

MINUTES:

Executive Council of the New England Regional World History Association

April 4, 2014 at 5:30 PM

Home of Lincoln and Allison C. Paine,

150 Eastern Promenade, Portland, ME

Present: Michele Louro, Lincoln Paine, Alfred J. Andrea, Malcolm Purinton, David Kalivas, Heather Streets-Salter, Tom Rushford

I. President's Report

A special thanks was extended to Mary Jane *in absentia* for her service. NERWHA arranged to have a WHA Certificate of Appreciation presented to Mary Jane to express our gratitude. Thanks to Al Andrea for providing the mounting and framing expenses as a generous donation. Plans were to present it to her at the WHA symposium in Barcelona. (Subsequently, when she was unable to attend that meeting, Winston Welch mailed it to her. Addendum note of 6 June 2014.)

Dane Morrison will serve as acting secretary-treasurer. Thanks to Dane.

The president urged the EC to consider recruitment of leadership for NERWHA in the future. Our efforts to expand and carry momentum forward depends on new members and new leaders. In addition, there was much discussion about encouraging a stronger commitment from existing EC members. There has been a clear attrition in terms of attendance at EC meetings for a variety of reasons. It was decided that the president would create a master list of duties and new committees. All EC members will be asked to express an interest in these duties and a willingness to serve where needed, and the president will make final appointments to specific committees and duties.

Other ideas for expanding membership and outreach included:

1. More inclusive symposia that invite participants to discuss any theme
2. A deeper engagement with scholarship and faculty in universities and colleges

3. Consider more centralized locations for symposia at least once a year

II. Secretary-Treasurer Report

We have a current balance of \$4,831.82 in the NERWHA account. This includes the first \$500 collected for the Spring Symposium.

III. Program Committee Report

A total of \$2,221.58 has been collected for the symposium on-line. This includes a donation of \$500 from the Portland Marine Society. We owe SMCC \$1097.40.

It was agreed that NERWHA should pay only the costs for [morning refreshments](#), room [and A/V fees](#), [and printing costs](#) for all future symposia. [Ideally registration will cover the above expenses and provide an overage for NERWHA. External funding must cover lunch, afternoon refreshments, and any other expenses.](#)

IV. Future Symposia (Site Selection Committee):

a. [Middlesex Community College, Lowell Campus, Lowell, Massachusetts](#) (October 25, 2014)

- i. Symposium Committee: Al, David K., Christoph Strobel
- ii. Theme: Industrialization and World History
- iii. CFP approved

b. Northeastern University, [Boston Massachusetts](#) (March 28, 2015)

- i. Symposium Committee: TBA
- ii. Theme: World History through the Northeastern Passage
- iii. Keynote: Pat Manning

V. The NERWHA Website

Michele and Tom to update website this summer.

VI. Student Prize for WHA Travel

It was decided to move forward with plans to offer a student prize of \$500 to offset travel expenses to the WHA. This program would depend on the maintenance of an appropriate reserve to be determined at the fall retreat.

The Meeting ended at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michele L. Louro

President, NERWHA