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A message from our NEW president

November is now upon us, and, as you may remember, Gerry Smith has resigned as President of APHNYS due to some health issues. He will be missed in that capacity, but he plans to stay active with APHNYS and to attend the 2017 conference in Poughkeepsie.

The following changes in the Board of Trustees were effective November 1, 2016:

- Having been the 1st Vice President, I have moved up to President to complete Gerry's original term, which ends December 31, 2017.

- Matt Urtz (Madison County Historian), has moved up from 2nd Vice President to 1st Vice President to complete my term, which also ends December 31, 2017.

- Trustee Ray LaFever (Town of Bovina Historian) was approved by the Board to be the 2nd Vice President.

- The Board approved the appointment of Samantha Hall-Saladino (Fulton County Historian) to fill Ray's spot as a Trustee.

There will be more changes in early January.

At our September 2016 conference in Syracuse, we were glad to meet and socialize with new State Historian Devin Lander. He presented a newsworthy Power Point

presentation on "Elevating History." He has many ideas and wants to meet members again at Regional meetings. His presentation is available on our website:

www.aphnys.org. APHNYS had joined with the Family History group for the 2016 conference and there were many interesting sessions on genealogy, history, etc.

APHNYS is looking for someone to take charge of our Quilt Project. We are hoping that one of our members is interested in quilting or may know of a quilting group in their area. If you want to volunteer or know someone in your area, please contact me at aphnys@yahoo.com (email) or 607-595-1571 (telephone) or via mail to APHNYS, PO Box 55, Groton, NY 13073.

The Board of Trustees is looking into the possibility of hiring a website developer to create a more user-friendly website in the coming year. We propose that this will allow on-line membership renewals and registration for conferences. We will share details as the plans progress.

Our paid membership numbers were down in September 2016. There will be a new membership form for 2017 to be emailed to those of you who have email. If your email address is not already

on file with APHNYS, please send it to me at aphnys@yahoo.com.

All historians, as public servants, should have an email account and computer access. If your village, town, city, or county cannot provide this to you, you may want to check with your local library to use its computers. Library staff can also show you how to set up free email.

If we have your email address, you will hear from us more often. The only information mailed to those without an email address are membership/dues forms and the newsletter that has information on the next conference. Stay in touch with us so that we can stay in touch with you. Thank you for using email!

In 2017, we will try to get back on track with newsletters published and distributed four times a year: February, May, August, and November. February's issue will include the schedule for Spring regional meetings; the Call for Speakers, conference registration, and hotel information for the annual Fall conference; and information on becoming a Registered Historian. All issues will have room for news and information that you, the members, want to share with others. Send us your news!

-Rosemarie Tucker



A Message from the New York State Historian

Hello Historians,

It has been a busy six months since I have been on the job! As many of you who have seen me know, I have been travelling the state as much as possible, attending events and giving presentations when asked. A short summary of the events thus far attended include:

APHNYS Board Meeting in Clifton Park

The APHNYS/Family Genealogy Conference in Syracuse

Government Appointed Historians of Western NY Meeting in Geneseo

Meeting of the Local Government Historians of Tompkins County in Ithaca

Meeting of the Otsego County Historical Society at SUNY Oneonta

The Women's Suffrage Conference in Syracuse

APHNYS Region 7 Meeting in Schoharie

Researching NY Conference in Albany

Attending these meetings and listening to my fellow attendees has been a wonderful opportunity for me to understand more fully the challenges and opportunities within the field of history in New York State.

As an action item, and in partnership with APHNYS, the Association of Counties (NYSAC), and the Association of County Clerks, I was able to coordinate and host a day-long training meeting for

county historians and county clerks in Albany on October 14. It is my hope that this meeting was a pilot program for further annual training opportunities for Local Government Historians that can be expanded for 2017 and beyond.

Besides traveling the state and attending meetings in the field and here in Albany, I have also been happy to work with my colleagues in the State Museum's Office of State History and our wonderful IT staff on the creation of a new state-wide website.

The new Office of State History website, located at <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/research-collections/state-history>, is a content driven site that seeks to be an information exchange portal for historians of all kinds working within the field of New York State history.

The site includes news from the field, resources including grant information and links, information on history events taking place statewide, a Historian Notes section that features short articles on new and original research, and a Meet the Historian section that highlights on a rotating basis the work of a historian working in the field.

I urge you all to check out the site and consider sending me your events and/or writing something for the Historian Notes section. Guidelines for submissions can be found under the Submit tab.

I have also been working



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on putting together an advisory group on New York State History. This group is regionally diverse and is made up of State agency representatives, Local Government Historians, academic historians, National Park Service representatives, National Heritage Area representatives, history museum representatives, historical preservationists, and archivists. The group will meet twice a year and advise the State Historian about issues and opportunities within the field. Members will serve two-year terms; the first meeting will be held December 6.

This is a short summary of the work I am undertaking with you as my partners. My hope is to continue to build on successes and move forward to elevate history in New York State. I can be reached at any time via email at devin.lander@nysed.gov or by phone at 518-474-0206.

Thank you.



Regional Meetings Planned

With APHNY's state meeting moved to the fall, the Regions are now meeting in the spring. Please plan to attend the meeting in your region. Here is the schedule to date:

Region 4

Region 4 historians will meet on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at the Town of Highland Senior Center on Route 55 in Eldred, NY 12732 (Sullivan County). Details are still being worked out, but the day will likely consist of a morning program (a speaker or two), lunch, and an optional afternoon tour (probably either the Minisink Battleground—one of the bloodiest battles of the Revolutionary War and the only one fought in the Upper Delaware River valley—and/or Roebling's Delaware Aqueduct, built for use by the Delaware & Hudson canal) narrated by the Sullivan County Historian.

Region 7

Region 7 held a fall meeting on November 5 at Lasell Hall, Schoharie. Highlights of the program included presentations by New State Historian Devin Lander, State Archivist Thomas Ruller, Fort Schoharie Director Carle Kopecky, and Schoharie County Historian Ted Shuart. Information on the spring 2017 is forthcoming.



Region 9

Region 9's meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Ward W. O'Hara Agriculture Museum and Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Living Center.

Presentations will include members of the Central Library Resource Council speaking on the changes in the New York State Heritage Services including digital collections, the Empire Archival Discover Cooperative and other programs. The NYS Archives Partnership Trust will speak about its magazine and additional programs it offers, and a representative from SUNY Cortland will speak about environmental history as local history.

Lunch will be provided by the generous support of the Cayuga County Office of Tourism, making the cost of admission only \$5.

More information will be available after the first of the year, including the itinerary and registration information.

Other upcoming events

The 2017 NY Statewide Preservation Conference will take place April 6-8, 2017, in downtown Rochester. The conference is presented by The Landmark Society of Western New York, Preservation Buffalo Niagara, Historic

Longtime APHNY President Gerry Smith, Binghamton/Broome County Historian, turned the reigns over to new President Rose Tucker, Town of Groton Historian and former 1st Vice President, on November 1.

Many thanks to Gerry for his leadership and enthusiastic service during some challenging times in APHNY's history. And best of luck to Rose the best in her new position. More great things are to come!

Thank you

Albany Foundation, The Preservation League of New York State, and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Registration information, will be available in the new year at www.landmarksociety.org/conference.



Trustee Will Tatum, Dutchess County Historian, represented APHNY alongside State Historian Devin Lander on a panel on "The Broad and Deep Field of New York State History: A Conversation" at the Re-searching New York Conference, November 17-19.

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2017 ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

Poughkeepsie Hotel & Conference Center, Poughkeepsie, NY

- October 31 – November 2, 2017 -

CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS/PANELS

The Association of Public Historians of New York State is pleased to announce that the 2017 Annual State Conference will be held in Poughkeepsie, October 31 – November 2, 2017. This conference is currently accepting proposals for conference presentations. Proposals can be submitted for papers, panels and interactive programs. This conference will draw approximately 150 attendees from across the Empire State.

The Planning Committee is especially interested in proposals that offer:

- Insights into the history of Dutchess County and its communities
- Insights into the history of APHNYS Region 3 counties and their communities (Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster, and Westchester)
- Family History from throughout New York State
- Famous people and/or business histories from throughout New York State
- Heritage Tourism from throughout New York State
- Transportation & Trades in New York State
- Ideas and Techniques for celebrating any upcoming historical anniversaries throughout New York State
- Skills and Techniques for Local Government Historians and Family History Researchers
- Other history related to New York State

To submit your proposal, please complete this form and return to APHNYS by March 31, 2017.

Contact Information

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Program Information

Title of Program/Presentation: _____

Will someone else be presenting with you? (If so, provide names, titles and affiliations.)

Please describe your program/presentation. (Feel free to attach more sheets as necessary.)

Offering: _____

Any special equipment needs, i.e. power point projector, screen, laptop, tripods, etc.?

Any size limitations on showings or presentations? (If so, please explain and provide limits.)

**Thank you for sharing your knowledge and expertise with
New York State's Public Historians!**

**Please return this form by April 30, 2017 to:
APHNYS, P.O. Box 55, Groton, NY 13073
Better yet — send it electronically in PDF format to our email:
aphnys@yahoo.com**



HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

To make a reservation at
Poughkeepsie Hotel & Conference Center,
please return form via fax to 845-486-7200
or call Reservations Desk: 845-485-5300

Refer to Group Code: APHNYS

Please complete this form below and mail or fax to the hotel.



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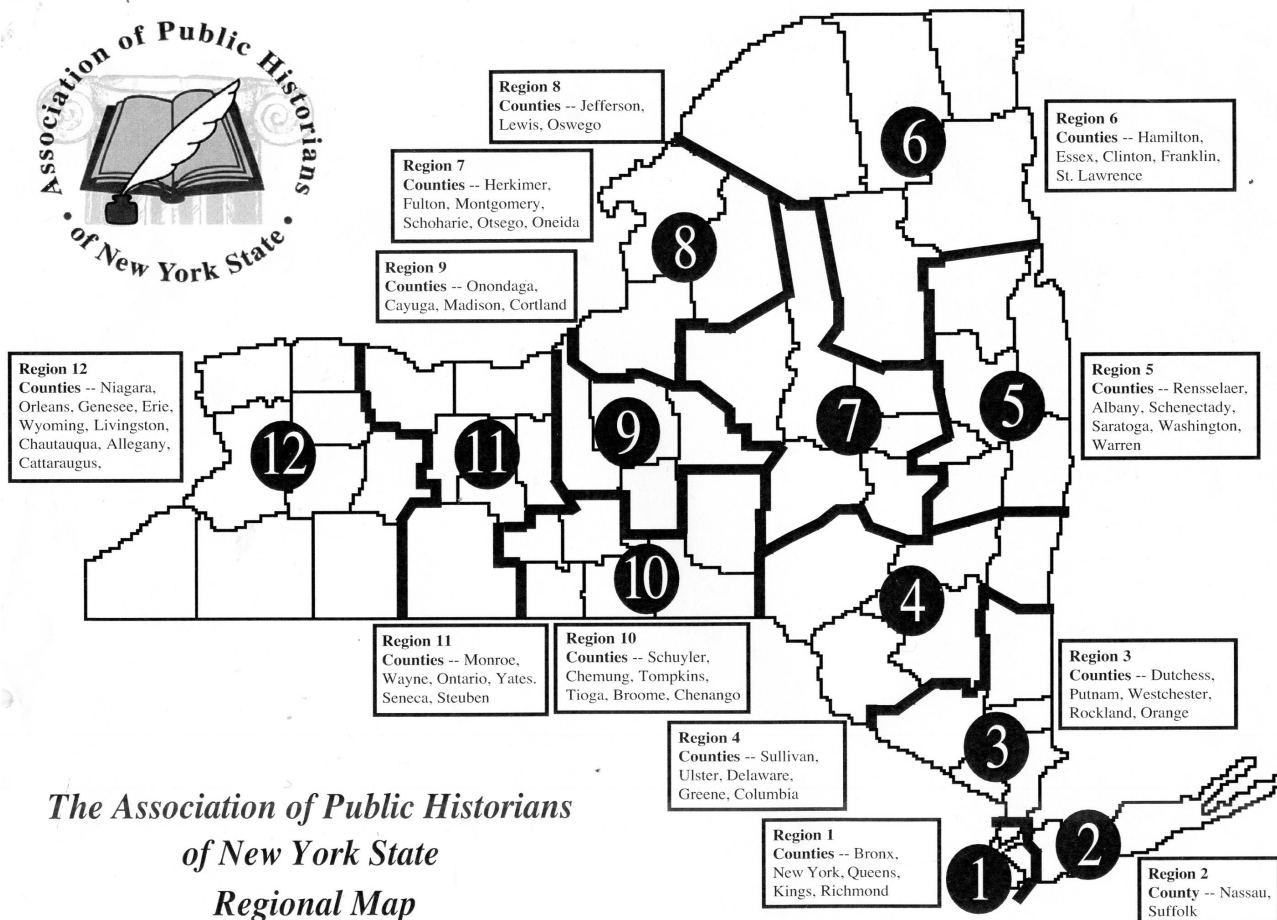
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