

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ronald L. Lewis

Since the Spring 1994 issue of *Appalink*, the Appalachian Studies Association held its 17th annual meeting at Virginia Tech. The conference was very successful, and I want to extend our collective appreciation to Program Chair Elizabeth Fine and her assistants for the extraordinary effort required to host one of these conferences.

Shortly after the conference, ASA members received ballots to vote on their choice of arrangements for the administration of the organization. (See the results reported by ASA Secretary Sandra Ballard in the ASA News on page 4 in this issue.) I think it is accurate to say that for several years there has been general agreement among the ASA officers and members of the steering committee on the need to centralize the administration of the ASA in a more permanent home. The Regional Research Institute at West Virginia University has offered to provide that home in order to consolidate the administrative functions of the organization into one office, as well as to publish and expand the role of the Association's journal. Through this reorganization, we hope to improve service to the membership.

I was heartened by the number of members who voted on this important issue. This enthusiastic response indicates that when our members are presented with real choices, they will take an active interest in the administration of the organization. One of my goals this year will be to provide choice in the election of officers and steering committee members, and to find a better mechanism for members to nominate and vote for representatives, and otherwise express their opinions on issues involving the organization.

When the last issue of *Appalink* was mailed, we were still searching for a Youth Conference Coordinator for the 1995 Conference in West Virginia. I am pleased to announce that we have found that person in Sandy Wimbish of Charleston, WV. The 1995 Conference will be held at West Virginia University, March 17-19, in the Student Center, which has been completely remodeled since 1989, when the ASA last met there. Ken Sullivan, the editor of *Goldenseal*, West Virginia's traditional life magazine, will serve as Program Chair for the West Virginia conference. Please direct your calls or correspondence to either Ken or me on matters relating to next year's program.

The Steering Committee will appoint chairs for the newly created Regional Survey Committee and the Media & Appalachia Committee at its meeting on June 4, 1994. Once the committees are charged, we expect the new chairs will contact those of you who volunteered to serve on them.

NEW OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 1994-1995

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Kathryn M. Borman is Associate Dean in the School of Education at the University of Cincinnati.

Phillip J. Obermiller is an associate of the Appalachian Center at the University of Kentucky.

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ASA NEWS

Results of the ASA Vote on New Administrative Home

A week or so after the 1994 ASA Conference, current ASA members should have received a letter and ballot asking them to vote for one of two proposals that offered an Administrative base for the ASA.

When Alice Brown and I counted the 182 ballots, the results were 103 for the West Virginia University Research Institute proposal and 79 for the Appalachian State University proposal. Before the vote was taken, the Steering Committee agreed to accept a simple majority for this vote to determine a new Administrative base.

The Steering Committee also recommended making a gradual shift to the new Offices, with East Tennessee State University's Center for Appalachian Studies and Services producing the Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association for the 1994 Conference, and with the newsletter *Appalink* beginning to be distributed from WVU as soon as the new office has the mailing lists and is ready to assume this responsibility.

ASA Continues to Work toward Tax-Exempt Status

Howard Dorgan, 1992-94 ASA Treasurer, writes to say that the ASA application for 501(c)(3) status has been returned to him twice for additional information, but he is staying with the task and expects eventual success.

(ASA members should know that Howard Dorgan has devoted/donated countless hours during the past two years to investigating and learning the procedure for completing maddening IRS forms to secure tax-exempt status for this growing organization. He deserves our thanks.)

Successful ASA Conference in Blacksburg

The 1994 ASA Conference at Virginia Tech had 410 official registrants, one of the highest attendances in recent years.

Congratulations and thanks to Betty Fine, the 1994 Program Chair, and the entire Program Committee--Ken Sullivan, Jim Minick, Karen Morgan, Barry Whittemore, Deborah Thompson, Ricky Cox, Rosemary Goss, Alice Brown, and Norma Myers. A special thank you to the Local Arrangements Committee--Rosemary C. Goss, Mary Holliman, Elizabeth Fine, Paul Lancaster, Keith Webb, Clyde Kessler, and Kate Briody.

Congratulations to Dr. Robert J. (Jack) Higgs, Professor of English at East Tennessee State University, on being the 1994 Recipient of the Cratis Williams Service Award, presented at the ASA conference. Jack Higgs, was recognized for his service to Appalachia and his contributions as a mentor and teacher of the literature of Southern Appalachia, sports, religion, and a world of other topics; a writer about Appalachia; an editor of the most widely used anthology of Appalachian writing, *Voices from the Hills*, as well as a forthcoming two-volume anthology from the University of Tennessee Press, *Appalachia Inside Out: A Sequel to Voices from the Hills*. ASA members wish Jack well in his retirement from ETSU this year.

Appalink to be included in Newsletters in Print

The next edition of Newsletters in Print will include us in its guide to more than 12,000 newsletters issued in the United States and Canada. This directory is produced by Gale Research, Inc. in Detroit, Michigan.

ASA Needs More Involvement from Its Members

Consider volunteering to serve on one of the two committees named in the President's Message (see p. 1 of *Appalink*). The Regional Survey Committee will work toward updating the 1962 Southern Appalachian Region: A Survey, edited by Thomas R. Ford. The Media & Appalachia Committee will work on awards for the best and worst media coverage of Appalachia. If you would like to participate in either committee, contact Ron Lewis, ASA President, Department of History, WV University, Morgantown, WV 26506.

In the next issue of *Appalink*, you will find a call for nominations for next year's officers and committee members. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find descriptions of duties and responsibilities of these officers. Please begin now to think of nominees. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the organization, please contact ASA President Ron Lewis or any of the current officers.

Pat Arnow, editor of *Now and Then* magazine at the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services at East Tennessee State University, has recently accepted the position of editor at *Southern Exposure*, published by the Institute of Southern Studies in Durham, NC. She begins her new job on July 1 and wants her ASA friends to keep in touch with her at her new address, PO Box 531, Durham, NC 27702.

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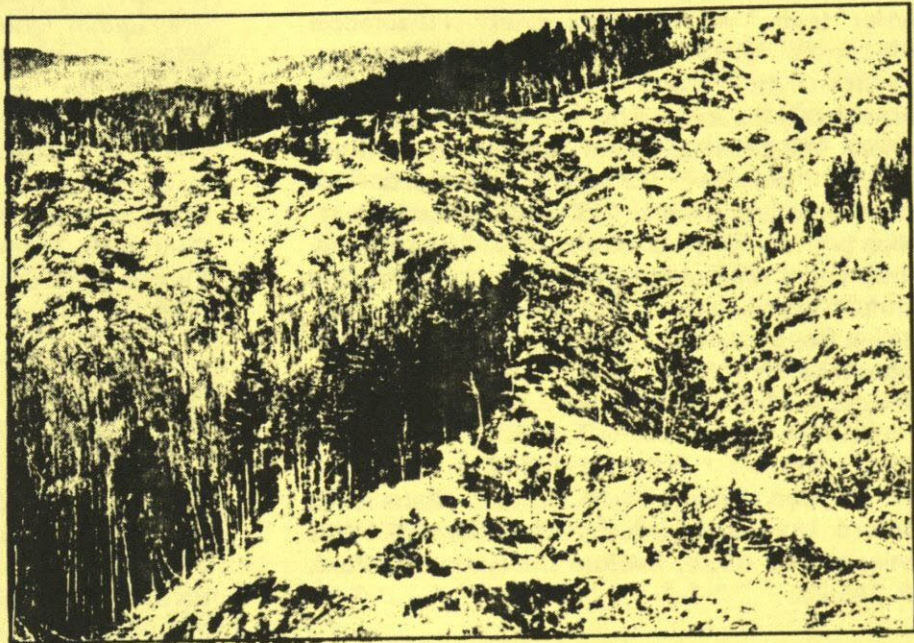
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"Ready for Harvest" explores the complex questions of how we use and protect our native forests. Footage includes interviews with Walton Smith, who has practiced sound forest management techniques for more than 60 years; Betty Ballew, whose community was dislocated because other people wanted to use the land for their own purposes; and Chuck Crow, a Cherokee who has seen the short-term gains and long-term losses to communities when the forests that surround them are stripped of trees. Mary Kelly, an ecologist, explains the importance of biological diversity to a healthy ecosystem.

On the other side, the U.S. Forest Service has promoted management practices that discourage growth of non-commercial species, such as dogwood and red maple. Timber companies, citing the Forest Service's expertise, harvest trees primarily by clear-cutting because it is more economical than selective cutting.

"Ready for Harvest" is meant to encourage debate about a forest management policy that affects the environment, economy, and culture."

ANNOUNCEMENTS of SUMMER EVENTS

Call for Papers:

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Third Annual Selu Writers' Retreat at Radford University, July 3-10. Contact Parks Lanier at Box 6935, Radford University, Radford, VA 24142.

Attention Tennessee Teachers: If you teach science in the state of Tennessee in a public or private elementary, middle (junior high), or senior high school, you are invited to participate in a Teachers' Workshop on Tennessee's Watchable Wildlife, a K-12 environmental education curriculum. Teachers selected to participate may attend one of the following workshops (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.): June 18 Sam Nickey WA (Big Sandy); June 27 Long Hunter State Park; July 30 Lichterman Nature Center; August 27 Big South Fork. Contact Dr. Mary V. Ball, CNC Box 72044, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN 37760, 615-471-3254 (FAX: 615-471-3502).

Twelfth Annual Appalachian Writers' Association at Radford University, July 8-10. Contact Parks Lanier, Box 6935, Radford University, Radford, VA 24142. (703) 831-5269.

Appalachian-Scottish Studies at East Tennessee State University, July 12 - August 15. Visiting scholars will include Ian Fraser, Senior Lecturer, School of Scottish Studies, University of

Edinburgh. Lectures will be on a wide range of topics in traditional Appalachian and Scottish culture. The program will feature field trips to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and other sites of interest and will end with a celebration of Appalachian and Scottish heritage featuring internationally known Jean Redpath and Ray Hicks. The Jean Redpath concert will be held on July 30 at 8 p.m. in the Culp Center Auditorium on the ETSU campus. There will be an admission charge. Contact Dr. Thomas Burton, Center for Appalachian Studies and Services, Box 70556, ETSU, Johnson City, TN 37614-0556 (615-929-5348).

Hindman Settlement School announces its 17th Annual Appalachian Writers Workshop, July 31-August 6, 1994. Register soon if you are interested in attending. The Workshop faculty this year includes James Still, Jim Wayne Miller, Barbara Smith, George Ella Lyon, Robert Morgan, John Egerton, Leatha Kendrick, and Lee Smith. For additional information, contact Mike Mullins, Executive Director, Hindman Settlement School, Hindman, KY 41822 (606-785-5475).

Fourth Annual Appalachian Teachers' Network Conference; Gurney Norman featured speaker, September 24. Contact Jim Minick, Box 6935, Radford University, Radford, VA 24142.

Augusta Heritage Center of Davis & Elkins College invites those interested in summer workshops and concerts to call or write for a free catalog that gives complete details on week-long classes and other events, including Old-Time Week (July 10-15), Blues & Swing Week (July 17-22), Irish Week (July 27-29), Dance & Bluegrass Week (July 31-Aug. 5), Vocal & Cajun/Creole Week (Aug. 7-12). Workshop instructors include National Heritage Fellowship recipient Melvin Wine, blues & jazz musician Howard Armstrong, folk singer Jean Ritchie, and others. Contact the Augusta Heritage Center, Box GB, Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-1903 (FAX: 304-636-8624).

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The Museum of American Frontier Culture in Staunton, VA, invites interested persons to the 10th Ulster-American Heritage Symposium, August 4-6, 1994. Contact Katharine L. Brown, Director of Research & Collections, Museum of American Frontier Culture, PO Box 810, Staunton, VA 24404-0810. 703-332-7850 (FAX 703-332-9989)

Appalachian Studies Award

The University Press of Kentucky announces the reinstatement of its Appalachian Studies Award, a \$1000 prize for the best book-length manuscript about the Appalachian region. The study may deal with any aspect of Appalachia in a range of fields--literature, the arts, folklore, anthropology, history, political science, economics, sociology, geography.

Deadline for submissions has been extended to Nov. 15, 1994. To be eligible, manuscripts cannot be under review with another publisher or awards committee while being considered for this competition, nor can significant portions have been published previously. Manuscripts should be about 100,000 words in length, though longer or shorter studies will be considered. Works of fiction, poetry, and drama are not eligible, and dissertations should be revised before submission. Contact Nancy Grayson Holmes, Editor-in-Chief, University Press of Kentucky, 663 S. Limestone Street, Lexington, KY 40508-4008 (606-257-8434).

Now and Then announces Writing Contest Winners. Chosen from 261 entries of poets and fiction writers, the work of the contest winners will appear in the next issue of *Now and Then: The Appalachian Magazine*.

Poets include 1st prize winner, Linda Parsons; 2nd prize winner, Penelope Scambly Schott; 3rd prize winner, Melanie Graham; and honorable mentions to Michael Chitwood, Anthony W. Reeve, Frederick Wilbur, and Kristin Camitta Zimet.

Fiction writers who won recognition include 1st prize winner, Chris Holbrook; 2nd prize winner, Tami R. S. Penley; 3rd prize winner, Colleen Anderson; and honorable mentions to Margaret L. Brown, Jan Barnett, Tamara Baxter, and Steve Inskeep.

The 10th Anniversary issue of *Now and Then* will be available in mid-June. Contact CASS, ETSU, PO Box 70556, Johnson City, TN 37614 (615-929-5348).

SUMMER 1995: Appalachian-Scottish Studies at the University of Edinburgh's School of Scottish Studies. The summer study tour will include two weeks in Scotland and one week in Ireland from July 11-August 14. While in Scotland, students will be based at the University of Edinburgh, and in Northern Ireland at the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum. The tour includes field trips and lectures on a wide range of topics focusing on Scottish and Irish traditional cultures with emphasis on their influence in America. Fees (including all expenses except tuition and meals) are approx. \$2000. The course may be audited or taken for 3-6 hours credit. Contact Thomas Burton, CASS, Box 70556, ETSU, Johnson City, TN 37614-0556, 615-929-5348.

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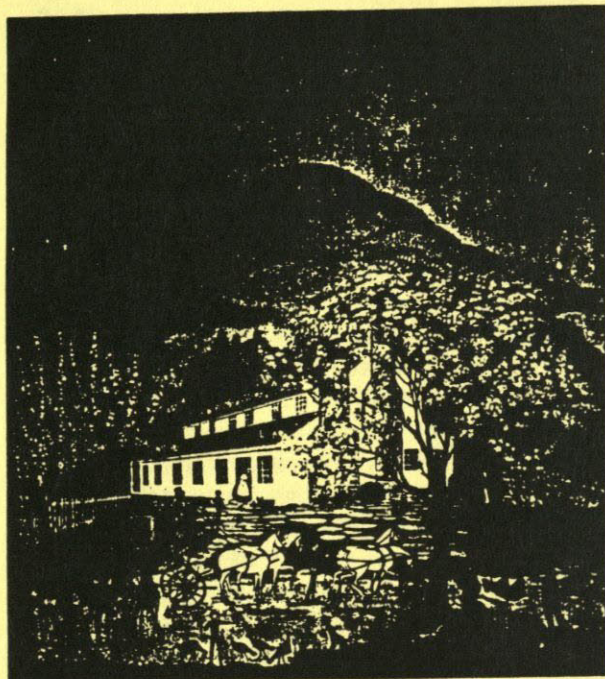
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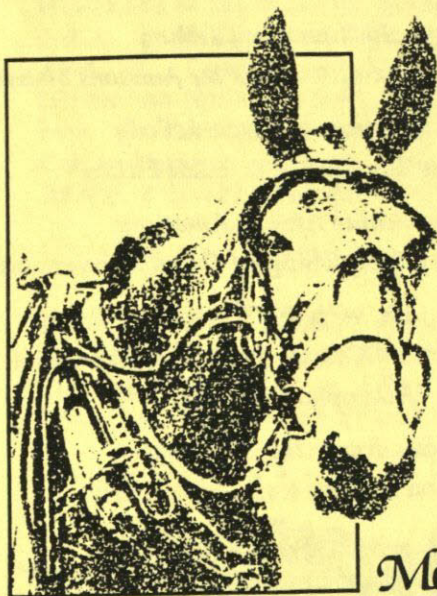


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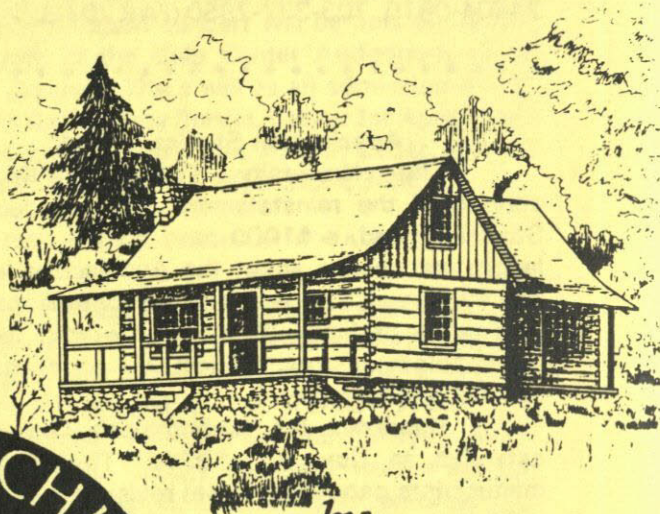


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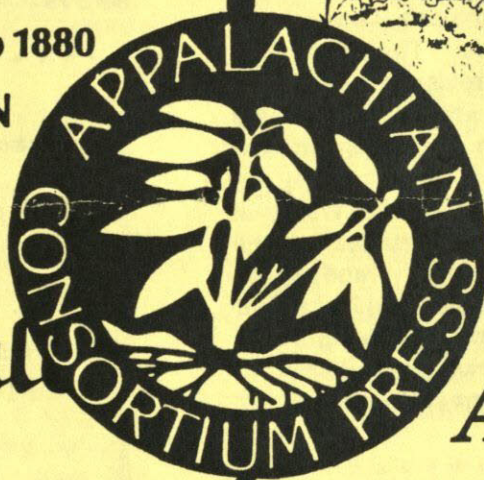
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Kathryn M. Borman and Phillip J. Obermiller, eds. From Mountain to Metropolis: Appalachian Migrants in American Cities. This collection featuring essays on health, educational, and environmental issues is the 4th in a series of studies of urban Appalachians. Order: Bergin and Garvey, 1-800-225-5800 or 1-800-474-4329.

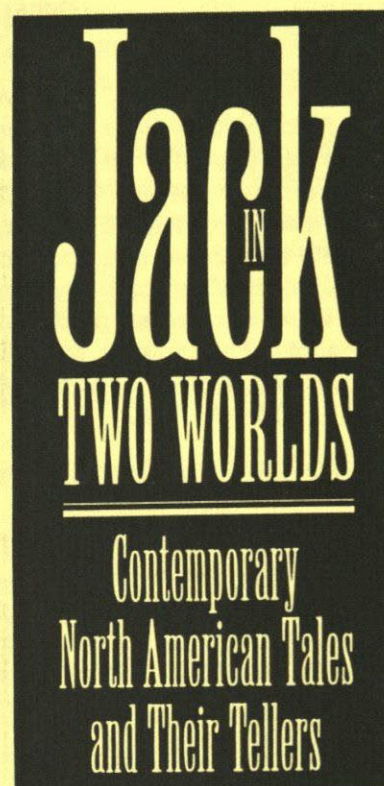
Robert Morgan. The Hinterlands: A Mountain Tale in Three Parts. Novel. (Chapel Hill: Algonquin, 1994). Order: Workman Publishing Co., 708 Broadway, New York, NY 10003, 1-800-722-72702 or 212-254-5900.

Elizabeth C. Fine and Jean Haskell Speer, eds. Performance, Culture and Identity. (New York: Praeger). Order: Greenwood Publishing Group, 88 Post Road West, PO Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881-9990.

J.W. Williamson and Edwin T. Arnold, eds. Interviewing Appalachia: The Appalachian Journal Interviews, 1978-1992. Knoxville: Univ. of Tennessee Press, 1994. Order: Univ. of Tennessee Press, Knoxville, TN 37996-0325.

ASA Members: please let me know about your new and forthcoming books (and how to order them). Contact Sandy Ballard, Appalink Editor, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN 37760.

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Jack Tale Players, organized in 1975 with a grant from the Virginia Commission of Arts to present traditional Jack Tales in a dramatic form to children, have performed all over the U.S. and in England. To schedule a show, contact The Jack Tale Players, Ferrum College, Ferrum, VA 24088, 703-365-4335.

The video "Earthkeeping: Rocking the Boat" is available from the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition (OVEC), a non-profit, grassroots environmental organization. The video, which aired on PBS in Nov, 1993, features Lois Gibbs of Love Canal fame and the work of OVEC fighting Ashland Oil's air pollution in WV and KY. For a copy, send \$9 to OVEC, PO Box 970, Proctorville, OH 45669, 614-886-5796.

The video "From the Mountains to the Maquiladoras," a 25-min. documentary, is available from Tennessee Industrial Renewal Network (TIRN), a non-profit coalition of workers, unions, churches, and community organizations concerned about the effect of economic policy on Tennessee's working people and their communities. The film documents the 1991 trip of 9 Tennessee women to the US/Mexico border near Matamoros, where they met with members of the *Comite Fronterizo de Obreras*, an association of women who work in the "maquiladora" factories. The video (\$13 postpaid) is available from TIRN, 1515 East Magnolia Ave., Suite 403, Knoxville, TN 37917, 615-637-1576.

The Investigative Reporting Fund (TIRF)--a non-profit research and reporting organization in western NC--offers to send press releases on Southern Appalachian stories to activists, study groups, and other interested organizations and individuals. The stories cover such issues as social and economic justice, the environment, sustainable economics, transportation, minority rights, sexual equality, and education. TIRF also invites the participation of experienced investigative reporters with story ideas. Contact TIRF at PO Box 7554, Asheville, NC 28802, 704-259-9179.

The next issue of *Appalink* will appear in early September. Please send announcements or advertisements by AUGUST 1, 1994 to:

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ASA Needs You

In addition to a Call for Papers for the 1995 ASA Conference, the September issue of *Appalink* will include a call for nominations for next year's officers and committee members.

So that you can begin now to think about letting the Nominating Committee (chaired by John Inscoe, Department of History, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602) know of your interest in nominating others (or being nominated yourself) to serve next year, here is excerpted information from the ASA by-laws which describe representative duties of ASA officers and committees (for a complete copy of the by-laws, see the Fall 1992 issue of *Appalink*):

Eligibility. All officers must be members of the Association.

Nominations and Elections. The nomination and election of candidates for office in the Association shall occur in the following manner:

- a. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President each year. This Committee shall consist of two individuals presently serving on the Steering Committee and shall be chaired by the Vice President.
- b. A Call for Nominations shall be published in the Fall issue of *Appalink*.
- c. A slate of officers and committee members shall be selected by the Nominating Committee. A ballot with that slate, together with biographical information on each nominee, shall be printed in the Winter issue of *Appalink*. Space shall be provided on the printed ballot for write-in candidates. Ballots must be returned to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee for tabulation. Elections results will be reported by the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee to the membership at the annual business meeting and published in *Appalink*. Tied elections will be voted upon by members present at the annual business meeting.

Reelection. No elected officer or member of the Steering Committee may serve in the same capacity for more than two full successive terms.

President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Steering Committee; shall perform other duties as may be prescribed by these bylaws or assigned to him or her by the Association or by the Steering Committee; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the Association in order that the objectives of the organization may be promoted. The President shall direct fund raising efforts and serve as spokesperson for the promotion of the Association and its goals. Following his or her term of office, the President shall serve as a member of the Steering Committee for one year.

Vice-President/President Elect. The Vice-President shall act as aide to the President; shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence; shall serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee and the Scholarship Committee; and shall negotiate for Conference support at future sites. The Vice-President becomes President in the year following his or her term as Vice-President and succeeds to the office of President should the office become vacant before the term expires.

Secretary/Appalink Editor. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Association and the Steering Committee; and shall maintain a copy of the Association

Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, and Robert's Rules of Order. The Secretary shall be responsible for the publication of *Appalink* three times a year. The Fall issue shall contain the call for papers and the call for nominations. The Winter issue shall contain Conference information and the ballot. The Summer issue shall contain a summary of Conference activities.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds of the Association; shall keep full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; and shall make disbursements in accordance with the budget adopted by the Steering Committee. Checks or vouchers over \$500 shall be signed by the Treasurer and the President or his or her appointee. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at each annual meeting of the Association and at other times when requested by the Steering Committee. The Treasurer will provide an annual review of books conducted by an independent agency and will maintain all IRS documents.

Program Chairperson/Journal Editor. The Program Chairperson shall oversee the planning and efficient operation of all aspects of the annual conference; shall officiate at all meetings of the Program Committee; and shall appoint a Local Arrangements Chairperson and Local Arrangements Committee members. The Program Chairperson may appoint up to two (2) members to the Program Committee. The Program Chairperson shall serve as editor of the Journal. Following his or her turn of office the Program Chair person shall serve one year on the Program Committee.

Program Vice-Chairperson/Program Chairperson Elect. The Program Vice-Chairperson shall act as aide to the Program Chairperson; shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence; and shall negotiate for conference support from future sponsors. The Program Vice-Chairperson shall become the Program Chairperson in the following year.

Youth Conference Program Chairperson. The Youth Conference Program Chair shall oversee the planning and efficient operation of all aspects of the Youth Conference component. He or she shall be responsible to the Program Chair for integration of the youth participation into the framework of the regular conference events and concurrent sessions.

Youth Conference Program Vice-Chairperson/Youth Conference Program Chairperson Elect. The Youth Conference Program Vice-Chairperson shall act as aide to the Youth Conference Program Chairperson and shall perform the duties of the Youth Conference Program Chairperson in his or her absence.

Steering Committee. Members of the Steering Committee shall include all officers and the Immediate Past President, ... In addition, six at-large members, having two-year terms, shall be elected.

- a. Election of At-large Steering Committee Members. At-large members shall serve for two (2) years, with three new members being elected each year. At-large members shall be elected by written ballot.
- b. Duties of Steering Committee. The Duties of the Steering Committee shall be
 - (a) to transact necessary business in the intervals between Association meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by the Association;
 - (b) to create standing and special committees;
 - (c) to oversee the work of the Program Committee; and
 - (d) to approve an annual budget and request an official audit as needed. ...
- d. Meetings. The Steering Committee shall meet at least twice during the year, those times being during the summer and on the opening day of the annual Conference. Other meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the President.

Program Committee.

- a. Membership. The Program Committee shall consist of:
 - (1) Program Chairperson
 - (2) Program Vice-Chairperson/Program Chairperson Elect
 - (3) Youth Conference Program Chairperson
 - (4) Youth Conference Program Vice-Chair/Chair Elect
 - (5) Local Arrangements Chairperson (appointed by the Program Chair)
 - (6) Association President (ex-officio)
 - (7) At-large members (4 members)
 - (8) Additional members (up to 2 additional members may be appointed by the Program Chairperson)
 - (9) Immediate Past Program Chair
- b. Election of At-Large Program Committee Members. At-large members shall serve a one-year term. At-large members shall be elected by written ballot.
- c. Duties of the Program Committee. The Program Committee shall be responsible for the planning and execution of the program for the annual conference including:
 - (1) Preparing and mailing the Call for Presentations;
 - (2) Reviewing and selecting papers and presentations for the Conference
 - (3) Providing a preliminary program and pre-registration materials; and
 - (4) Providing the final printed program, to be distributed at the Conference.

Local Arrangements Sub-Committee.

- a. Membership. The Local Arrangements Committee shall consist of the Program Chairperson, the Local Arrangements Committee Chairperson, and other members appointed by the Program Chair.
- b. Duties. the Local Arrangements Committee shall be responsible for making all necessary site arrangements including selecting menus, selecting entertainment, selecting meeting and banquet rooms, and carrying out any other activities deemed necessary for a successful conference.

Youth Conference Sub-Committee. The Youth Conference Sub-committee shall consist of the Youth Conference Program Chairperson and the Youth Conference Vice-Chairperson and shall oversee the planning and efficient operation of all aspects of the Youth Conference component.

Ad Hoc Committees. Special or Ad Hoc Committees may be appointed by the President or by the Steering Committee as needed.

If you would like to be more active in the Appalachian Studies Association, you are invited to assist the Nominating Committee by volunteering to have your name placed on the ballot for next year or by recommending ASA members for these positions on the next ballot.

ABOUT THE APPALACHIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

The Appalachian Studies Association (ASA) was formed in 1977 by a group of scholars, teachers, and regional activists who believed that "shared community has been and will continue to be important to those writing, researching, and teaching about Appalachia." ASA sponsors an annual Conference, a gathering of ASA members held on a rotating basis at sites in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, and North Carolina, to share work in progress, foster cooperation between disciplines, and to stimulate new work of significance.

For more information about the ASA, write Ronald L. Lewis, ASA President, Department of History, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506. The 1995 Conference will be held in Morgantown, WV on March 17-19, 1995.

If you were not able to attend the 1994 Conference, we encourage you to maintain your membership in the ASA. The membership fee is \$30 annually, \$15 for students. Membership entitles you to three issues of Appalink: The Newsletter of the Appalachian Studies Association and a copy of the annual Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association. Please send your membership dues payable to the Appalachian Studies Association to

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