

P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Visionary Growth, Procedural Adjustments

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"Evolutionary, not revolutionary," is a phrase heard often by my colleagues and me as we have gathered during the opening days of Pulaski County, Virginia, public schools to discuss plans for facing the challenges of the 21st century. Frankly, it boggles my mind trying to reconcile the idealism of goals and visions while confronting day-to-day educational realities, but vision is important. The summer issue of this newsletter--with the statements by Loyal Jones and Richard Drake on the ASA's origins--testified to the vision of those who founded our association, and this Appalink, which contains our proposed by-law changes (next pages), is testimony to the growth of this vision and the need to bring our procedures up to date with our practices.

Last year as the Association's president, Roberta Herrin, chaired a by-laws committee made up of several past Association presidents. Its suggestions were incorporated into a draft which clarified wording, reorganized sections, eliminated repetitions and inconsistencies, and incorporated current practices. This draft was then reviewed at the August meeting of the Steering Committee. So what is being offered here for your review and consideration is not revolutionary, but simply the evolutionary results of a vision conceived and nurtured for the past fifteen--going on sixteen years. Thanks once again to our founders and particularly to Roberta for this, one of her many presidential accomplishments.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I
NAME AND SYMBOL

The name of this organization shall be the Appalachian Studies Association. The symbol shall be the mountain symbol as it appears on Appalachian Studies Association stationery and publications.

ARTICLE II
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

This association is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the state of Kentucky. Its "articles of organization" shall include these bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation as submitted to the state of Kentucky.

ARTICLE III
PURPOSES

The purposes of this organization shall be: (1) to foster cooperation among Appalachian writers, artists, scholars and members of Appalachian oriented organizations, agencies, and communities; (2) to further the exchange of information concerning Appalachian people and the Appalachian region including such items as knowledge of research projects, research data and findings, creative work, academic programs, and community based programs through such means as conferences and newsletters; (3) to further the goals of scholarship, teaching, and learning about Appalachian people and the Appalachian region; (4) to stimulate new work of significance in the field of Appalachian studies by communicating research information as well as a concern about research activities which affect public policy regarding Appalachian people and the Appalachian region; (5) to strengthen the involvement of Appalachian Youth in Appalachian studies through a Youth Conference integrated into the annual conference of the Appalachian Studies Association. This Association shall encourage broad-based participation in all its activities.

ARTICLE IV
ARCHIVES

The archives of the Association shall be located at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky.

ARTICLE VII
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- Section 1. **Eligibility.** Membership in The Appalachian Studies Association shall be open to any individual with an interest in the Appalachian region and shall be available without regard to race, color, creed, sex, age, or national origin.
- Section 2. **Categories.** There shall be three (3) categories of membership in the Association. These are: Regular, Student, and Unvaged
- Section 3. **Dues.** Membership and Conference fees shall be reviewed annually by the Steering Committee at the Joint meeting of the Steering and Program Committees.

ARTICLE VIII
MEETINGS

- Section 1. **Annual Meeting.** There shall be one annual meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association called the Appalachian Studies Conference. This meeting shall be held in the Spring of each year. The annual Membership Forum shall be held during this meeting.
- Section 2. **Site Considerations.** The following criteria shall be used in selecting the site for the Conference:
- Regional Rotation:** Conference sites shall be selected on the basis of a scheduled rotation among Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Georgia in that order. Unless the President receives a request in writing for an alteration of this rotation, it shall be maintained. Both academic and nonacademic sites shall be sought.
 - Spatial Considerations:** Sites should have both a sufficient number of meeting rooms and the necessary facilities to house special exhibits (presses, organizations, photographs, etc.), a banquet, business meeting, and entertainment. It is preferable for all participants to be housed in a central facility; however, a variety of housing options and prices is to be sought.
 - Financial Sponsorship:** Host organizations that will make a financial commitment to the Conference should be sought. When possible, sites should be chosen where there is a willingness to underwrite costs of meeting space, registration, exhibit space, and audiovisual presentations. The Program Vice-Chairperson shall negotiate for Conference support from future sponsors in an effort to defray Conference costs.

ARTICLE V
PUBLICATIONS

- Section 1. **Newsletter.** Appalink, the official newsletter of the Appalachian Studies Association, shall be published three times annually--Fall, Winter, and Spring.
- Section 2. **Journal.** The Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association, published annually, shall be edited by the Program Chair of the Association and shall contain a representative selection of the best papers delivered at the Conference. The Managing Editor shall oversee the production and printing of the Journal.

ARTICLE VI
BASIC POLICY

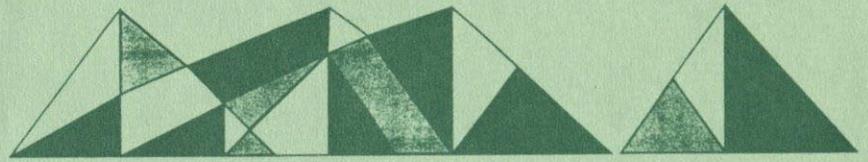
The following are basic policies of this Association:

- The Association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
- The name of the Association shall not be used in any connection with a commercial concern or with any partisan interest or for any purpose not appropriately related to promotion of the purposes of the Association.
- The Association shall not directly or indirectly participate or intervene (in any way including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; or devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities in attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise.
- The Association may cooperate with other organizations and agencies concerned with the welfare of the citizens of Appalachia, but persons representing the Association in such matters shall make no commitments that bind the Association.
- The Association intends to be a forum for divergent views, illuminating issues, providing information and encouraging an awareness of the complexity of issues facing the people of Appalachia.
- In the event of dissolution of the Association, its assets shall be distributed for one or more of the exempt purposes specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as from time to time amended.

ARTICLE IX
OFFICERS

- Section 1. **Officers.** The officers of the Appalachian Studies Association shall consist of:
- Elected Officers**
 - President
 - Vice-President/President Elect
 - Secretary/Appalink Editor
 - Treasurer
 - Program Chairperson/Journal Editor
 - Program Vice-Chairperson/Program Chairperson Elect
 - Youth Conference Program Chairperson
 - Youth Conference Program Vice-Chairperson/Youth Conference Program Chairperson Elect
 - Appointed Officers**
 - Ex-officio Archivist (appointed by Berea College)
 - Ex-officio Journal Managing Editor
- Section 2. **Eligibility.** All officers must be members of the Association.
- Section 3. **Term of Office.** The following shall be terms of office for each of the officers:
- Elected Officers**
 - President-one year
 - Vice-President/President Elect-one year
 - Secretary/Appalink Editor-two years
 - Treasurer-three years
 - Program Chairperson-one year
 - Program Vice-Chairperson/Program Chairperson Elect-one year
 - Youth Conference Program Chairperson-one year
 - Youth Conference Program Vice-Chairperson/Youth Conference Program Chairperson Elect-one year
 - Appointed Officers**
 - Ex-officio Archivist (Berea-one year renewable)
 - Ex-officio Journal Managing Editor (one year renewable)
- Section 4. **Nominations and Elections.** The nomination and election of candidates for office in the Association shall occur in the following manner:

The
Sixteenth Annual



Appalachian Studies Conference

East Tennessee State University • Johnson City, Tennessee

Appalachian Adaptations to a Changing World

• March 19-21, 1993 •

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The Sixth Annual Appalachian Youth Conference

Call for Papers & Presentations

A call is extended for individual papers, roundtable or group discussions, panels, performances, poster or full sessions which explore some aspect of Appalachian Adaptations to a Changing World. Historical and contemporary perspectives in all disciplines on the theme are encouraged. Proposals must include (1) name, institutional affiliation (where appropriate), address, telephone number; (2) a one-page (250 word) typed abstract of the paper or description of presentation (including title for either); (3) a one-paragraph biographical profile of the presenter(s) for introduction; (4) a description of all audiovisual equipment required or special facility needs. Abstracts for consideration by the Program Committee should be submitted no later than October 2, 1992, to the program chair:

Norma Myers
Archives of Appalachia
Box 70,665
East Tennessee State University
Johnson City TN 37614-0665

Guidelines

Because of the growing numbers of proposals, individuals may be restricted to one presentation. **Individual presentations must not exceed fifteen minutes.** Appalachian Studies Association policy requires that abstracts of all presentations at the Conference be available for possible *Journal* publication. **Papers for publication consideration must be presented in ten or fewer typewritten (double-spaced) pages including notes and bibliography.** All documentation must be as defined in *The Chicago Manual of Style*. The *Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association* will accept manuscripts on 3.5" or 5.25" disks in most Macintosh and MS-DOS formats.

A limited number of scholarships are available for community and youth participants. For information or applications, contact Alice Brown, University of Kentucky, 110 Maxwellton Court, Lexington KY 40506-0347 or (606) 257-8269.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION
DEADLINE EXTENDED TO
OCTOBER 15, 1992

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Appalachian Studies Association

The nominating committee of the Appalachian Studies Association calls for nominations for the following officers and committee members:

- (1) Vice President ('94) / President-Elect ('95)
- (2) Secretary/Appalink Editor (2 year term)
- (3) Conference Program Vice Chair ('94) / Chair-Elect ('95)
- (4) Youth Conference Vice Chair ('94) / Chair-Elect ('95)
- (5) Three members of Steering Committee (2 year term)
- (6) Four members of Program Committee (1 year term)

The nominating committee consists of Grace Toney Edwards (Radford University), Jerry Williamson (Appalachian Journal, Appalachian State University), and chair Alice Brown (University of Kentucky). To make a nomination, send the nominee's name, address and phone number, statement indicating the nominee's willingness to serve, and a short biographical sketch of the nominee by November 15 to:

Alice Brown
110 Maxwellton Court
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0347

Nominees should be current members of the association. For information on the duties of officers, committees, and terms of office, refer to the Association by-laws above.



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL
APPALACHIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

Tyler Blethen
Program Chair

The Fifteenth Annual Appalachian Studies Conference was hosted by Western Carolina University at the Radisson Hotel in Asheville, N.C., March 20-22, 1992. The number of registrants was 354, only three fewer than the previous year's Conference, despite the reduced travel budgets that stimulated so much commiseration among participants.

The 1992 theme, "Diversity in Appalachia: Images and Realities," drew a number of proposals which focused on groups, individuals and topics that do not always attract full consideration. Eighty-nine presentations, including a significant number of media programs, were delivered in thirty-six sessions, with seven or eight running concurrently. In the last few years the Conference has attracted more and more outstanding proposals, and its growing success may be overloading attendees with too many difficult choices to make among presentations. David Whisnant, the banquet speaker, challenged the Association to reevaluate and renew its commitment to social change in Appalachia.

Papers from the Conference have been selected for publication in the 1993 ASA Journal, with East Tennessee State University's Center for Appalachian Studies and Services provides the copy editing.

The 1992 Program Committee consisted of Pat Arnow, Tyler Blethen, Durward Dunn, Wilburn Hayden, Roberta Herrin, Sally Maggard, Norma Myers, Ches Sharp, Ernestine Upchurch, and Curtis Wood. Sue DeBord of Western Carolina's Division of Continuing Education coordinated local arrangements and administration of the Conference.

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