

## **ALHFAM ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 7, 2011 ASSEMBLY HALL, JACKSON'S MILL, WESTON, WV**

President Bruce Henbest called the 39<sup>th</sup> annual meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Henbest asked for a motion to accept the printed agenda. Motion was made by Dean Hardman and seconded by Nancy Webster. Motion passed. The minutes of the 2010 annual meeting were available and a motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Ashley Ford and seconded by Karen Becker. Motion passed. The 2010 financial report was printed in the Winter Bulletin and the funds balance was \$234,901.29. A motion was made by Ron Westphal, seconded by Derrick Birdsall to file the treasurer's report for audit. Motion passed.

Dean Hardman, conference chair, reported that there were 154 full registrations and 16 partial registrations. Hardman predicted there would be a surplus from the conference. Henbest extended our thanks to the conference committee and all of the volunteers and sponsors. Katie Boardman moved that we accept the conference report. Ron Carnegie seconded. Motion passed.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Nominating Committee-** VP Watson reviewed the nominating committee's process in selecting candidates. The successful candidates for the 3 year board position were Jessica Maria Alicea-Covarrubias, Jane Radcliffe and Hal Simon. Debra Reid was elected vice president and Ed Schultz was elected to the nominating committee. The outgoing board members were thanked along with Nancy Webster who completed a term on the nominating committee.

**Committee on Organizational Partnerships-** Watson attended AASLH in Oklahoma City and is looking forward to attending the Presidium of the Association of International Museums of Agriculture (AIMA) in Romania in September 2011.

**Committee on Regional Networking-** Watson said the 8 ALHFAM regions were better organized and 5 had held meetings in the past year. Ian Beard, SE Region rep reported on the 2011 meeting in Little Rock, AR. It was a joint meeting with Mountain Plains and the AR Living History Assn. Future meeting plans include Historic Brattonsville on February 24-26, 2012 and Meadow Farm Museum in Richmond, VA in 2013.

MOMCC VP, Jon Keuster, said they have 380 current members and met at Carriage Hill Farm in Dayton, OH in March 2010 and Old World, WI in November 2010. They will meet in Point Basse, WI in November 2011. MOMCC gave 3 fellowships to this meeting. Mick Woodcock, Western Region rep, told us that their regional meeting at Fort Nisqually, WA had an attendance of 63. The region sponsored 2 fellowships and will be part of a joint Western, Mountain Plains, Western Canada meeting in 2013. Susan Reckseidler, Western Canada Rep reported that 25% of her regions membership was here in WV. New England region rep, Rebecca Gross, said the region had 73 members and was looking forward to a regional in the Bristol-Newport, RI area in 2012. The region sponsored a fellowship. The Canada Region has 48 members and is planning a 2012 meeting reported rep, Darryl Wines. Watson reported for the Mid Atlantic region standing in for Tony Shahan. A 2012 meeting site in the MD/DE area is being planned. The online auction sponsored by the Mid Atlantic region will be held again this year. The 2011 regional meeting hosted by Genesee Country Village & Museum and the Jell-O Museum was a great success and gained 17 new members for ALHFAM. Deb Arenz reported that the joint Mountain Plains/Southeast regional in Little Rock last February helped both regions get to know each other better.

**Fellowships-** Deb Arenz said that 22 fellowships were awarded for this meeting. Six were board fellowships, four were sponsored by Associated Foundations from California, and twelve were paid for by the regions. Two additional board fellowships were given to the Proceedings editor, Carol Lopez and the Proceedings layout editor, Cliff Jones. Thirteen recipients were first time attendees. One fellowship was received by a college student. Arenz read the names of the recipients to a round of applause.

**Future Sites-** David Floyd reported that the annual meeting in 2012 would be in Farmers Branch, TX. There is possible interest in the Baltimore, MD area for 2014, Calgary, AB in 2015 and Baton Rouge, LA in 2016.

**Memorabilia/Archives-** Chuck LeCount reassured us that the collection of T-shirts, tote bags and ephemera were safe in acid free boxes under a bed in the home of Lynne Belluscio and that the archival materials were still housed at Old Sturbridge Village.

**Publications-** Martha Katz-Hyman described a new method of communicating with members through their e-mail addresses. The communication will be monthly or bimonthly and contain items of current interest that would be outdated if printed in the Bulletin. It will not replace the online discussion list. It may take several months to get the process working completely. Katz-Hyman thanked the Bulletin staff, the Proceedings editors, and volunteers that worked on indexing past Bulletins and updating the Proceedings index. She encouraged speakers at the conference to send their materials for publication in the Proceedings and everyone to contribute to the Bulletin. She thanked those working on our blog, Facebook and linked in pages for helping to promote ALHFAM.

**SPAM (Services provided ALHFAM members)-** Carrie Fellows thanked Tom Kelleher for updating the First Timers Guide. The First Timers Reception was well attended and successful. Member benefits and categories for Business Associate members is being completed with recommendations accepted by the board.

**Audit/Finance-** David Floyd thanked the Judi Sheridan for keeping the financial records accessible and understandable.

Jane Radcliffe moved acceptance of the above reports. Ian Beard seconded. Motion passed.

## **PROFESSIONAL INTEREST GROUPS REPORTS**

**Collections, Preservation & Registration Committee-** Katz-Hyman reported that the committee plans 2 sessions for 2012. One of them will be a conservation session to work on a physical project for a local site.

**Farm & Livestock-** Ed Schultz said the committee is promoting historical agriculture, sponsoring the annual plowing match and working on workshop sessions. Wayne Randolph and Schultz plan to conduct an agricultural skills inventory to see what sites are doing.

**New Electronic Resources & Data Systems Committee-** Heidi Glatfelter is working on social networking sites for ALHFAM. The committee will be doing a mobile apps session next year.

**Foodways-** Mercy Ingraham and the committee are busy selecting the topic for 2012's foodways sessions. Kim Costa is the new co-chair.

**First Person Interpreters Professional Network-** Ron Carnegie and his group are deciding where the 2012 George Chapman Memorial Interpreter's Retreat will be held in late winter.

**Historic Apparel & Textiles-** Sarah LeCount thanked Carrie Fellows for doing a HAT session this year. Textile related questions are being answered by committee members on the alf-l.

**Programs, Interpretation & Education-** Kyle Bagnall said the influence of this committee (programs, interpretation, education) permeate the whole conference. Kyle is working on a project called "Project Passenger Pigeon: 2014". He is encouraging collaborations with ALHFAM members in remembering the death of the last passenger pigeon on September 1, 1914. The aim is to make people aware of the issues related to human-caused extinctions and explore the connections between humans and the natural world. More information can be found at [www.passengerpigeon.org](http://www.passengerpigeon.org)

**Machinery-** The committee, chaired by Franz Klingender will be doing a workshop on lubrication in 2012.

**Replica Resource List-** The list is an online member benefit and is being kept current by Mick Woodcock. It's a great place to look for unusual items and services.

**Seeds and Plants-** Karen Becker and Mike Beckett will be reviving the plant of the month for the website. The committee will have a presentation in TX.

**Government Raised Unincorporated, Non-Uniformed Troops-** Henbest spoke to Andrew Dupstadt about reviving the committee.

Cliff Jones moved acceptance of all of the PIG Committee reports. Mark Texel seconded. Motion passed.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**2013 Annual Meeting-** An invitation to hold the 2013 annual meeting at Hale Farm & Village in Bath, OH has been received. The board recommends that this offer be accepted. Floyd moved that the 2013 annual meeting be held at HF&V. Kyle Bagnall seconded. Motion passed.

**Auction-** Lynne Belluscio said auction proceeds would top \$5,800.00. This does not include the \$2,000.00 matching grant from Associated Foundations designated for defraying Bulletin costs. Gwen Miner moved acceptance of the Ad Hoc Committee reports. Derrick Birdsall seconded. Motion passed.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE-** Bruce Henbest reviewed the progress of the 3 year plan. The first item tackled was to update the Mission Statement. This was completed followed by a bylaws amendment to include the new mission statement. Ashley Ford approached the board with the name of a strategic planner that does pro bono work for not-for-profits and had the credentials necessary to start the process of creating a strategic plan. Mike Krug met with the board at the Cincinnati Museum Center in November 2010 for a full day of planning. Following that the board had a special meeting in Little Rock, AR in February 2011 and held a series of conference calls. Each board member contacted a list of ALHFAM members for their inputs on the future of the association and to review the plan at that stage. The board met again with Mr. Krug for another session at this meeting. The Mission Statement is the key to creating a plan to move ALHFAM ahead in the next 3 years. The committee structure will be revised to translate the initiatives into groups with specific goals. Key priorities have been identified and will be implemented shortly. Henbest expressed our thanks to both Ashley Ford and Mike Krug and he thanked the board for their diligence in pursuing strategic planning.

**RECOGNIZE OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS-** Henbest recognized the outgoing board members. They are Deb Arenz, Carrie Fellows and David Floyd. They will continue to participate by carrying out parts of the strategic plan. He also thanked Charles LeCount who was the past president and completed 6 years of meetings as vice president, president and past president.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER-** A question from the floor was raised about the difference between the alf-l and LinkedIn. The l is a broad discussion list and LinkedIn is a professional networking site. Heidi Glatfelter responded that LinkedIn is used to deepen professional contacts and users stress their qualifications and create profiles. People accessing Facebook and LinkedIn are not necessarily ALHFAM members.

Ian Beard said there would be a meeting tonight of the first timers and anyone else interested in discussing how ALHFAM can be more useful to them.

The new board members and vice president were introduced.

Everyone was asked to fill out their evaluation forms to help in the planning of future conferences.

**ANNUAL MEETING 2012-** Derrick Birdsall presented a preview of the 2012 Annual Meeting in Farmers Branch, TX and invited us all to be there. The call for papers will be on the website very soon. Kathleen Wall moved for adjournment. The meeting adjourned.

**NEW PRESIDENT-** Pete Watson, the new president, reopened the meeting. He asked the entire board to stand. He presented Bruce Henbest with a remembrance of his term as president. He passed on the official CORN T-shirt to incoming vice president Debra Reid.

There was a call for adjournment by Susan Hanson at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M Sheridan, Secretary/Treasurer