

**Annual Business Meeting  
Immigration and Ethnic History Society  
Houston, TX  
March 18, 2011**

President Barbara M. Posadas called to order the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Immigration and Ethnic Society at 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2011, at the Hilton-Americas. Fifteen Society members were present, including all officers except Treasurer Cheryl Greenberg, who is in China on a Fulbright Fellowship, and a majority of the Executive Board.

President Barbara Posadas asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the 2010 meeting, which was seconded and approved. She then announced plans for the annual dinner following the business and Executive Board meetings and recognized the chairs of the Society's various committees and outgoing Board members for their diligent efforts to manage Society business during the past year. She also thanked members of the Nominating Committee, Local Arrangements Committee, awards committees, and all other Society members who helped plan and organize the 2011 IEHS meetings, reception, and dinner.

Noting that Society affairs had been "blissfully quiet" during her second year as president, Posadas applauded two actions taken by the Executive Board during the year: the Society's co-sponsorship of a National Endowment for the Humanities proposal submitted by Alan Kraut and Maureen Nutting for a 2012 Summer Institute on "American Immigration in the 20th and 21st Centuries" and increasing, for only the second time in its history, the monetary award for the Theodore M. Saloutos Memorial Book Award (from \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually).

During the Secretary's Report, Timothy Dean Draper provided the names of the three new Executive Board members: Madeline Hsu, Tyler Anbinder, and Deirdre Moloney.

President Posadas provided a brief Treasurer's report since Cheryl Greenberg is out of the country but hopes to issue a twelve-month financial report in April at the close of the Society's fiscal year. Posadas reported that FY2009-2010 showed the Society with a balance of \$142,000, while eleven-total for FY 2010-2011 shows a balance of \$160,000. Since the Society has made all four payments to University of Illinois Press, Posadas stated that the balance should not decrease much during the final month of the fiscal year.

Program Chair Hasia Diner noted that the Society was sponsoring four sessions at this year's OAH Annual Meeting and explained that such sessions may also serve for facilitating membership growth. The Society will sponsor a session at the Berkshire Women's Conference and has two panels already submitted for the 2012 American Historical Association meeting.

*Journal of American Ethnic History* editor John Bukowczyk explained that he had reviewed editorial matters in an earlier Editorial Board meeting and would emphasize business affairs in the Business Meeting. He discussed the *Journal* move from the History Cooperative to JSTOR, noting that it is too early to forecast the potential impact on the number of institutional subscribers. The University of Illinois Press reported another decrease in institutional subscriptions, which, if continues in the near future, may necessitate the Society to focus on long-term financial planning. He mentioned that at some point the Society may need to address an increase in institutional subscription rates. Bukowczyk detailed how institutional changes in funding have led to a change in the *Journal's* Review Editor and may pose future hurdles for university support of journal editorial work. Finally, he advised the Society to consider 501(c)3 status; Posadas stated the treasurer plans to pursue this matter upon her return.

Jim Bergquist provided a brief report for the Society's newsletter, stating that the last issue included 560 copies with costs comparable to previous years. He stated that he remains interested in contributions, especially on pedagogy.

Winners of the Society's prizes were announced. These included the Saloutos Memorial Book Award co-winners Jennifer Guglielmo, *Living the Revolution: Italian Women's Resistance and Radicalism in New York City, 1880-1945* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010), and Lorrin Thomas, *Puerto Rican Citizen: History and Political Identity in Twentieth-Century New York City* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010); the George E. Pozzetta Dissertation Award winner Marieke Polfliet, the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis (France), for the project, "Emigration and Politicization: French Migrants in New York and New Orleans in the First Half of

the Nineteenth Century (1803-1860)”; the Carlton C. Qualey Memorial Article Award winner Julio Cesar Capó, Jr., “Queering Mariel: Mediating Cold War Foreign Policy and U.S. Citizenship among Cuba’s Homosexual Exile Community, 1978-1994,” *JAEH* (vol. 29, no. 4), and; the John Higham Travel Grant (jointly administered by the IEHS and the OAH) co-winners Mimi Cowan (Boston College), Joseph Solomon Moore II (University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and William Sturkey (Ohio State University).

Rachel Kranson detailed the extensive redesign and restructuring of the Society website with plans to go live in April with such new features as a searchable membership directory, discussion forum, syllabus areas accessible to members, resource area for K-12 teachers, and electronic dinner reservation and annual election balloting options. She requested for volunteers to post syllabi online as well as examine the beta version before the new website goes live.

An amendment creating the office of Website Editor (included in the annual mailing) was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously, becoming By-Law Amendment Eleven.

Secretary Draper noted the passing of long-time member Nora Faires and requested that members pass along any news on the passing of members for inclusion in Society memorials in future years.

Barbara Posadas adjourned the annual meeting at 5:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy Dean Draper, IEHS Secretary