

MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ANCIENT HISTORIANS

Date	University Venue	President	Secretary	Lead Organizer	
1969	May 16	McMaster	*	*	G. M. Paul
1970	May 8-9	Buffalo (SUNY)	*	*	E. Badian
1971	May 7-9	Michigan	*	*	C. G. Starr
1972	May 5-6	Penn State	*	*	E. N. Borza
1973	May 4-5	N.Carolina/Duke	*	*	H. Boren & J. Oates
1974	May 4-5	Harvard	*	*	E. Badian
1975	May 2-3	Ohio State	Chester A. Starr	Susan Treggiari	J. M. Balcer
1976	May 7-8	Stanford/Berkeley	Chester A. Starr	Susan Treggiari	A. E. Raubitschek
1977	May 13-14	Ottawa	Chester A. Starr	Susan Treggiari	C. M. Wells
1978	May 4-6	Colorado	Ramsay McMullen	Susan Treggiari	H. Rawlings
1979	May 3-4	Washington	Ramsay McMullen	Allan Evans	A. Ferrill
1980	May 1-3	Cincinnati	Ramsay McMullen	Allan Evans	A. Christopherson
1981	May 7-9	Michigan	Susan Treggiari	Allan Evans	J. Eadie
1982	May 6-8	Penn State	Susan Treggiari	Stanley M. Burstein	E. N. Borza
1983	May 5-7	Wisconsin	Susan Treggiari	Stanley M. Burstein	F. M. Clover & K. Sacks
1984	May 3-5	Naval Academy	Eugene N. Borza	Stanley M. Burstein	P. Culham
1985	May 2-4	Pittsburgh	Eugene N. Borza	Stanley M. Burstein	H. Avery
1986	May 1-3	Texas Tech	Eugene N. Borza	Stanley M. Burstein	B. Twyman
1987	May 1-3	McMaster	Eugene N. Borza	Stanley M. Burstein	D. J. Geagan
1988	May 5-7	Utah	Eugene N. Borza	Jack Cargill	W. L. Adams
1989	May 5-6	Brown	Eugene N. Borza	Jack Cargill	K.A. Raaflaub
1990	May 3-5	S. California	Stanley M. Burstein	Jack Cargill	D. B. Nagle
1991	May 17-19	North Carolina	Stanley M. Burstein	Jack Cargill	R.J.A. Talbert
1992	May 21-23	Loyola, Chicago	Stanley M. Burstein	Jack Cargill	G. J. Szemler
1993	May 13-15	Calgary	Carol G. Thomas	Jack Cargill	W. Heckel
1994	May 6-8	Wright State	Carol G. Thomas	Diana Delia	J. J. Gabbert
1995	May 5-7	Vanderbilt	Carol G. Thomas	Diana Delia	R. Drews
1996	May 18-21	Georgia St./Emory	Carol G. Thomas	Diana Delia	C. Schwenk
1997	May 1-3	Trinity	Carol G. Thomas	Patricia Dintrone	C. M. Wells
1998	Apr 30-May 2	Illinois	Carol G. Thomas	Patricia Dintrone	R. E. Mitchell
1999	May 7-9	Columbia	Richard J. A. Talbert	Patricia Dintrone	R. S. Bagnall
2000	May 4-7	Wisconsin	Richard J. A. Talbert	Patricia Dintrone	F. M. Clover
2001	May 3-6	Texas Tech	Richard J. A. Talbert	Patricia Dintrone	B. Twyman
2002	Apr 25-28	Georgia Southern (Savannah)	Jennifer T. Roberts	Patricia Dintrone	T. Teeter
2003	May 8-10	New Brunswick	Jennifer T. Roberts	Randall Howarth	J. Murray & J. Geysen
2004	May 7-9	Michigan	Jennifer T. Roberts	Randall Howarth	B. Frier
2005	May 5-8	Missouri	Jennifer T. Roberts	Randall Howarth	I. Worthington
2006	May 5-7	Stanford	Jennifer T. Roberts	Randall Howarth	W. Scheidel
2007	May 3-6	Princeton	Jennifer T. Roberts	Randall Howarth	E. Champlin
2008	April 10-13	South Florida	Lindsay Adams	Randall Howarth	W. Murray
2009	May 14-16	British Columbia	Lindsay Adams	Cindy Nimchuk	Leanne Bablitz
2010	April 14-16	Utah	Lindsay Adams	Cindy Nimchuk	Lindsay Adams

*The first six meetings listed above were informal regional affairs. The Association of Ancient Historians was formally organized at Harvard in 1974. At that time a Constitution was adopted, and the first officers were elected the following year at Ohio State. Officers' terms commence at the conclusion of the meetings (listed) at which they were elected.

RECONSTRUCTING THE EARLY HISTORY OF AAH

The genesis of the list of meetings published herein occurred at the 1993 AAH meetings in Calgary. During a coffee break a number of us were sitting at a table attempting, as a mind-game, to reconstruct from memory the order of past meetings. The players included Lindsay Adams, Charlie Hamilton, and the late Briggs Twyman, who, at the time of his death in 2005, probably had attended more meetings than anyone else in the society. I sat with pen and paper, recording the conversation. Twyman was most helpful in reconstructing the order of meetings, mainly by juxtaposing the annual AAH schedule with the stages of his love life—marital and otherwise—about which he appeared to have total recall. The list of meetings began to take shape, not only as a result of that initial conversation at Calgary, but also from my interviews with several members who had helped organize sessions at their own campuses. Thus an oral history of the first few years emerged.

After I was appointed unofficial AAH archivist I received files of correspondence and a number of annual meeting packets. I am indebted to a number of persons who offered printed materials, including programs, from earlier years. As time went on, a single lacuna remained: the date of the first regional meeting of ancient historians, held at McMaster University in 1969. I myself had not attended the McMaster meeting, and my efforts to acquire information about that first meeting failed. I was unable to find anyone currently or formerly at McMaster who had any connection to that event, and my efforts to solicit information from persons who may have been present at that meeting were unsuccessful. This was the period of AAH's prehistory—prior to our formal organization, with its officers, minutes, and newsletter.

My plea for information published in a recent AAH *Newsletter* resulted in several responses, but initially no precise information. Finally, AAH member Tom Banchich of Canisius College engaged in a bit of his own detective work which led to a contact with Carl Spadoni, Director of Archives and Research Collections at McMaster. Spadoni informed us that he could find no information about a 1969 meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians. I responded and told him that nothing would be listed under that name, because the Association of Ancient Historians as such did not come into existence until 1974. I gave him what few details I knew about the McMaster meeting, and, within a couple of days, he hit the jackpot.

In a document box of the McMaster president's office Spadoni discovered the annual report of the McMaster Department of Classics, dated 26 May 1969, which included the following statement:

“ANCIENT HISTORIANS CONFERENCE: Dr. [George] Paul served as organizer of the conference of ancient historians held at McMaster on May 16, 1969. About thirty historians were present from the universities of Toronto, Western Ontario, Ottawa, Buffalo, Queen's, Waterloo and Waterloo Lutheran, and McMaster. This was a pioneer effort, but was greeted so enthusiastically that it was decided to repeat it next year. The University of Buffalo will be hosts in 1970.”

Such were our Canadian origins in a regional conference organized by George Paul, his McMaster colleague, Togo Salmon, and Ernst Badian of SUNY-Buffalo. It is interesting to note that it was the enthusiasm of the members that prompted the second regional conference, hosted by Badian and his colleague Robert Sherk. The rest is (as they say) history. The regional character of meetings expanded during the following years at Michigan, Penn State, North Carolina/Duke, and, finally, Harvard, where AAH was formed.

I am grateful to the many persons over the years who have contributed to recovering the foundations of our history, and I urge anyone with any documents or personal recollections of early meetings to share them with me. I cannot promise that an official account (or even a *Secret History*) of AAH will ever appear from my pen, but I am serious about building our file of evidence. This is a worthy enterprise for an organization of historians who have only recently begun to pay sufficient attention to their own early history.

--Eugene N. Borza

