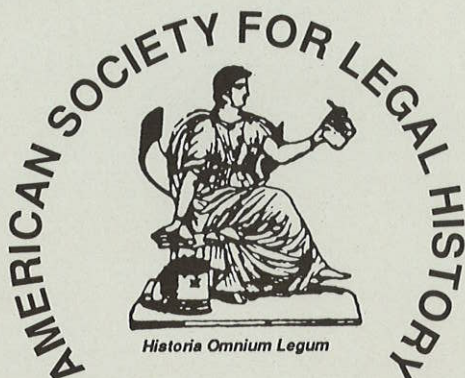


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NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

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1992 PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Chair- Professor Arthur F. McEvoy
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Note: The members of the Surrency Prize Committee and the Sutherland Prize Committee will be selected early in the New Year by the Nominating Committee.

1990 Annual Meeting

Held at the Intercontinental-Forum Hotel in Chicago, October 18-20, the meeting was attended by some 185 members and guests, making it one of the best-attended in recent years. On the Thursday evening a reception was hosted by the Keck, Mahan and Cate Law Firm of Chicago at the Northwestern University School of Law. And, on the Friday afternoon, the Society attended the Fulton Lecture at the University of Chicago Law School as guests of the Law School who also held a reception following the Lecture.

The Board of Directors meeting was held on October 18, at 8:00 p.m. in the Hotel's Michigan Room. President LAWRENCE M. FRIEDMAN chaired the meeting.

The Vice President, R.H. HELMHOLZ; the Secretary, MICHAEL DE L. LANDON, and the Treasurer CRAIG JOYCE were also present. Directors present were NORMA BASCH; MARY L. DUDZIAK; JAMES W. ELY, JR.; MICHAEL GROSSBERG; HENDRIK HARTOG; NATALIE E. H. HULL; LAURA KALMAN; JAMES C. OLDHAM, EDWARD A. PURCELL; A.W.B. SIMPSON; AVIAM SOIFER; and WILLIAM WIECEK. Absent were HENRY J. BOURGUIGNON, CYNTHIA B. HERRUP and STEPHEN D. WHITE.

On a motion by the Secretary the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 8, 1980, in Atlanta, Georgia were approved as written.

RAYMAN L. SOLOMON reported that Local Arrangements had gone smoothly and that a higher attendance than average was expected. Vice-President Helmholtz had assisted with the arrangements, especially with regard to the program scheduled for Friday afternoon at the University of Chicago Law School.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved expressing the Society's warmest thanks to the law firm of Keck, Mahan and Cate and all others who had so generously contributed to the lavish reception for members and their guests attending the Annual Meeting at the Northwestern University Law School earlier in the evening. The Secretary undertook to write a letter of thanks to the hosts, and also to the University of Chicago Law School for its invitation to attend the Fulton Lecture followed by a reception on Friday afternoon.

DAVID KONIG reported for the 1990 Program Committee, and was thanked for having put together a remarkably varied and interesting program. After some discussion concerning the problem of our Society's Annual Meeting dates conflicting with those of other societies in closely-related disciplines, President Friedman promised that the matter would be referred to the Committee on Conferences and the Annual Meeting for their consideration.

After discussion of the report from L. LYNN HOGUE, Chairman of the Committee on Conferences and the Annual Meeting, the Board voted to accept the invitation extended by the Yale University Law School to hold the Society's 1992 Annual Meeting on the Yale Campus.

Chairwoman MARI J. MATSUDA presented the report from the first elected, rather than appointed, Nominating Committee. The Committee were invited to come-up with suggestions for changes in the current electoral procedures which would help to ensure better minority representation among the Officers and Directors of the Society in the future.

On behalf of the Committee on Honors, Chairman JOSEPH W. MCKNIGHT moved that MORRIS S. ARNOLD--a former President of the Society (1981-1985) and now a federal judge for the Western

District of Arkansas--be elected an Honorary Fellow of the Society. The motion was approved unanimously.

RAYMAN L. SOLOMON presented the report from the Committee on Documentary Preservation on behalf of its Chairman, MICHAEL J. CHURGIN (a summary of the report is given below). The Secretary reported on behalf of NEWSLETTER Editor ROBERT J. HAWS that members were urged to make full use of it for announcements and reports, and that any suggestions for changes in its contents or format would be given serious consideration.

The Secretary, in his report, emphasized the need to find a permanent home for the Society's records (Secretary's and Treasurer's) in the very near future. Treasurer CRAIG JOYCE, because his baggage had been mislaid by Continental Airlines, was unable to present his full report, but gave a brief oral summary of it. He also noted that in accordance with the change in the Society's by-laws, approved last spring by the Board and the members, he would in the next few weeks be handing over stewardship of the Society's finances to Secretary-Treasurer MICHAEL LANDON.

CRAIG JOYCE also reported on behalf of Membership Committee Chairman CHET ORLOFF. After presenting the latest 1990 membership figures as reported by the University of Illinois Press, he went on to report that Mr. Orloff considers that, while the University of Illinois Press has done a very commendable job of wholesaling the Society and its memberships, members of his committee would seek to reach out to potential new members on a one-to-one basis. They also contemplated organizing a few local chapters of the Society, especially in major cities, which would be particularly aimed at recruiting and retaining practicing lawyers as members. In the discussion that followed it was agreed that more attention needed to be given to recruiting law students and graduate students working in legal history-related fields.

CAROLE S. APPEL, representing the University of Illinois Press, presented a report on the publication of the Society's journal, LAW AND HISTORY REVIEW, and a report from REVIEW Editor, BRUCE H. MANN, was distributed. Both noted that, after two years of delayed publications due to changes in both publishers and editors, publication was now back on schedule.

LEWIS BATEMAN, representing the University of North Carolina Press, reported on the latest sales figures for the volumes in the "Studies in Legal History" series; and noted that Robert Steinfeld's The Invention of Free Labor in the United States was on schedule for publication in 1991, and James Oldham's edition of Lord Mansfield's papers for publication in 1992. Series editor THOMAS A. GREEN reported that five more manuscripts are currently under advance contract for publication in 1993-1995, and others were being submitted on a regular basis. He also noted that Mr. Bateman deserved the gratitude of the Society for his considerable

expenditures of both time and effort towards promoting the series. Both Bateman and Green noted that, for the foreseeable future, substantial subventions, amounting to as much as three thousand dollars, will be needed from the Society to underwrite the publication of volumes in the series, especially those written by younger beginning scholars or dealing with non-U.S. legal history. Responding to their reports President Friedman commented that subventions from the Society should almost always be "back-up" subventions; and, furthermore, if any publication underwritten by the Society happened to make a considerable profit, then the Society should receive an equitable refund. He trusted that the Publications Committee would consider such policy issues in their deliberations during the coming year, and promised that he and the Executive Committee would take expeditious action with regard to any subvention request that might be presented before the next Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer presented a brief oral summary of the estimated budget for 1991. A motion to approve it was made, seconded and carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried that, in accordance with the report received last year from the Ad-Hoc Committee on Prizes, the members of the committees to select the winners of the Surrency and Sutherland Prizes should henceforth be appointed by the Nominating Committee.

A number of amendments to the Society's by-laws recommended by the President and Secretary were approved (see below). It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that, in order to have a more accurate advance-estimate as to how many would be attending the various program functions, the Executive Committee should, in future, determine a surcharge to be added to the registration fees of persons who waited to register at the Annual Meeting rather than complying with the pre-registration procedure.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

CRAIG JOYCE'S report to the Board of Directors Meeting in Chicago, October 18, 1990, included the following information:

General Fund

Balance as of January 1, 1990 \$ 47,052.94

Receipts:

Income from University of Illinois
Press (net) \$ 7,764.90

Investment income--

NCNB Fannin (Houston) \$ Mkts & CDs	2,045.13	
Misc. income from UNC Press purchases	154.16	
Atlanta Annual Meeting	6,276.38	+16,240.57

Expenditures:

Secretary's office (Univ. of Miss.)--		
remainder of 1990 stipend, San Francisco cancellation		
expenses and costs of membership directory	10,500.00	
Treasurer's office (Univ. of Houston)--		
out-of-pocket expenses only	58.53	
Amer. Coun. of Lrn'd Socs.	800.00	
National Humanities Alliance	330.00	
Nat'l Coord. Comm. for Prom. of Hist.	100.00	
Association Internationale D'Histoire du Droit et des Institutions	180.00	
Atlanta Annual Meeting	10,612.40	-22,580.93
Balance as of October 18, 1990		\$ 40,712.58
Deficit as of October 18, 1990		\$ -6,340.38

Joseph H. Smith Memorial Publication Fund

Balance as of January 1, 1990 \$ 27,117.47

Receipts:

Investment income	\$ 1,506.84	
SLH royalties from UNC Press	574.80	+2,081.64

Expenditures:

Balance as of October 18, 1990	\$ 29,199.11
Surplus as of October 18, 1990	\$ +2,081.64

Donald Sutherland Memorial Fund

Balance as of January 1, 1990 \$ 7,958.16

Receipts:

Contributions	\$	--.--	
Investment income--			
NCNB Fannin \$ Mkt. Svg. (Houston)		19.90	
NCNB Fannin CD (Houston)		392.67	+412.57

Expenditures:

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Balance as of October 18, 1990	\$	8,370.73	
Surplus as of October 18, 1990	\$	+412.57	

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ESTIMATED 1991 BUDGET

General Fund

Estimated balance as of January 1, 1991 \$ 40,712.58

Estimated receipts:

Income from Univ. of Illinois Press --			
800 individuals at \$30	\$	24,000.00	
300 institutions at \$50		15,000.00	
Investment income (\$45,000 avg. X .07)		3,150.00	
1991 Annual Meeting		7,500.00	+49,650.00

Estimated expenditures:

Secretary/Treasurer's office		
(U. of Miss.) --		
remainder of 1991 stipend		
(\$12,500 total)	8,500.00	
advance on 1992 stipend		
(Univ. regulation)	4,000.00	
Preparation of 1990 tax return	400.00	
University of Illinois Press --		
800 individuals at \$19.80	15,840.00	
300 institutions at \$33.00	9,900.00	
miscellaneous services	250.00	
Amer. Coun. of Lrn'd Socs.	800.00	
National Humanities Alliance	330.00	

Nat'l Coord. Comm. for Prom. of Hist.	100.00	
Association Internationale D'Histoire		
du Droit et des Institutions	50.00	
1991 Annual Meeting	7,500.00	-42,692.58

Estimated balance as of December 31, 1991 \$ 43,442.58

Estimated surplus for 1991 \$ +1,980.00

Committee on Documentary Preservation

Committee Chairman MICHAEL J. CHURGIN reported to the Board of Directors Meeting in Chicago that, since the Atlanta Meeting, the committee has continued its discussions with the National Archives concerning bankruptcy records. They are hopeful that the matter has been resolved except for some minor points. It is likely that the committee will now turn its attention to the disposal schedules for other federal court records.

One area of concern for the committee has been the difficulty of researchers securing access to federal government files, particularly Justice Department records. Access has been denied on the basis of confidential attorney-client communications and related grounds. There also have been questions raised about access to attorney records in the private sector. These matters will be addressed during the coming year.

Ed. note: Any member wanting a copy of any of the Officers' or Committee Chairs' complete reports should contact the Secretary-Treasurer.

By-Laws Amendments

As reported above, the Officers and Directors, at their meeting in Chicago on October 18, 1990, approved five amendments to the Society's by-laws. Article V, section 8, of the by-laws states that any amendment to them, "upon recommendation of directors and officers," must then be approved by "a two-thirds vote of those members voting" before going into effect.

The sections to be amended presently read as follows:

Article II, section 2: There are fifteen directors elected for terms of three years each by a majority vote of the members voting, with one-third of the directors elected each year. The five nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. In case of a tie which would cause more than five nominees to be selected, the officers and directors at the first annual meeting following the election shall, by a majority vote, determine the choices so that only five directors are elected. The

terms of office of the directors shall be the three-year period commencing with the first day of the calendar year following the election. If any director dies, resigns, or ceases to be a member, leaving an unexpired term, the officers and directors by a majority vote at the next annual meeting shall elect a successor for the unexpired part of the term. The number of directors shall remain at fifteen unless a change is proposed by the officers and directors and approved by a majority vote of the members voting in a referendum on that subject.

Article II, section 7: The directors and officers may appoint persons to assist any of the officers in performing his or her duties. All committees are appointed by the president with the approval of the executive committee.

Article II, section 8: Reports on the affairs of the Society will be submitted by the secretary and treasurer in writing at the annual meeting.

Article II, section 9: All reports and papers of the Society other than those in current use by the directors and officers shall be kept at the office of the secretary. All financial records shall be kept at the office of the treasurer.

Article V, section 1: The Society maintains an official journal. This journal is the American Journal of Legal History unless otherwise provided by the directors and officers.

The intent of the recommended amendments is to: (1) make the immediate past president of the Society an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors; (2) recognize the new combined office of Secretary-Treasurer that was approved by the Society last year; (3) to allow all but the current and most recent records of the Society to be deposited in some suitable permanent repository; and (4) to recognize that LAW AND HISTORY REVIEW is now the official journal of the Society.

Please indicate your approval or disapproval of each of the recommended amendments on the ballot included in this NEWSLETTER and mail it back in to the Secretary-Treasurer on or before April 1st.

Ed. note: Any member who does not have a copy of the Society's by-laws may request one from the Secretary-Treasurer.

Annual Meeting 1991

Two years ago the Board of Directors voted to hold the Society's 1991 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. When, however, the October, 1989, Meeting in San Francisco had to be cancelled almost literally at the last minute, because of a severe

earthquake, that meeting was rescheduled for February 8-10, 1990 in Atlanta; and in Atlanta the decision was taken to go to San Francisco in 1991.

The dates are October 25-26; and the Local Arrangements Chairman is JORDAN D. LUTTRELL at Meyer Boswell Books, 2141 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94110 (Tel: 415-255-6400). The Meeting Headquarters will be at the Miyako Hotel, located at the corner of Post and Laguna Streets, close to most of the city's major attractions. Roomrates at the Miyako are \$98.00 single and \$108 double. A block of rooms has also been reserved in the nearby Kyoto Inn (Best Western) whose rates are \$57.00 single and \$64.00 double. United Airlines are the official airline, and anyone making a reservation with them should quote our meeting ID number: 426WO. Toll free number for reservations 1-800-521-4041.

Program Chairman DAVID J. LANGUM, at the Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229 (Tel: 205-870-2424) reports that, as we go to press (mid-January) he still has a few slots open and any members (including students) who are interested in making a presentation should get in touch with him immediately.

Full details about the Meeting, a draft copy of the Program, and a Registration Form will be mailed out to all members in mid-summer. Make your plans now to attend what will be the Society's first-ever meeting on the west coast.

1992 Annual Meeting

By invitation of the Yale University School of Law, the 1992 Annual Meeting will be held on the Yale University Campus. The Program Chairman for the meeting is Professor ARTHUR E. MCEVOY, Professor of History, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois 60201 (Tel: 312-491-3406). Local Arrangements Chairman is MORRIS L. COHEN, Yale Law School, Drawer 401-A Yale Station, New Haven, Connecticut 06520 (Tel: 203-432-4992).

Rutgers Law School Legal History Award

At the Board of Directors meeting in Chicago NATALIE E. HULL reported that, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, her school, The Rutgers University School of Law in Camden, is inaugurating the Arthur T. Vanderbilt Prize in Legal History--awarded to the outstanding student in legal history at Rutgers Law School on an annual basis. The prize will consist of an appropriate certificate or plaque and a one-year membership in ASLH with a subscription to LAW AND HISTORY REVIEW.

The Board expressed its hope that members of the Society will encourage the establishment of similar prizes in history departments or law schools with which they are affiliated.

QUERIES

Legal History Videos

MICHAEL K. CURTIS wonders whether any of our members possesses, or at least knows the whereabouts of, any list or catalogue of videocassettes dealing with legal history. If so, would they please send him the information at 201 E. Avondale Drive, Greensboro, NC 22403.

Books for Arizona Prison Inmates

Anne E. Reeder, Administrative Assistant in charge of the Arizona State Prison Complex--Florence--Special Management Unit Law and Lending Library, wonders whether any of our members have surplus books they would be willing to donate to her collection. Ms Reeder writes: "Our library has a current monthly circulation of approximately 1900 books for 900+ inmates. The factors affecting this circulation revolve around interests, ability levels, and motivation. I am appealing to your organization for any or all donations that you may be able to provide. I am sorry that I am not able to offer any compensation for any contributions from your members. All of the Lending Library materials that we maintain are acquired through a donation basis. As with the rest of the country, prison populations are extremely diverse. This diversity is reflected culturally, educationally, economically, religiously, and politically. We are in a constant search to provide all types of information at all cultural and educational levels, to our inmate population. The function of the Lending Library, particularly within the confines of our Super-Maximum Security level institution, is to attempt to provide information to educate and to entertain. As with all state institutions, we are severely limited in respect to our budgetary considerations."

Any donations should be sent to Ms Reeder at: Department of Corrections, Arizona State Prison, P.O. Box 629, Florence, AZ 85232.

NEWS NOTES

Forum for the History of Human Science

The Forum for History of Human Science (FHHS) is a new organization that has been formed to promote scholarship in the history of the social and behavioral sciences. "Human science" is broadly defined and encompasses anthropology, economics, geography, history, linguistics, political science, psychiatry, psychology, sociology, and statistics, as well as aspects of the biological and physical sciences, medicine, education, law and philosophy. The primary aim of the organization is to foster research and education in the history of human science and to encourage communication among scholars, scientists, and others working in the area.

Membership in FHHS is open to interested individuals; dues are \$10 a year. Please make checks payable to FHHS and direct them and any inquiries to Laurel Furumoto, FHHS Corresponding Secretary, Department of Psychology, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA 02181; (Tel: 617-235-0320, ext. 3020).

Center for Critical Thinking and Moral Critique

The Center for Critical Thinking and Moral Critique Announces the 11th Annual Conference on Critical Thinking and Educational Reform at Sonoma State University, California August 4-7th, 1991.

They invite proposals for sessions on any aspect of critical thinking in educational reform. Their conference brings together over 1,000 scholars and educators at all levels of education and from a wide variety of academic disciplines to discuss both theory and practice of critical thinking. Their theme this year is "Teaching Students Intellectual Standards They Can Use to Reason Persuasively, Master Content, and Discipline Their Minds." Not all presentations will address this theme, of course.

They are especially interested in proposals on applying critical thinking in various disciplines and domains of thought. Unfortunately, no honoraria or travel subsidies are available.

For more information on proposal forms or registration, contact The Center for Critical Thinking and Moral Critique, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA 94928 (Tel: 707-664-2940).

American Council of Learned Societies

The ACLS Conference of Administrative Officers (CAO) met in Philadelphia, November 9-11, as guests of the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau with transportation provided by Delta Airlines.

ACLS President STANLEY N. KATZ (President of ASLH, 1978-1981, and now one of our Honorary Fellows) told those attending that there was a disturbing hostility developing in some sections of Academe towards "learned societies" which were perceived to be encouraging activities that took faculty members away from their campuses and encouraged them to neglect their teaching duties. Foundations were less willing than they had been in the past to underwrite advanced research. Instead, they were more interested in helping K-12 teachers benefit from self-improvement programs and in assisting graduate student research. From its own endowed funds ACLS was planning to offer twenty \$15,000 fellowships and fifty \$3,000 grants-in-aid to scholars in 1991. It had, however, been forced to drop for the time being its program of travel grants to attend scholarly meetings overseas.

The new DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY will soon be ready for publication. And a committee has been set up to make plans for a new Humanities Bibliographical Database. The International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) has separated off from ACLS and gone its own way. Meanwhile, considerable funds are becoming available for United States-German research collaboration in various areas; and various exchange programs with China that were suspended following the June 1989 massacre of pro-democracy students in Beijing are gradually being revived.

Samuel R. Gammon, Executive Director of the American Historical Association, had good news for historians: the university job market for them, after a three-year leveling off, looks like it will increase by about twenty percent over the next couple of years.

American Philosophical Society Grants

In addition to its other various grant programs, the APS offers each year several "Henry M. Phillips Grants in Jurisprudence". The maximum size of the individual grants is \$4,000. In 1989 four grants were awarded as follows:

1. Jeffrey D. Hockett, the sum of \$820.00 to pursue a project entitled, "Justices Jackson, Frankfurter and Black: A Contrast of Constitutional Faith;"
2. H.L. Pohlman, the sum of \$2,000.00 to pursue a project entitled, "Justice O.W. Holmes and the Living Constitution;"

3. Leonie Starr, the sum of \$2,000.00 to pursue a project entitled, "Biography of the late Professor Julius Stone;"

4. Nancy Travis Wolfe, the sum of \$2,000.00 to pursue a project entitled, "Lay Judges in German Criminal Courts; A Comparison."

The deadline for applications each year is December 1 for a written decision by early March. For forms and information write to the APS office at 104 S. Fifth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-3387 (Tel: 215-440-3400).

National Endowment for the Humanities Grants

Anyone interested in the more than thirty grant programs offered by the N.E.H. should send for a copy of their publication OVERVIEW, which tells: How to get application forms--When to apply for grants (1991 deadlines)--Who to contact for help or more information.

As a bonus, any ASLH member applying for a copy who mentions that he or she saw the notice about it in this NEWSLETTER will be sent as well a free copy of NEH's award-winning magazine, HUMANITIES.

To apply write or call NEH OVERVIEW, Room 406, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506 (Tel: 202-786-0438).

Library of Congress Manuscript Acquisitions

The eleventh annual LIBRARY OF CONGRESS ACQUISITIONS--MANUSCRIPT DIVISION report listing and describing the more than 1.5 million items acquired by the Division in 1989 is now available upon request. Write to: Library of Congress, Manuscript Division, Washington, DC 20540.

Among the items acquired were the WILLIAM GOBITAS papers (1935-1988) which include correspondence, notes, legal and subject files, printed material and clippings relating to legal cases involving the refusal of Jehovah's Witnesses to salute the American flag.

Osgoode Society Publications and Membership

The Osgoode Society is Canada's unique organization devoted to the encouragement and publication of legal history. Their publications include a history of the Supreme Court of Canada, works of judicial biography and studies in the social, economic and administrative history of the law.

The Society also carries out programmes which support research in Canadian legal history and sponsors an oral history programme which has conducted taped and transcribed interviews with some seventy-five Canadians who have made significant contributions to the law.

The Society's members receive the annual publication for their membership fee and at no extra cost. From time to time, The Society also publishes optional extras which it makes available to members.

The Society's publication *ESSAYS IN THE HISTORY OF CANADIAN LAW, VOLUME III, NOVA SCOTIA*, edited by Jim Phillips and Philip Girard, appeared in August and is available for \$35.00.

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