

Annual Reports, 2016

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The one-hundred ninth annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association took place at the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort on the island of Hawai'i August 4–6, 2016. The conference had 189 registered attendees, who participated in fifty-nine different sessions. During the conference, Ruben Flores (University of Kansas) spoke to the Latina/o Scholars Luncheon on the topic, "Backroads Pragmatists: Mexico's Melting Pot and Civil Rights in the United States," Erica Ball (Occidental College) spoke to the Western Association of Women Historians luncheon on the topic, "*Roots, History, and the Politics of Popular Culture*," and President George J. Sánchez (University of Southern California) presented his presidential address, "Why Are Multiracial Communities So Dangerous?: Hawaii, Cape Town, South Africa, and Boyle Heights, California." The presidential address appeared in expanded form in the February 2017 issue of the *Pacific Historical Review*.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PACIFIC COAST BRANCH, AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, PANIOLA III BALLROOM, WAIKOLOA BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT AND SPA, AUGUST 4, 2016

President George J. Sánchez called the meeting of the PCB Council to order at 2:05 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance: Vice President Katherine Morrissey, former presidents David Iglar and Carl Abbott, Marc S. Rodriguez representing the *Pacific Historical Review*, Council Members Phoebe S. K. Young, Lorena Oropeza, Matthew Garcia, and Janet Ward, and Executive Director Kevin A. Leonard. The Council approved the 2015 minutes. Executive Director Leonard provided a preview of the local arrangements for the Waikoloa meeting, and President Sánchez continued with a brief preview of the program for the meeting.

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Executive Director Leonard then reported on the current financial state of the PCB. In his report, Executive Director Leonard reported that the Pacific Coast Branch remains in a precarious financial position. In 2015 the Branch continued to rely upon its reserves to cover the costs of its operations. However, the unrestricted reserves have nearly been exhausted. In its discussion of the financial state of the PCB, the Council considered a number of ways in which revenues could be increased and expenditures reduced. Much of this discussion focused on the problem of people who agree to be on the program for the annual meeting but then do not register or show up. Executive Director Leonard reported that the Branch used \$2,000 of the donations from past presidents to support conference attendance by ten graduate students.

The discussion of the financial state of the Branch led into Executive Director Leonard's announcement of his decision to step down upon the completion of his four-year term at the end of 2017. The Council discussed the implications of this transition, and Vice President Morrissey expressed her intent to appoint a search committee shortly after the conclusion of the meeting.

Pacific Historical Review Managing Editor Marc S. Rodriguez presented the report of the journal, in which he noted that between August 1, 2015, and July 31, 2016, the *PHR* received 77 submissions, accepted 13 for publication, and published 13. During the year, 110 scholars served as external referees for the journal. The journal published 115 book reviews, with 112 reviewers representing 88 different institutions. At Rodriguez's request, the Council then approved a slate of individuals proposed by the editors as new *PHR* editorial board members and expressed its thanks to those board members whose terms had concluded.

Executive Director Leonard announced on behalf of Nominations Committee chair Gordon H. Chang (Stanford University) that 129 members voted in this year's election, with the following results:

- President-elect for 2017: Mary Elizabeth Berry (University of California, Berkeley)
- New members of the PCB Council:
 - Chia Yin Hsu (Portland State University)
 - Beverly Lemire (University of Alberta)
 - Tara Travis (Mesa Verde National Park)

- New members of the PCB Nominations Committee:
 - Anita Casavantes Bradford (University of California, Irvine)
 - Cecilia Tsu (University of California, Davis)

The Council then offered its thanks to all those individuals who generously accepted the invitation of the Nominations Committee to stand for election in this year's cycle, including Sandra McGee Deutsch (University of Texas-El Paso) and Kerri A. Inglis (University of Hawai'i, Hilo), who accepted nominations for Council, as well as Thomas (Tim) Borstelmann (University of Nebraska, Lincoln), and Minayo Nasiali (University of Arizona), who stood as candidates for the Nominations Committee.

Executive Director Leonard then announced the winners of PCB awards:

- The Pacific Coast Branch Book Award: Andrew R. Highsmith, University of California, Irvine, for *Demolition Means Progress: Flint, Michigan, and the Fate of the American Metropolis* (University of Chicago Press)
- The Norris and Carol Hundley Award: Lorraine K. Bannai, Seattle University, for *Enduring Conviction: Fred Korematsu and His Quest for Justice* (University of Washington Press)
- Honorable mention: Keith David Watenpaugh, University of California, Davis, for *Bread From Stones: The Middle East and the Making of Modern Humanitarianism* (University of California Press, 2015)
- The W. Turrentine Jackson (Dissertation) Award: Mary Elizabeth Mendoza, "Unnatural Border: Race and Environment at the U.S.-Mexico Divide" (University of California, Davis, 2015)

Thereafter, *PHR* Managing Editor Rodriguez announced the two awards for articles that appeared in the *Pacific Historical Review*:

- The Louis Knott Koontz Memorial Award (chosen by the entire editorial board): James D. Drake, "A Divide to Heal the Union: The Creation of the Continental Divide," (November 2015, Vol. 84, no. 4)
- The W. Turrentine Jackson (Article) Prize (chosen by the editors from among articles submitted by graduate students): Lawrence H. Kessler, Temple University, for "A Plantation upon a Hill: Or, Sugar without Rum: Hawai'i's Missionaries and the Founding of the Sugarcane Plantation System," (May 2015, Vol. 84, no. 2)

Leonard also presented details about the Presidents Travel Award Fund: ten graduate students received awards of \$200 each, and the fund-raising campaign undertaken by President Sánchez generated \$2,650 in donations from past presidents.

Executive Director Leonard then offered preliminary details about the 2017 annual conference. The meeting will take place at a venue to be determined in the Los Angeles area. Incoming President Morrissey announced her selection of Stacey Smith (Oregon State University) and Michael Lansing (Augsburg College) as Program Committee Co-chairs, as well as the conference theme, "Seeing History: Traces and Representations of the Past."

Under the heading of new business, President Sánchez offered the thanks of the PCB Council on behalf of the Pacific Coast Branch to those whose terms of service were concluding with this annual conference, including

- Former President Carl Abbott
- Council members Jeff Means, Jeff Sanders, and Phoebe Young
- Nominations Committee members Gordon Chang and Laura Ishiguro
- PCB Book Award Committee member Steven Hackel
- Hundley Award Committee member Eileen Wallis
- Jackson (Dissertation) Award Committee member Susan Wladaver-Morgan
- Graduate Student Travel Award Committee member Carl Abbott

No further issues awaiting discussion, President Sánchez declared the Council meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Kevin A. Leonard

2016 PCB-AHA FINANCIAL REPORT: PREFACE

The following document is a detailed summary of the financial circumstances of the Pacific Coast Branch (PCB) during the course of calendar year 2016 (which is the basis of our fiscal year as well).

The PCB continued to face serious financial challenges. All of the Branch's assets are held in accounts at Wells Fargo Bank. This has insulated the Branch from investment losses. However, it has also meant that the PCB's assets generate very little income. In 2016, our Business Market Rate account earned interest at a paltry 0.03 annual percentage rate. As a result, we earned only \$31.01 on total assets of more than \$110,000. In 2016, for the eighth consecutive year, the Branch had to rely upon its reserves in order to meet its expenses. However, the Branch significantly reduced the degree to which it had to rely upon its reserves in 2016. Moreover, actions taken by the Council in the fall of 2016 moved toward setting the Branch on a more stable financial foundation. In 2017 the Executive Director will be able to move money from the Branch's checking account into the Business Market Rate account, bringing the Branch's assets back to where they were in 2015. I am hopeful that continued attentive stewardship by the Council and my successor as Executive Director, as well as a fundraising effort, will restore the Branch to the financial condition it enjoyed prior to the Great Recession.

Despite the serious financial challenges facing the Branch, the generous support of several past presidents made it possible for the Branch to use the John Schutz/Presidents' Graduate Student Travel Fund to provide assistance to ten graduate students who presented their scholarship at the Waikoloa meeting. This support is particularly important in helping to keep graduate students engaged in the profession.

If any members should have questions or concerns about the PCB's 2016 financial report, you are welcome to contact me at Kevin.Leonard@mtsu.edu, and I will respond to your inquiries.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin A. Leonard
Executive Director

CHECKING ACCOUNT (held at Wells Fargo Bank):

Balance: January 1, 2016 \$19,029.74

Income:

Convention Income 33,683.82
Registration 30,215.82
Exhibitors and sponsors 3,650.00
Donations to Presidents'
Graduate Student Travel Awards 2,650.00
University of California Press 2015 royalties 3,000.00

TOTAL INCOME 39,333.82

TRANSFERS FROM BUSINESS MARKET

RATE ACCOUNT 10,000.00

TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS 49,333.82

Expenses

Convention Expenses 26,699.25
Waikoloa Beach Marriott
(including meal events) 17,959.58
PCB Awards 2,250.00
PCB Presidents' Graduate
Student Travel Awards 2,000.00
Printing and mailing 4,135.01
Registration/supplies 354.66
Staff compensation 17,000.00
Staff travel reimbursement 1,510.47
Fee for filing IRS Form 1023-EZ 400.00
Wells Fargo fee 3.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: 45,612.72

Balance: December 31, 2016 22,750.84

BUSINESS MARKET RATE ACCOUNT:

Balance: January 1, 2016.	\$120,723.01
Income:	
Interest	31.01

The business market rate account is held at Wells Fargo Bank and includes the following designated funds:

THE *PACIFIC HISTORICAL REVIEW* FUND

Balance: January 1, 2016.	34,175.05
Income:	
Gifts	0.00
Interest.	878
Expenditures:	0.00
TOTAL.	34,183.83

THE LOUIS KNOTT KOONTZ MEMORIAL AWARD

Balance, January 1, 2014.	13,364.58
Income:	
Gifts	0.00
Interest.	3.43
Expenditures:	0.00
TOTAL.	13,368.01

THE NORRIS HUNDLEY Jr. ENDOWMENT

Balance: January 1, 2014.	12,322.74
Income:	
Gifts	25.00
Interest.	3.17
Expenditures.	0.00
TOTAL.	12,350.91

The W. TURRENTINE JACKSON (ARTICLE) PRIZE

Balance: January 1, 2014.	12,707.08
Income:	
Gifts	0.00
Interest.	3.26
Expenditures (transfer to checking):	750.00
TOTAL.	11,960.34

THE W. TURRENTINE JACKSON (DISSERTATION) AWARD
 Balance, January 1, 2013 13,728.61
 Income:
 Gifts 0.00
 Interest 3.53
 Expenditures (transfer to checking): 750.00
 TOTAL 12,982.14

THE PACIFIC COAST BRANCH BOOK AWARD
 Balance: January 1, 2016. 14,495.08
 Income:
 Gifts 25.00
 Interest 3.72
 Expenditures (transfer to checking): 750.00
 TOTAL 13,773.80

THE JOHN SCHUTZ FUND (Unrestricted)
 Balance, January 1, 2016. 21,329.15
 Income:
 Gifts 2,650.00
 Interest 5.48
 Expenditures (transfer to checking) 2,000.00
 Transfer to PCB checking account. 5,750.00
 TOTAL 16,234.63

TOTAL BALANCE: December 31, 2016 \$114,853.66

Submitted by Kevin A. Leonard
Executive Director, PCB-AHA