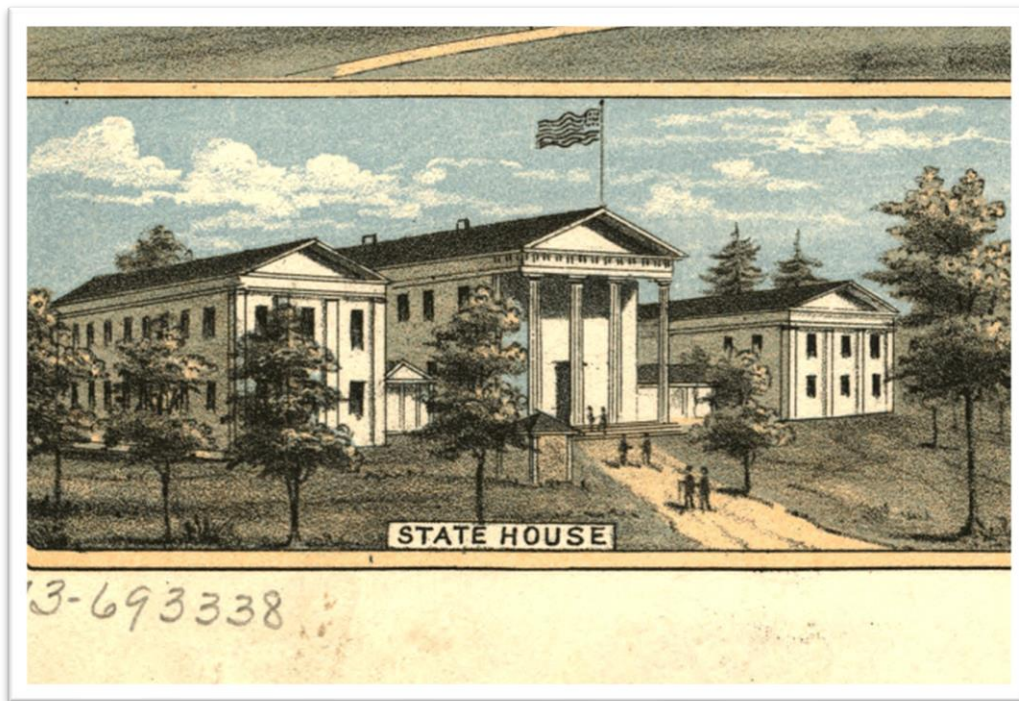


**The Annual Meeting of the  
Arkansas Association of College History Teachers**

October 6-7, 2022

Old State House Museum

Little Rock, Arkansas



Arkansas State House. *From Bird's Eye View of the City of Little Rock, the Capitol of Arkansas, 1871.*

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September 14, 2022

Greetings, AACTH members!

I am so pleased to welcome you to our annual meeting here at the Old State House Museum. How wonderful is it to be back in person! The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to shutter plans for an in-person gathering in 2020, prompting the officers to arrange a virtual evening talk by Rana Hogarth on “Medicalizing Blackness: Making Racial Difference in the Atlantic World.” The virtual meeting that followed in 2021 consisted of the panel “Where Teaching and Research Meet,” a virtual happy hour, and the fascinating keynote, “The Ku Klux Klan in Arkansas: How Protestant White Nationalism Came to Rule a State” by Past-President Ken Barnes.

Despite the successes of our cyber sessions, I have to say that face-to-face history and barbecue with colleagues in Little Rock is an October tradition that I have sorely missed. Vice President Shari Silzell has organized a slate of sessions for this year’s meeting that members are sure to enjoy, providing us with forums to discuss research activities as well as the challenges of teaching in the time of COVID.

I have bad news and good news, however. First the bad: Like so many others, our organization has experienced quite a slump since we last saw each other in 2019. Our Secretary-Treasurer (and Past-President) Jami Forrester has carefully shepherded the association through tough financial times brought on by reduced membership related to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is going to take work to reverse this trend. But for me, the good news is that our reconvening here at the Old State House Museum is sure to kick off a renewal for our association, which has bonded colleagues in Arkansas since 1975. We can and will recover our numbers and financial health with YOUR help.

I look back on my time as President of AACTH with so much regret that the pandemic hampered our usual routine. And while I am satisfied with our creativity in dealing with those challenges, I have to say I am most proud that I was President during the first completely female “administration” of the Arkansas Association of College History Teachers in the organization’s history.

I hope you enjoy the meeting and commit to encouraging a colleague to join.

Sincerely,

*Kelly Houston Jones*

President, AACTH

# AACHT 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Old State House Museum  
300 W. Markham  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
(501) 324-9685

## Thursday, October 6

### **1:00 P.M. On-site Registration opens at the Old State House Museum**

Conference registration, including annual AACHT dues, and Friday lunch is \$50.00

### **2:30-3:50 Session 1A: Exploring Race in Postbellum Arkansas**

Riverfront Room – First Floor, Old State House Museum

Moderator: Aaron McCarthur, Arkansas Tech University

“From Hollywood to the Valley: Excavating a Black Tenant Farmer House Site in Southeast Arkansas”

Matthew P. Rooney, Arkansas Archeological Survey

“Freemasonry’s Interracial Moment?: Arkansas’ Carpetbagger Intelligentsia and the Long Reconstruction, *circa* 1860-1900”

John Kyle Day, University of Arkansas at Monticello

“Winthrop Rockefeller: The Making of a Racially Moderate Arkansas Republican Governor”

John A. Kirk, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

### **4:00 – 5:20 Session 1B: : Covid in the History Classroom and Beyond**

Riverfront Room – First Floor, Old State House Museum

Moderator: Jami Forrester, Northwest Arkansas Community College

"The Hyflex Classroom"

Aaron McArthur, Arkansas Tech University

“COVID-19 and the Shift to Digital Pedagogy: a Historian’s Perspective”

Gregory Michna, Arkansas Tech University

“Don’t Call it ‘Spanish Flu’”

David Adams, Harding University



OLD STATE HOUSE  
MUSEUM

Join us for a

**Reception**  
**Thursday, October 6 at 5:30**

Jointly sponsored by AACTH and the Old State House Museum

It's been a while since we've all been able to talk face-to-face. So, come enjoy a refreshing beverage and catch up with your colleagues from the Arkansas Association of College History Teachers.

**We will meet on the first floor of the Old State House Museum.**



Thank you to our Conference sponsors:

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**Ouachita Baptist University History Department**

# Conference Schedule

## Friday, October 7

### **8:15 Past Officers' Breakfast**

@The Corner, 201 E. Markham Street

Sponsored by Ouachita Baptist University History Department

All former and current AACHT officers are welcome to attend.

### **9:00-10:20 Session 2A: Perspectives on the Civil War Era**

Riverfront Room – First Floor, Old State House Museum

Moderator: Shari Silzell, University of Arkansas at Monticello

"Civil Wars and Reconstructions in the United States, Mexico, and Argentina"

Evan Rothera, University of Arkansas-Fort Smith

"Making Their Place on the South's Ragged Edge: USCT Women in Little Rock"

Kelly Houston Jones, Arkansas Tech University

"Adventures with Buck Foster and a Funky Civil War Diary"

Christopher Mortenson, Ouachita Baptist University

### **10:30-11:30 Session 2B: Common Ground: New Perspectives on State and Federal Conservation Policy in the Trans-Mississippi West**

Riverfront Room – First Floor, Old State House Museum

Moderator: John Kyle Day, University of Arkansas at Monticello

"1915: Year of the Arkansas Game Conservationist"

Buckley T. Foster, University of Central Arkansas

"Counting Crows and Planting Squirrels: Conservation in the Harney National Forest, 1911 – 1928"

John Henris, University of Arkansas at Monticello

### **11:30-12:00 AACHT Business Meeting**

Riverfront Room – First Floor, Old State House Museum

We want your input on how AACHT can better serve college history teachers in Arkansas. We will also elect new officers and talk about the 2023 AACHT Conference. Please join us!

**Friday, October 7**

**12:15-2:00 Luncheon**

Catered by Whole Hog Cafe  
Riverfront Room, Old State House Museum

**Presentation of conference awards:**

- ❖ Pat Ramsey Outstanding Secondary School History Teacher Award
- ❖ James S. Chase Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Presentation

And

**2022 Plenary Address**



**"Not Your Grandma's Preservation Movement: The Importance of Preserving Arkansas's Historic Places"**

**Rachel Silva Patton, Executive Director of Preserve Arkansas**

Rachel Patton is a native of Farmington, Arkansas. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in History/Political Science from Arkansas Tech University and a Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville. Rachel has more than 14 years of experience working in historic preservation in Arkansas. She currently serves as executive director of Preserve Arkansas, the only statewide nonprofit advocate for the preservation of Arkansas's historic places. Rachel is the president of the Arkansas Historical Association and serves on the boards of Preservation Action, the Pulaski County Historical Society, Arkansas Women's History Institute, and the Advisory Board for the Arkansas Tech University College of Arts and Humanities.

## **Arkansas Association of College History Teachers Business Meeting**

### **2020 Minutes**

#### **Arkansas Association of College History Teachers**

#### **Virtual Business Meeting**

#### **Thursday-October 21, 2020**

The 2020 AACTH Business Meeting began at 6:00 p.m. on a Zoom link.

President Clinton Young called the meeting to order.

Vice President Kelly Jones discussed the special presenter Dr. Rana Hogarth from the University of Illinois. The AACTH is sponsoring a virtual presentation “Medicalizing Blackness” on October 22 @ 6 PM. This presentation will be on Zoom and through Facebook Live.

Jami Forrester proposed the meeting does not move forward for a lack of attendance.

Meeting was adjourned.

As a result of the low attendance for this meeting, President Clinton Young sent the following email to the membership.

Dear AACTH Members:

It has been my privilege to serve as your President for the past two years. I want to thank all of you who helped to make our Annual Meetings during that time a success—even our truncated virtual meeting this past week. I look forward to the time when we will meet again in Little Rock to discuss our teaching, explore our scholarship, and delight in the camaraderie that makes the AACTH such a unique academic organization.

Due to a lower than expected turnout at our virtual business meeting, the Board of Directors and those attending felt it best to offer up a slate of self-nominated candidates to be the AACTH officers for 2020 through 2022, there being nothing in the Bylaws forbidding such a procedure. Your candidates to serve as the Board of Directors for the next two years are:

President: Dr. Kelly Jones, Assistant Professor, Arkansas Tech University. Dr. Jones is the current Vice President of the AACTH, and studies slavery in the Trans-Mississippi South, especially Arkansas.

Vice-President: Dr. Shari Silzell, Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas at Monticello. Dr. Silzell’s scholarship focuses on the history of the book in the medieval near East, and was most recently the historical consultant to the Arkansas Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission.

Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. Jami Forrester, Associate Professor, Northwest Arkansas Community College. Dr. Forrester currently serves as the AACTH Secretary/Treasurer, is a Past President of the AACTH, and is currently the coordinator of History Day Arkansas.

Only current members of the AACTH will be allowed to vote in this election. To renew and pay your \$10 membership fee, please visit [aacht.wildapricot.org](http://aacht.wildapricot.org). Once registered you will be sent an e-mail with a link to vote.

Again, I have enjoyed working with and meeting all of you over the past two years—and I especially look forward to the energy and enthusiasm the new Board will bring in the next two. May you all stay safe until we meet again.

Sincerely,

Clinton D. Young  
President, AACTH



**2021 Minutes**  
**Arkansas Association of College History Teachers**  
**Virtual Business Meeting**  
**Thursday-October 7, 2021**

President Kelly Jones called the virtual meeting to begin at 5 PM. There were five members present.

President Jones discussed the featured panel on "Where teaching and research meet" which occurred at 3:30 PM today. Following our meeting today, Keynote speaker Dr. Ken Burns will discuss "The Ku Klux Klan in 1920s Arkansas: How Protestant White Nationalism Came to Rule a State."

Secretary Jami Forrester discussed the low number of membership renewals. Last year's virtual presentation was a success.

Seventeen tickets had been sold at this time for the 6 PM Keynote address.

The meeting was closed as a lack of members present.

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## ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HISTORY TEACHERS

### Financial Report                      21 Oct. 2021

|  |                   |                    |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| Checking balance on 10/20/2020           | \$2,862.81        |                    |
| DEPOSITS:                                |                   |                    |
| 2020 Dues, Registration                  | \$ 200.00         |                    |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>                          | <b>\$3,062.81</b> |                    |
| EXPENSES:                                |                   |                    |
| 7/20/2021              Wild Apricot      | \$540.00          | AACHT Website      |
| 10/7/2021              BCKRD Fees        | \$32.33           |                    |
| 10/20/2021              Dr. Rana Hogarth | \$1,000.00        | Speaker Honorarium |
| Total                                    | \$1,572.33        |                    |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE on 10/21/2021   | \$1,490.48        |                    |

## ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HISTORY TEACHERS

### Financial Report                      29 Oct. 2021

|                                       |                   |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Checking balance on 10/20/21          | \$1,490.48        |                 |
| DEPOSITS:                             |                   |                 |
| 2021 Dues, Registration               | \$460.00          |                 |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>                       | <b>\$1,950.48</b> |                 |
| EXPENSES:                             |                   |                 |
| 7/23/2021              Wild Apricot   | \$540.00          | AACHT Website   |
| 10/13/2021              BCKRD Fees    | \$12.54           | EventBrite Fees |
| Total                                 | \$552.54          |                 |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE on 9/19/2022 | \$1,397.94        |                 |

| Year | Conference Expenses | Individual Members | Institutional Members |
|------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2014 | \$4,819.05          | 55                 | 11                    |
| 2015 | \$3,114.26          | 50                 | 12                    |
| 2016 | \$3,074.53          | 49                 | 14                    |
| 2017 | \$3,027.13          | 43                 | 13                    |
| 2018 | \$5,469.01          | 46                 | 16                    |
| 2019 | \$2,822.81          | 29                 | 6                     |
| 2020 | \$1,032.33          | 20                 | 1                     |
| 2021 | \$ 12.54            | 23                 | 0                     |

# HISTORY DAY

## Arkansas

*An Affiliate of National History Day, Inc.*

### **Annual Report to Arkansas Association of College History Teachers (AACHT)**

The Arkansas affiliate of History Day has experienced several significant changes since our last report to AACHT in September of 2019. In response to public health guidelines, NHD Arkansas pivoted to a virtual state contest in April 2020 and held virtual contests at the regional and state level in 2021. In 2022, four regions held contests: one virtual and three in-person. After two years online, we were delighted to return to an in-person state contest, held April 5, on the University of Central Arkansas campus. Of the 184 students who competed at the state level this year, 58 advanced to the national contest, which convened virtually June 12-16.

In 2020, two Arkansas entries earned awards at the national contest. Bentonville student Pragya Chauhan won the Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers prize for her paper “Curing the Blue: Breaking Barriers in Pediatric Cardiology.” Bentonville Student Rohan Singh won the History of Science and Technology prize for his website “Brahmagupta, the Jewel of Indian Mathematicians: Invention the Idea of Nothing.” In 2022, Little Rock student Clement de Chezelles earned the George Washington Leadership in History award for his website “The 1778 Treaties and the Franco-American Alliance: Transition to a New Diplomatic Era.”

In addition to changes in contest format, the leadership of NHD Arkansas has also changed. In the spring of 2020, the incomparable Dr. Pat Ramsey retired as state coordinator. Dr. Story Matkin-Rawn served as state coordinator from June 2020 through June 2022. We were delighted when, at the end of June, Angela Adams accepted a joint appointment at UCA coordinating NHD Arkansas.

This year, NHD Arkansas can begin rebuilding from diminished participation during the 2020 and 2021 school years. A number of teachers withdrew from History Day during the pandemic due to the workload of teaching online and in-person. Furthermore, many districts temporarily limited travel and suspended visitor access to schools. These factors contributed to a sharp decline in the number of Arkansan students engaged in historical research through History Day. In 2019-20, roughly 7,000 students participated. The following year, that number fell to 2,700. And in 2021-22, and slightly under 2,000 students developed History Day projects. This aligns with national trends in History Day participation, which fell by two-thirds during the pandemic.

After three challenging years, the 2022-23 school year is looking bright for NHD Arkansas. Experienced History Day teachers are returning to the program. We are able once again to visit schools to support new History Day teachers. The 2023 National Contest will be held in-person at the University of Maryland, a powerful incentive for many students. And NHD Arkansas is already benefiting from Ms. Adams’s talent, experience, and energetic leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Story Matkin-Rawn  
Assistant State Coordinator NHD Arkansas

**BYLAWS OF THE  
ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HISTORY TEACHERS**

{adopted October 5, 1974}

{revised October 3, 2008; September 30, 2010; October 6, 2011}

**ARTICLE I**

Name

The name of this organization shall be The Arkansas Association of College History Teachers.

**ARTICLE II**

Object

The object of this Association shall be to improve the teaching of History for all levels of instruction; to advance the professional interests of its membership; and to establish closer rapport among the various History faculties.

**ARTICLE III**

Members

Section 1. Membership is open to all teachers or former teachers of History in two-year and four-year colleges and universities in the State of Arkansas on payment of dues set by the organization.

Section 2. Associate membership is open to graduate students and secondary school teachers in History and Social Studies on payment of dues set by the organization. Associate members shall be entitled to all of the privileges except those of making motions, of voting, and of holding office.

**ARTICLE IV**

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

Section 3. No member shall hold more than one term in the same office except for the Secretary-Treasurer.

**ARTICLE V**  
Meetings

Section 1. The Association will meet at least once a year for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Section 2. Special meetings can be called by the President or by the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE VI**  
The Executive Board

Section 1. The officers of the Association and the immediate past president shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Association, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Association, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Association.

**ARTICLE VII**  
Committees

Section 1. A Program Chair shall be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to plan the annual program of the Association.

Section 2. Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as the Association or the Executive Board shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Association. The President shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

**ARTICLE IX**  
Amendment of Bylaws

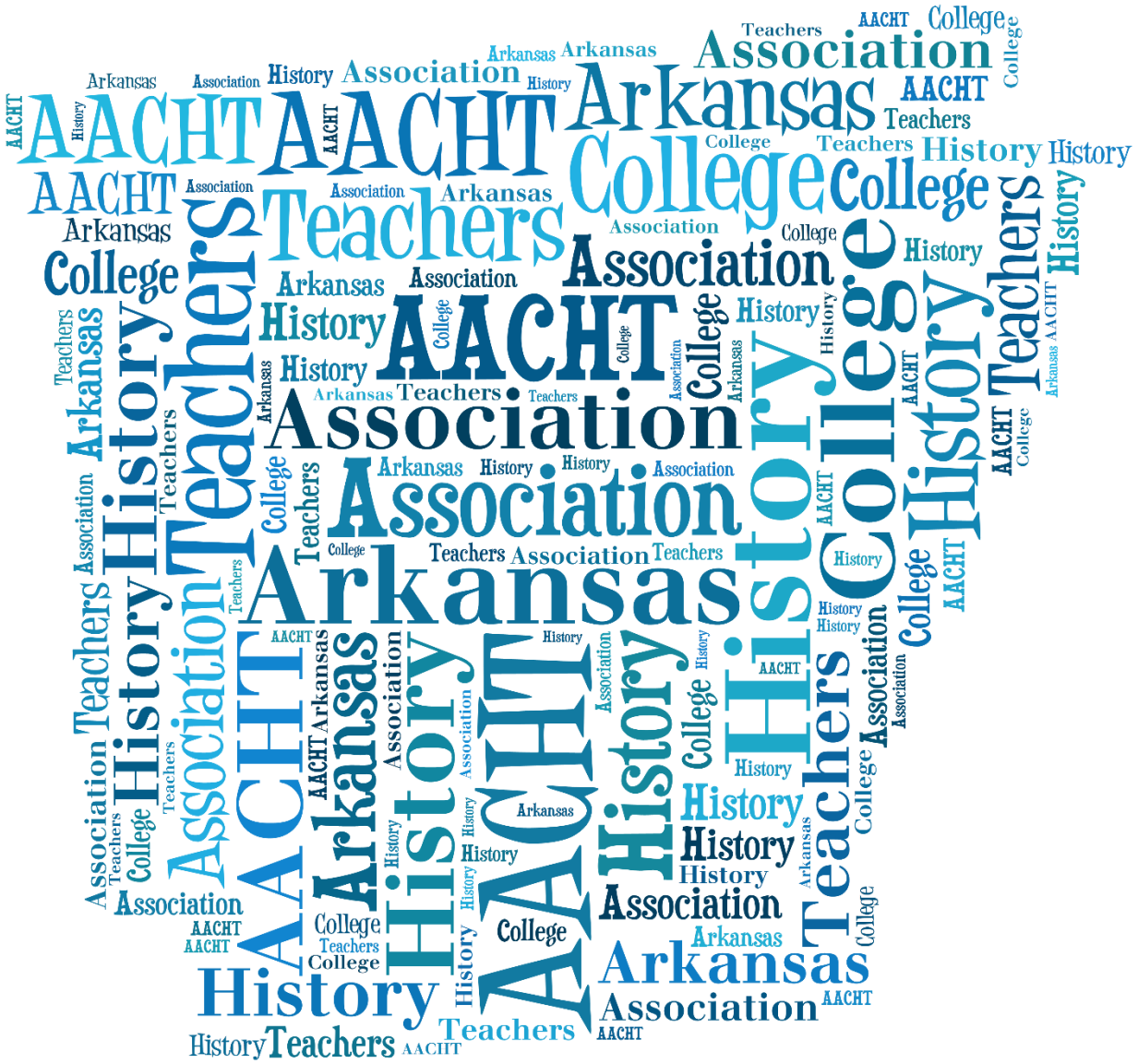
These Bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of those present and voting, provided that the amendment has been distributed to the members of the Association at least one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted on.

## **Arkansas Association of College History Teachers Officers**

Two-year term dates based upon officers at time of annual meeting, not dates of election.

| <b>TERM</b> | <b>PRESIDENT</b>    | <b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> | <b>SECRETARY/TREASURER</b> |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1975-76     | James Chase         | C.K. McFarland        | Raymond Muncy              |
| 1977-78     | C.K. McFarland      | Jane B. Fagg          | Raymond Muncy              |
| 1979-80     | Raymond Muncy       | Fred Williams         | Mike Hammond               |
| 1981-82     | Fred Williams       | Timothy Donovan       | Mike Hammond               |
| 1983-84     | Timothy Donovan     | Everett Slavens       | Mike Hammond               |
| 1985-86     | Everett Slavens     | Hal Smith/Foy Lisenby | Fred Jewell                |
| 1987-88     | Hal Smith           | Larry Ball            | Fred Jewell                |
| 1989-90     | Larry Ball          | Jerry Pyle            | Fred Jewell                |
| 1991-92     | Jerry Pyle          | Ann Smith             | Fred Jewell                |
| 1993-94     | Ann Smith           | David Edwards         | Fred Jewell                |
| 1995-96     | David Edwards       | Alexander Sydorenko   | Fred Jewell                |
| 1997-98     | A. Sydorenko        | Ben Johnson           | Fred Jewell                |
| 1999-2000   | Ben Johnson         | Ken Barnes            | Fred Jewell                |
| 2001-02     | Ken Barnes          | Phyllis Pobst         | Fred Jewell                |
| 2003-04     | Phyllis Pobst       | Thomas DeBlack        | Fred Jewell                |
| 2005-06     | Thomas DeBlack      | Charles Bolton        | Fred Jewell                |
| 2007-08     | Charles Bolton      | Wayne Bowen           | Jan Jenkins                |
| 2009-10     | Trey Berry*         | Kyle Day              | Jan Jenkins                |
|             | Kyle Day (Acting)   |                       |                            |
| 2011-12     | Kyle Day            | Chris Mortenson       | Jan Jenkins                |
| 2013-14     | Chris Mortenson     | Jami Forrester        | Jan Jenkins                |
| 2015-16     | Jami Forrester      | Jeff Pearson          | Jan Jenkins                |
| 2017-18     | Jeff Pearson        | Clint Young           | Jan Jenkins                |
| 2019-20     | Clint Young         | Kelly Houston Jones   | Jami Forrester             |
| 2021-22     | Kelly Houston Jones | Shari Silzell         | Jami Forrester             |





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