

NERWHA Executive Committee

Nov. 5, 2011

In attendance: David Burzillo, Jeremy Greene, Jim Diskant, Michele Louro, Whitney Howarth, Al Andrea, David Kalivas, Roland Higgins, MJ Maxwell, Nick, Lincoln Paine, Angela Lee, Dane Morrison

-- Election results – Pres. – Dane, MJ – Sect/Treas, VP – Michele Louro

1) Program Committee report (Dane)

-- MJ and Michele -- thanks for all hard work

- a small group – Dane, MJ and Roland

- request – reflect on the day – is this what we want to do again? Same format? Sooner or later? In spring or wait to next year?

Al – knee jerk reaction – great collegial meeting, not a fan of the three papers and Q&A, the roundtable works much better. Likes the emphasis on pedagogy

Dane – like the tone of the revived format to be more collegial.

Whitney – like the collegiality, but the issue of research not as strongly integrated, with exception of MJ's .

Dane – Should have sent out a reminder to the presenters.

Al – Much more important to address pedagogy since most world history teachers aren't doing cutting edge research.

Dane: Had very few proposals – accepted every proposal. Problem of growing the organization and publicizing.

David K – Dialogue was very productive. Some good ideas – that doesn't always happen at these presentations. NERWHA is trying to encourage engagement – in that sense it's extremely successful.

Jim D – Agree with Al and David K – great interaction and good dialogue. Suggestion about the process – organization is still small enough, and want to be more involved in the committee. Ie: to know that there are not so many proposals, would have helped.

Dane: At this early stage, just made sense to make things tight to make sure the Symposium took place. But it was an awful lot of work. MJ took the brunt of it. I'd like to second Jim's point.

Whitney: Was the problem recruiting discussant.

Dane: let's choose a planning/program committee, a local arrangements committee. If we need more committees, let's make them.

Whitney: Can we keep having NERWHA events here?

Dane: Costs NERWHA nothing, and costs the university next to nothing. We can keep coming back. Don't we want it in other places?

MJ: Other places? Strawberry Banke... What about at a high school? In NWWHA, we held it at Eugene HS, and had many teachers. Received Continuing Ed credit

David K – we can also host it at Middlesex in Lowell.

Dane: Perhaps at a private school – would more likely get more faculty and more students there. Have a colleague in Phillips Exeter in NH. We may find some welcoming spots.

David B – Institutional Memory – the fact that we can meet here, just as we are building, that just from NERWHA's past – Keene College, but then North Adams State – attendance went down each time.

Don't want to move too soon, and want to build membership a little bit then move it later.

Al: Salem State is pretty central of all of us.

Dane: no prob in having it here next time.

MJ: Recruiting more people from Salem State.

Michele: Like the emphasis on teaching, but would like more emphasis on research. Opportunity to talk about research as well.

Al – volunteer to be on program committee. Turn to Jim’s idea – one session where we try to combine cutting edge research and how to bring it into the classroom.

Jim: Agree that it needs to be more explicitly. What am I going to do with all this? Would be wonderful to combine MJ’s work with how it would be applied in the classroom.

MJ: You mean to find a teacher to present with?

Al: not being done all the time. One academic and then the teacher.

Whitney: Doesn’t need to have two people? Can do both.

Al: but like idea of a dialogue

Dane: I like the idea of bringing a student.

Jim: In Beijing, there was a great panel by a group of women from Minnesota – two instructors who created the course about the family in world history – a graduate student who helped teach it and a student who had taken the course.

## 2) Treasurer’s Report (MJ)

a. Finances

b. Web Presence

-- building it a little by little – send stuff in! Teaching models, research, links to articles.

-- Do we have a counter on the page?

- Facebook Page – 17 members on there – linked to website.

## 3) Membership (MJ and Nick)

50 members

Nick: Put together a cover letter, canvassing all the university and colleges in the area

Followed up with a letter to members with extra membership form.

Difficulties – asking for money upfront.

Listserve – a call for members in H-World

Mass Council for Social Studies – David Burzillo

Jeremy -- Been in touch with NEHTA – Amy George

Nick -- WHA members in New England area, but only have mailing address—check with Jackie Wah in WHA.

Jim Diskant -- Get in touch with Primary Source – curriculum development center – Peter Gilmartin , Program Director. How can they be useful in terms of reciprocity.

Dane: Asking Peter Winn to put something in the program and inviting someone else to be in the program.

Roland – Meet and greet new faces that are here. A more formal survey or eval about today’s program?

Whitney – eval at NHCSS – can do a survey what the participants want to do.

Al – perhaps do an e-journal, but need a full-time editor.

David K – I don’t think we are ready for that

MJ – can we build this membership committee– David Kalivas and Angela Lee

Jim D – Teaching Committee in WHA is in the midst of working on a survey –once the results come back, may help come back.

David K – once we get them here, need to keep them here. Could get someone from the organization, during lunch, go around to the tables to welcome. Can all take it upon ourselves. Need to keep that in mind.

Al – raising our membership with World History Bulletin

Dane – Tech approach

## 4) Logo (Dane and Whitney)

Al -- Should be an 18<sup>th</sup> century clipper

Dane: or an Indiaman

Michele: What about the Friendship?

Dane: Email me thoughts about logo

MJ: This needs to be on a letterhead.

Whitney: We need to have a public domain image – that would be even better.

Next Steps:

Program Committee: Al, Jim, David B., Michele L, Lincoln– Create the call, solicit papers, sift through papers and create a program. Jim and Al (is willing to co-chair after Jan. 6)

Spring – last week in April? NEHA is in April – need to finalize a date.

Northeastern lecture series – in the weekdays