe then brought up the question of how to promote membership. It was decided to create a membership committee. Sam Ehrenpreis, Michael Zaremski and Margery Ganz volunteered. This committee will assemble a membership packet which would include a hopefully seductive history and purpose of the organization, and a membership form which could be easily returned. Joe would have a supply of these packets to mail out to names of interested parties sent to him. The membership committee will also organize a table at the upcoming AHA meeting in Chicago. The table will have an alluring sign, a hefty supply of Bulletins and membership packets, other publications, and will be

hosted at all times by our enthusiastic membership.

Lynda Shaffer mentioned the need to work through other organizations in order to promote membership. In this regard she mentioned the upcoming international conference at Tufts December 12-14, 1986 on "South Asia and World Capitalism c.1500-2000" sponsored by the Tufts Department of History, the Program in Southeast Asia at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, the South Asian Regional Studies Department at the University of Pennsylvania, the Fernand Braudel Center at the State University of New York-Binghamton and the American Historical Association. In the same vein, Marilyn Hitchens mentioned that she would be sponsoring a panel on world history at the Rocky Mountain Regional Council for the Social Studies conference in the spring in Denver, and at that time, would have membership packets available. Marilyn also reported that she had talked with Fran Haley at the National Council for the Social Studies regarding exchanging membership lists, but that Fran advised that their membership is too large for our purposes. She suggested instead an article in Social Education about world history and contacting the history affiliate of the National Council for the Social Studies. Arnold Schrier noted that there has already been articles in the History Teacher and Social Education on world history, but that a membership form was not included. Kevin suggested that some of the new membership packets should be sent to all council members so that they could act as a frontline membership brigade.

5. Nomination procedures for the three council places up for reelection in December, 1986 were discussed. (Lynda Shaffer, Howard Mehlinger and William McNeill's terms end). It was decided that the previous practice of having short biographies on the ballot should be continued and that the ballots should be mailed six weeks before the annual meeting or approximately November 1. This means that nominations should be in the hands of nominating committee chairperson Dorothy Abrahams (Dept. of History, California State University at Long Beach, Long Beach, Ca. 90840) by October 1.

6. It was decided that the WHA should have an archivist, not only to uphold historical tradition, but also to make certain records are not lost and that they are available at a central location. Marc Gilbert offered to act as archivist.

7. Ray Lorantas gave a Bulletin report. Following up on an earlier communication, he reiterated that Drexel's support for the Bulletin would be gradually phased out over the next three years, though they will continue to make available use of a secretary etc. He

noted that since the original idea of the WHA was that the Bulletin should be self-supporting, that this should not be seen as a mortal blow. Efficiencies in production have already been put into operation due to Rosen and Greenfield's efforts, cutting the cost in half, and ads are beginning to come in. Pricing of ads is as follows: 1 page once \$200.00, twice \$190.00, three times \$175.00; 1/2 page once \$130.00, twice \$125.00, three times \$115.00; 1/4 page once \$80.00, twice \$75.00, three times \$65.00. Members are encouraged to mention to publishers with whom they have contact, that the Bulletin is a highly targeted and therefore effective way for them to advertise. A set of mailing labels has already been sold to Houghton-Mifflin for \$50.00. The council agreed that Joe Dixon should use his own discretion in pricing should further such requests come to him. Sam Ehrenpreis noted that printing costs could be greatly reduced if the printing facilities of his college were used. He and Ray will look into this. It was agreed that \$200.00 for '85-86 should be paid to Drexel as a token payment for costs (as was done in 1984). Ray noted that he has lots of copy these days which bodes well for the future. It was agreed that a membership advertisement should continue to be carried in the Bulletin in order further activities of the membership committee.

8. Kevin Reilly reported that our proposals for panels at the 1986 AHA meeting had been declined. One panel dealing with women in world history, and chaired by Lynda Shaffer, included papers by Anne L. Barstow, "Women, Sexuality and Oppression: The European Witchcraft Persecutions", Claire Robertson, "Impact of Gender in African History", and Lorraine Gesich, "Invisible Entrepreneurs-Structural Study of Women in Southeast Asian History". The other one dealt with graduate education in world history, and was to be chaired by Craig Lockhard with papers by Jerry Bentley of the University of Hawaii regarding their Ph.D. program in world history, and Philip Curtin regarding the Atlantic program; John Smail and Dilip Basu as commentators. The consensus of the group was that these panels merited resubmission, and would have a better chance of inclusion next year especially given the recent guidelines for panels published in Perspectives Vol. 4 No. 6, Sept., '86, p.6.

9. Undaunted by panel exclusion, it was decided that the World History Association would have its council meeting Saturday evening December 27 from 6:00-8:00 in the San Francisco room of the West Tower Ballroom level (Hyatt Regency), and its business meeting Sunday evening December 28 at 6:00 PM in the Toronto room to be followed by a reception at 7:00 PM honoring William

McNeill who is retiring from the World History Association council. To recognize his contribution to our group and to world history, it was agreed that Professor McNeill would be presented with a plaque based on our letterhead.

10. Discussion moved on to the topic of the Chinese-American History Conference planned for 1988. Everyone agreed that a letter outlining the project in brief should be drawn up for purposes of soliciting funds. The pros and cons of two conferences--one in China and one in the U.S. --versus one at a halfway place like the East-West Center in Hawaii, were discussed. There was some recognition due to previous soundings on the project, that money on both sides is more available if the conference is held on the respective homefronts. It was finally decided that a strategy should be developed by the conference committee (Ray Lorantas, Marc Gilbert, Lynda Shaffer, Marilyn Hitchens, and Martin Yanuck) with regard to the site, purpose, and scope of the conference.

11. Kevin then asked for proposals for other projects which the World History Association could undertake in the future. Sam Ehrenpreis suggested developing a theme for the year. Marilyn Hitchens noted the need for establishment of Ph.D. programs in world history in order to stimulate scholarship and hopefully give rise to a journal in world history. She also suggested more pressure on the educational testing service to develop tests of achievement and Advanced Placement tests in world history.

12. Regional Associations and their relationship to the national organization received some discussion. It was finally decided that rather than reducing dues for joining both as a method of support, that the national organization should offer moral and communication support, like notices of events and articles regarding their conferences in the Bulletin, as well as offers of mailing lists.

Marilynn Hitchens reported that the Rocky Mountain Regional group is once again sponsoring a conference. This year it will be held on the campus of Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado May 1 and 2, 1987. While the topic has not yet been confirmed, serious thought has been given to "Economic Systems in World History". Anyone interested in attending or presenting a paper, please contact David McComb, Professor of History, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80523 (303)491-6142)

13. Due to two retiring members of the nominating committee, it was noted that two more members must be

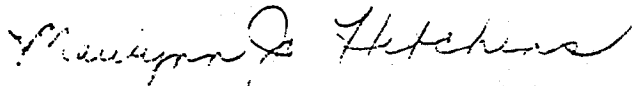
appointed at the December meeting. Presently serving one year terms are Heidi Roupp and Steve Gosch; two year terms are held by Ted Farmer and Denny Schillings. Retiring are Dorothy Abrahams and Ray Lorantas.

14. News of other conferences of interest to the World History Association include the ISCSC (International Society for Comparative Study of Cultures) May 29-31 at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and the Hemispheric Dimensions of Middle Eastern History conference November 19-21 at which Ross Dunn is presenting a panel. It was also noted that Radical History is doing an issue on world history for which articles are requested by December, 1986.

15. It was agreed that a lifetime honorary membership should go to William McNeill for his service and inspiration to the WHA. In addition, as a way to keep key people active, it was decided that ex-council members may attend council meetings without vote. The issue of what the position of past officers should be was left for a decision at a later date.

The meeting adjourned too late for tea but just in time for cocktails and a wonderful dinner at Marty Yanuck's. Enormous thanks to Marty, Margery and Marc who ferried us around, showed us Atlanta's most colorful dining spots, organized the events, food and accommodations and proved that gracious southern hospitality can be acquired by all sorts of immigrants.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilynn Hitchens

MINUTES

World History Association Council Meeting
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
December 27, 1986 6:00PM Ogden Room

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Reilly. In attendance were President Kevin Reilly, Vice-President Arnold Schrier, Secretary Marilyn Hitchens, Treasurer Michael Zaremski, council members Margery Ganz, Sam Ehrenpreis, Ray Lorantas, Catherine Edwards, and Bob Roeder. Also present were past president Ross Dunn, and Sino-American conference committee participants Marty Yanuck and Carlton Tucker. Absent were executive director Joe Dixon, council members Marc Gilbert, Mark Welter, William McNeill, and Howard Mehlinger.

The minutes of the September 12, 1986 council meeting in Atlanta were amended to include Ray Lorantas as among those present and Margery Ganz as a member of the Sino-American conference committee.

Michael Zaremski gave the Treasurer's report. He said that as of 12/8/86 income totaled \$6413.62, debits totaled \$1821.00, leaving a balance of \$10,268.98. The report was approved as read. (Appendix 1)

Marty Yanuck and Margery Ganz gave a report on the Sino-American History Conference. Marty circulated a draft proposal for submission to the National Endowment for the Humanities Re-grants Conferences program. (appendix 2). Margery reported that the cost per person for a group of 20 historians to go to China and back (with two stopovers) would approximate \$1500. There was some discussion regarding the technique to be used at the conference; this revolved around the idea that in China, Chinese historians would give papers with the Americans commenting, while in the U.S., the Americans would give papers with the Chinese commenting. Ray Lorantas, Lynda Shaffer and Carlton Tucker mentioned the various organizations in China and the U.S. with which we could work; in China, the teaching organization is the China Education Association (Carlton's contact), and the research organization is the National History Teaching Research Association and its subsidiary group the world history association (Ray's contact). In the U.S., Lynda Shaffer mentioned that Harvey Harding at the Brookings Institute has had some experience with Sino-American conferencing, that the annual U.S.- Soviet history exchange might provide a guideline for us, and that the Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China (National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20418) might

also be able to help. Because of the number of issues to be worked out before even writing a grant proposal (one or two conferences, research or teaching, site and resources), it was decided that the committee should meet within the next twenty-four hours and report back at the annual meeting on December 28.

Ray Lorantas reported on the state of affairs with the Bulletin. He apologized for the late arrival of the fall, 1986 issue which was due to the reorganization of the operation. He said that the cost of producing the Bulletin was steadily declining owing to lower production costs and advertising (from \$1000 to \$500 and even to \$250 with advertising). He also announced that Anthony W. Deering had given Drexel University 130 shares of Rouse Company stock (approximating \$4,100 and to be matched in 1987) to partially fund the Sino-American conference, the Bulletin, and for the department book budget. Bravo to Ray for landing our first grant money for the conference. (appendix 3)

Discussion proceeded to the question of encouraging the Educational Testing Service, which contracts with the College Board to develop the Advanced Placement and Achievement tests, to orient their tests more to world history. Ross Dunn, who has been working on the achievement tests, reported that there is an achievement test entitled "European History and World Cultures" which is about 50% of each topic. He reported that there was little resistance among those working on the test to including more world history questions and even to changing the name of the test to "world history". This was not the case with Advanced Placement tests, however, where there still seems to be substantial sentiment for European history. Catherine Edwards commented that a proposal to replace AP European history with world history would probably not fly, but that a proposal for an additional AP world history test might find support. Bob Roeder commented that from a high school/college articulation standpoint, an AP world history test makes a lot of sense, since AP European history credit cannot count as world history credit. It was agreed that a letter written by Ross Dunn and signed by Kevin Reilly in behalf of the World History Association in support of a world history achievement and AP test should be sent to the College Board.

Kevin reported that the University of Florida initiated a program for teachers last summer entitled "Africa in World History". Its success prompted NEH to seek a national proposal. The University of Florida has asked the WHA for its support. This would include an announcement in the Bulletin and possible follow up

articles, and a workshop at the 1989 AHA

Bob Roeder asked for the council's support in a project he intends to launch in 1988. This would involve using video disc technology to write a world history super text. The envisioned project would cost \$5-15 million and include alternative course outlines, a resource bank, museum tours, atlases in motion, tests etc. The main question was the roll the WHA should play--as collaborator, to recruit consultants, to set policy or as advisor. It was decided that the WHA would await more detail in the proposal before taking a firm stand, but that it would certainly support in any way it could at the moment this most visionary proposal.

Several changes of address were noted. Ross Dunn will be in Canada until July, 1987. His address is: 303 W. Acres Crescent, Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec, H9GIV2, Canada. Joe Dixon has been reassigned to SAC Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska. All correspondence should continue to go to his present home address until he moves later in 1987.

The need for a budget committee was discussed. It was noted that, unlike our friends in Washington, we are able to live within our means quite well. Therefore, the informal arrangement between Ray Lorantas, Joe Dixon, and Michael Zaremski, acting as Finance Committee, is, for the present, a good working team needing no change.

The establishment of a program committee to facilitate our own activities and keep us better informed about other meetings outside the AHA was discussed and tabled.

Kevin nominated Steve Gosch to chair the nominating committee (replacing Dorothy Abrahamse), and Dana Greene and Ross Dunn to replace Ray Lorantas and Dorothy Abrahamse. The nominating committee is now composed of Steve Gosch, chair, and Ross Dunn, Denny Schillings, Dana Greene, Ted Farmer, and Heidi Roupp.

Kevin announced the results of the elections for new council members. Newly elected are Philip Curtin, Peter Stearns, and Lynda Shaffer who will each serve three-year terms.

The membership committee formed in Atlanta to draw up a brochure and new membership form had no report. They promised to make haste in their deliberations.

(committee composed of Margery Ganz, Sam Ehrenpreis, and Michael Zaremski.)

Due to time pressures, a full discussion of future projects was postponed until a later date. For the time being, Kevin asked if the Association wanted to continue the \$200 contest prize in world history sponsored by the National History Day Committee. There was unanimous agreement to do so. This year's prize went to Thuy Pham. There was some feeling in the group that an article devoted to this activity and to this year's winner should appear in the Bulletin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilynn Hitchens

Marilynn Hitchens, Secretary

MINUTES

World History Association Annual Meeting
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
December 28, 1986 5:00 PM San Francisco Room

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Reilly at 5:00 PM. The minutes were approved as reported.

Michael Zaremski gave the Treasurer's report. The Association as of 12/8/86 has a balance on hand of \$10,268.98.

Kevin Reilly gave the President's report. He noted that this year's activities have been both positive and negative. Among the disappointments were the rejection by the AHA of the two panels proposed for the December, 1986 AHA meeting (one on women in world history, the other on graduate education in world history), and the fact that Drexel University can no longer fund the Bulletin. On the positive side is the fact that cost cutting procedures have led to an almost cost-free Bulletin thanks largely to Ray Lorantas, Catherine Greenfield and Richard Rosen. In addition, the WHA co-sponsored many activities throughout the year including a conference "Africa in World History" (Rocky Mountain Regional World History Association, April, 1986) and a panel "Periodization in World History (International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations)". The WHA also participated in a MESA (Middle-Eastern Studies Association meeting in November, and in an organizational meeting of a Mississippi Regional Association in April. Kevin also noted the continued momentum in world history which bodes well for the future of the organization. He thanked Margery Ganz, Marc Gilbert and Marty Yanuck for their gracious hospitality during the semi-annual council meeting there in Atlanta in September.

Kevin announced results of the elections. New council members are Philip Curtin, Peter Stearns, and Lynda Shaffer who replace outgoing members Howard Mehlinger, William McNeill, and Lynda Shaffer. Kevin also announced the new nominating committee. Chairperson is Steve Gosch, and committee members are Ross Dunn, Denny Schillings, Dana Greene, Ted Farmer and Heidi Roupp. Association members are encouraged to send nominations to any members of the committee.

Kevin then turned to the honoree, William McNeill. Noting that world history was virtually synonymous with this great scholar and teacher, he presented Professor McNeill with a plaque and a life-time membership in

the WHA (see appendix 1 for complete remarks). In McNeill's acknowledgement, he noted that it is suicidal to educate ourselves and our students in only one facet of history, that it is a moral imperative to study world history in all its rotundity, and that this challenge seems already to have been taken up by textbook publishers. He offered two suggestions to the Association. One was to recognize that the Association cannot expect to have panels accepted in the AHA program every year, and he advised that they should be presented even without concurrence of the AHA in order to lend stability to the Association. He also suggested working more closely with the National Council for the Social Studies in order to get better world history education in the schools. After his sagacious remarks, everyone gave an ardent ovation to this "genro" of world history and great friend of the Association.

Marty Yanuck then reported on the Sino-Chinese conference to be held in 1988. He noted that several key issues still have to be addressed, but that the planning committee intended to submit a proposal to the NEH Re-grants program within a month, and that substantial working contacts with the Chinese have already been established. He solicited comments from the audience as to ideas for conference funding, venue, and format. William McNeill suggested contacting the Luce Foundation. Other ideas were SPICE.

Kevin Reilly then took a moment to review the present state of affairs with regard to college board testing in world history. There is presently an achievement test entitled "European History and World Cultures" which is about 50% world oriented, but no AP world history test. Kevin commented that we need to work for both an achievement test in world history and an AP test. He noted that the Association council had decided to move on this issue, but he urged any other members serving on boards connected with this to do likewise. Dorothy Goodman noted that the International Baccalaureate which is presently being awarded in 160 schools in North America is a move in this desired direction.

With regard to current projects, Kevin mentioned efforts to increase membership and organization of regional groups in world history in Georgia and California. He noted that an archives for the Association has been established by council member Marc Gilbert. He announced that there are presently summer institutes for teachers on Africa, that the National Council for the Social Studies under the direction of Fay Metcalf has launched a major project to establish

guidelines for history and has invited the WHA to participate, that there is a project in the Philadelphia schools (PATHS) to upgrade the teaching of world history, and that Bob Roeder of the University of Denver is initiating a project to use video disc technology to create a super textbook in world history. Kevin also suggested having an annual conference of our own.

With regard to new business, one member requested a list of people who could serve as consultants in world history. A paper was sent around asking for volunteers. This list is available from Kevin or Marilyn upon request. Use of video, it was noted is on the horizon. The South Carolina "The World" series with its accompanying work book and teacher's guide is available for purchase from Goldcrest Films and Harper and Row publications. It has already been aired on public TV and will be put on satellite again according to some members. Craig Lockhard mentioned that "Triumph of the West" is due for public viewing this winter. Dorothy Goodman informed the membership of her new project called Friends of International Education (PO Box 4800, Washington, DC 20008) which is an effort to encourage language training at the elementary level and above. With a grant from NEH she is collecting resources in the study of Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Russian. Marilyn Hitchens is collecting course outlines and accompanying resources for a one year world history course at the high school level.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM whereupon the membership convened in the adjoining room for refreshment and celebration of William McNeill.

Respectfully submitted

Marilynn Hitchens

Marilynn Hitchens, Secretary