

# Agenda

NERWHA  
Executive Council Meeting  
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
11 June 2011  
Sullivan Building 109  
Salem State University

## Officers

Dane Morrison, President <dmorrison@salemstate.edu>  
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## Executive Council

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Kelsey Utne <kjutne@gmail.com>      Away

9:30    Coffee and Approval of April Minutes

10:00    NERWHA Structure and Policies

### *Introductions and Attendance*

*Jim Diskant*  
*Jeremy Greene*  
*Dane Morrison*  
*David Kalivas*  
*Nick Russell*  
*Al Andrea*  
*Mary Jane Maxwell*  
*Angela Lee*  
*Whitney Howarth*

*Approval of the Minutes and corrections – carried unanimously*

I. Constitution (Dane and Mary Jane)  
Approve changes:

1. Name of organization: New England Regional World History Association

*Voted to change as a plenary session*

*As a formal Executive Council, agreed to confirm (one opposed)*

2. Constitutional amendment to transform the three executive officers into VOTING members of the Executive Council

*Al – When Constitution was written, it was meant to have officers to be voting members. Reality was always there, though def. of “ex officio” is non-voting. Striking ex-officio from Art. 4*

*Article 4 – Al puts motion, Dane seconded*

*All in favor -- unanimous*

3. “Executive Council” from “Steering Committee”

*We decided that we should have a minimum of 8 members and a maximum of 14 and that members should represent all our constituents: high school teachers, community colleges ,and universities.*

*Dane – Discussion on name of Steering Committee to Executive Committee?*

*Carries Unanimously.*

## II. Website

A. Secure a webmaster or webmistress, possibly at SSU (Roland, Michele, Dane)

*Roland has volunteered to be **Web Captain**.*

B. Find a new NERWHA logo

Contact Kathleen Kimball for the logo -- she is willing to help with this (Whitney Howarth)

*Whitney and Kathleen Kimball (Kik) met for 3 hours and drew and envisioned our NERWHA logo – a clipper and landmass that connoted the world. Advocating Sugata Bose’s Indian Ocean work – New England going toward the east. We decided to use the Friendship of Salem as our model, and use Asia as the landmass. Nick suggested that the map should evoke the early European maps. Mary Jane suggested that once the logo goes up on our webpage, we will cut and paste it into our word documents and have NERWHA stationary.*

C. Add a new tab for NERWHA conference papers and our research agendas (Mary Jane)

*New tabs for the website will be:*

**World History News**

**Research** (papers by NERWHA members)

**Teaching** (syllabi, resources, bibliographies)

*All tabs will have links*

*We should also post all our affiliate’s links on our website, and ask them to do the same. We can also post other links – but ask for reciprocity. Al recommends that we keep in contact with the coordinators of our affiliate and to explore the MWWHA website. It was decided that the following will contact our affiliates and other organizations to ask for reciprocity of links on our homepages:*

*Mary Jane – with Northwest and Midwest*

*Al -- Paul Jentz can take care of connecting all the WHA affiliations*

*Jeremy – NEHTA*

*Dane – NEHA  
Angela – Primary Source*

*Newsletter: Dane has recommended that we post an occasional newsletter to remind people of our activities, such as Whitney's blog, and the Facebook Page. Dane and Mary Jane will create this to keep our members informed and active.*

### III. Membership

#### A. Dues and Fees

##### 1. Decide on a structure of membership dues and conference fees (Dane)

*Dane – what is due structure now?*

*Al -- \$20, \$5 for students, \$10 for those who are members of WHA, NEHA, NEHTA*

*After much discussion, Dane decided that a decision on the fee structure should wait until we discuss the conference. There will be incidental costs for the kind of activities we want to engage in. We should always have \$1000 in our checking account. There are times when fees can't cover all costs of conferences.*

*No decision made on this item.*

##### 2. Discuss recruitment of new members

*Jim raised the point -- why join NERWHA and what is the organization doing?*

*The Council discussed how we can make clear the benefits of membership including networking, lecture series, reduced fees for conferences, a mentoring program, symposia, world history new and events and a newsletter.,*

*Dane recommended that each member of the exec council should head a committee. The first committee we need is an outreach committee to recruit new members. This take an enormous amount of time, and the Council gratefully accepted Nick's offer to head the committee. Mary Jane will send Nike her contact lists – who is teaching world history in the northeast – Paul Jentz has a list for those in the community colleges. In the fall, Nick will send us a letter and a strategy for all the members to take part in recruiting members from their local regions.*

### IV. NERWHA Award

#### A. Institute a NERWHA Award on National History Day (Mary Jane)

*Whitney has volunteered to coordinate the NERWHA award for National History Day in April. Al will contact publishers to hand out six monographs as a prize to the winners, plus, we'll have a handsome certificate with the NERWHA logo on it. Whitney will get permission from the state coordinators for NERWHA to join the event.*

### V. Fall 2011 Elections

#### A. Elections for three offices and length of terms (via email) (Dane)

*Nominations should be posted in advance of the conference*

Results announced at Fall meeting

*Mary Jane will coordinate elections in the Fall via Googledocs, and we will announce the officers at the Nov 5 conference. I will email all Executive Council members and ask who is willing to serve for 1,2, and 3 year terms. All current members and officers will run in the Fall*

Afternoon

Fall Planning

Planning the Fall Conference

*The Fall conference will be Saturday Nov 5. SSU will sponsor.*

*The conference title will be: **“Braided Narratives: Integrating Research and Teaching”***

*The model will be two two-hour roundtables – one in morning (suggested 9:30-11:30) with Pre-modern world history, and afternoon (suggested 1:00 – 3:00) with Modern World history. Each roundtable will be 3-5 people offering a 10 minute presentation, and then open for discussion and Q&A.*

*Al suggests that these presentations are not papers and need to be more broad. We hope to get PDP credit for teachers who attend. NERWHA should present a certificate so teachers can receive credit.*

*After the afternoon roundtable, there will be four optional breakouts (need to register in advance):  
Mentoring (Al will coordinate this)*

*Tour*

*AP World History*

*Publishing*

*Thanks to Al for offering to coordinate our Mentoring Program for NERWHA members!*

*Publishing should include World History Connected and Bulletin of World History; Concord Review and Tufts Historical Review; McGraw, Cengage, Pearson, Bedford/St. Martins.*

*Fees for the conference are early bird registration (Oct. 1); and regular registration*

*Mary Jane will send out the call for discussants.*

*No decision on fees, but all agreed that the fees should be low -- \$25.00 maximum and lower if possible. Lunch is on our own.*

## II. Lecture Series

*Dane tells us that Michele Louro would like to institute a lecture series at SSU. Moving toward a creation of some sort of World History Center – it’s up in the air. Will be wanting to talk to Heather Streets about it to see how to collaborate with Northeastern. These would be 4PM Monday lectures, perhaps two in the fall and two in the spring. What benefits do we offer the community? This is something that NERWHA can be doing – sponsoring a lecture series. In our first year, we need to be*

*aware of costs. The lecture series would be attracting different audiences. There is an educated general public in Salem as a community. Need to be clear about what the presentation will be.*

### III. Goals for the SSU World History Center as the home institution of NERWHA

*SSU would like to build a World History Center. We will be in conversation with Heather Streets upon her arrival to Northeastern as they revitalize their World History Center. SSU's focus would be on teaching world history (Northeastern may be more research oriented since they have the PhD program), and NERWHA will remain centered at SSU.*

*Dane: Next conference, and next conference site – we should be planning ahead.*

*Al: Using the historical site to teach world history – Sturbridge Village in western MA. Mystic Seaport, Essex County – magnificent sites. Good teaching opportunities. Strawberry Banke in the spring.*

*Also, in the future look to Fall conferences at Keene State and Green Mountain College.*

*The Council members were eager to arrange for Strawberry Banke next year – perhaps a spring conference?*

*Al suggests that we can also consider a joint conference – ie: focuses on Geography  
Jeremy offered that perhaps we could do a joint conference with NEHTA in 2013.*

*4:00 Adjournment (Adjourned early – 3 pm)*