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President's Letter

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To all ADE Members:

It is my pleasure to serve as President this year, as ADE implements further changes set in motion by the Strategic Plan of 2008-09. For the first time, our annual fall meeting in 2011 was linked temporally with two advanced seminars for midcareer editors. These TEI workshops had 20 participants and the ADE conference attracted 127 participants to Salt Lake City. The Joseph Smith Papers Project was our generous host for the conference organized around the theme, "On the Frontiers of Documentary Editing." With papers and presentations as stimulating and refreshing as the location, the meeting concluded with an excellent bus excursion to Park City, Utah, narrated by Jeffery Johnson, Utah's retired state archivist.

In 2012 we turn to a new season for our annual conference and business meeting and a closer link in time to our Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents ("Camp Edit"). ADE 2012 will be held August 9-11 in Charlottesville, Virginia, this time on the heels of Camp Edit, and hosted by the Papers of Thomas Jefferson: Retirement Series. Both events will be rich in history and sites of interest to humanists of all stripes. Phil Chase of the Papers of George Washington, emeritus, and Vice-President of ADE, is our program chair. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact him at pd7m@virginia.edu.

The changes don't stop there. With the organization taking over management of Camp Edit after 30 years' sponsorship by the University of Wisconsin, the role of the ADE Treasurer has grown exponentially in recent years. ADE now administers the NHPRC grant that supports Camp Edit, with all the attendant fiscal and reporting responsibilities. With this in mind, the ADE Council agreed in October to establish a position of Vice-Treasurer—a person who would serve as a sort of apprentice helper for a year before taking over as Treasurer. We also felt that the Treasurer post should end at three years, in order to avoid exploiting any single well-intentioned member. The membership informally approved the idea at the business meeting in Salt Lake City on October 20, 2011.

However, when it came to implementing this change, the Council ran straight into our own Constitution. According to that document, all of our motions need to be done by hard copy and postal service, with prior formal approval of the concept at the Charlottesville meeting and followed by a mail ballot to all ADE members. We shall conform to these requirements, so please be prepared to peruse some documents this summer about this matter and mail them back to the ADE Secretary, Darrell Meadows.

This setback to our attempt at responsible reform made us consider the slightly creaky Constitution by which ADE still governs. It has a few areas needing updating to reflect either how ADE functions or wishes to function. Therefore, I am appointing a temporary Constitution Revision Committee

to examine our governing document in detail and suggest needed revisions and amendments. (One I suggest is to legalize some of our transactions of business via email.) This is an extremely important committee, and I am seeking a chair for it. Darrell Meadows, ADE’s Secretary, and Jennifer Steen-shorne, our Publications Director, have already agreed to serve. As a preliminary step, they will survey our members to see what you consider to be important considerations in this effort.

I am also appointing a Fundraising Committee—at this point a temporary committee. This group will look at ways for ADE to establish a prudent reserve fund to help the organization weather any financial ups and downs. Its members also will be involved in a session on fundraising that is planned for the ADE program in Charlottesville. I see the committee as offering advice on fundraising to new projects or ADE members seeking guidance in finding sources of support for their documentary editing projects. Volunteers?

And, finally, a committee that is new **and** nearly complete. Stemming from an initiative of my predecessor, Sue Perdue, Dan Stowell of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln is chairing our new committee to establish an ADE database on forgeries. This group will set up services to help projects and individuals determine the authenticity of documents. It also will demonstrate to the world some practical value of the art and craft of documentary editing. I am very excited about this effort—to the extent that the theme for the ADE’s coming session at the Modern Language Association’s meeting in Boston in 2013 is “Fraud and Forgery in Literary Texts.” Please be in touch with me if you have discovered such deceit through editing literary texts (or texts about literary texts) and want to talk about it to the MLA.

The other initiative is the organization’s support for the planned report to the President of the United States on the condition of the nation’s documentary heritage. Kathleen Williams, executive director of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), is at work on this document—the last iteration of which was done by our very own Frank Burke in 1978. Ray Smock of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies, “our” member of the NHPRC board, will be a key author of this crucial new account. At Williams’ invitation, I also have appointed Charlene Bickford of the First Federal Congress Project, backed up by Rich Leffler of the Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution, emeritus, to help represent ADE on this effort. NHPRC is setting up a wiki-like portal on their website to gather input from ADE members and other interested persons. Stay tuned. THANKS.

Yours in documentary editing,
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Annual Meeting

The 33rd Annual meeting of the ADE was held in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 20-22 2011, hosted by the Joseph Smith Papers Project. The Lyman H. Butterfield Award was awarded to Beverly Wilson Palmer. The Life Service Award was awarded to Sharon Stevens.

Council Meeting, 19-20 October 2011

Marriott City Center Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

Council Members present: Philander Chase, Carol DeBoer-Langworthy, John Fierst, Sue Perdue, Ken Price, and Jennifer Stertz

President Sue Perdue called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

Motion to approve the minutes of the 14-15, 17 October 2010 Council meetings passed unanimously.

President's Report

Perdue reviewed the President's report [President's Report for 2011 ADE Council.doc], explaining much of her time this past year was spent on advocacy. Price asked about how the change of annual meeting schedule will effect incoming Council's term. Council agreed that the election should be kept in time with the conference schedule. Fierst wondered if we should consider changing the end of our fiscal year; he will look into and report back to Council. We did, however, tentatively decide that the fiscal year should probably end 31 May. [Note: The fiscal year is addressed in the ADE Constitution.] Meetings will be target for mid-June to mid-August.

Secretary's Report

Currently, there are 300 members; the breakdown: 10 life members; 30 comp members; 260 new/renewed memberships. Stertz reported that she contacted all institutional subscribers and subscription companies and informed them of the changes to DE; Meadows will send another message when SE is available. Stertz suggested we develop a conference cancellation policy: full refund up to two weeks before meeting. Stertz also suggested that Council be more involved in local arrangements, since Council members are responsible for the organization and budget. **Council decided that the student registration fee should always be half of the regular registration fee unless the budget dictates otherwise.**

Liaison Committee's Report

King reported that we currently have 36 members serving as liaisons. She thanked Fierst for his work on obtaining an affiliation with the AHA. Perdue wondered if we should add something to the membership renewal form asking how new members heard of the organization; Stertz will look into.

Treasurer's Report

Conference: Council discussed the relationship of Council and the Local Arrangements Committee and concluded that the treasurer and secretary should be more involved in the conference planning and setting the conference budget.

Dues Structure: Fierst suggested that Council consider raising the dues; the organization had a drop

in assets due to an unsuccessful fundraising campaign and an expensive conference in Philadelphia. Motion to revise the dues structure [student, \$15; retired, \$40; regular, \$60; sustaining, \$100; sponsor, \$130; patron, \$250; benefactor, \$500] - passed unanimously.

Insurance: Council discussed whether it's feasible to purchase liability insurance to protect the members of Council. Since the organization's address changes with the treasurer, it was deemed problematic. Council discussed the option of self-insuring. Fierst suggested taking \$10,000 from one of our CDs (when it matures) and setting it aside in a savings account. Motion to set aside in an accessible account (type based on the discretion of the treasurer) a liability fund in the amount of \$10,000.00; Council will have to vote to spend money - passed unanimously.

Camp Edit

Beth Luey thanked Fierst for his help with the grant. Luey then reported that Camp Edit was a huge success. As she looks towards next year, she believes the pre-conference workshop will focus on fundraising, as this is something the membership expressed interest in through a survey sent out a few years ago. Due to the number of solo editors who attended Camp Edit, Luey suggested that the workshops will focus on fundraising outside the federal government. Council thanked Luey for her wonderful work on Camp Edit and the workshops. Perdue asked for Luey's thoughts on 2013 locations; Luey listed things to take into consideration: location to an international airport; dorms versus hotel accommodations; local faculty. However, Luey said that she can make arrangements wherever the Meetings Committee decides to locate the meeting. Luey expressed concern over the future of the NHPRC and whether Camp Edit could continue without funding from them. If that were to occur, campers would have to

pay and we could consider only holding every other year. Perdue asked when the next application needs to be submitted; Luey will look into. Luey said that she might not be part of the second grant, but will make final decision before the next grant process begins.

New Business

Finding Luey's successor should be something Council is involved with.

Meetings Committee report: the Committee offered no ideas for a 2013 location. Because of our geographic rotation schedule, the meeting should be held in the Midwest. Council discussed possible locations and decided to look into the possibility of Ann Arbor, MI.

Council recessed at 5:30 pm.

Council reconvened 20 October 2011, at 8:05 am.

Council Members present: Philander Chase, Carol DeBoer-Langworthy, Ondine LeBlanc, John Fierst, Sue Perdue, Ken Price, Jennifer Stertzer, and Denton Watson

Council-elect Members Present: Darrell Meadows

New Business

MEP/TEI Meeting: Perdue explained how the meeting came to be and asked for Council's thoughts on how the organization should move forward, specifically whether we should work with this group. Perdue suggested that we gather information at the MEP/TEI meeting and see how the ADE can best become involved, something DeBoer-Langworthy should consider taking up.

Federal Policy Committee

Charlene Bickford reviewed her report [ADE Federal Policy Report—2011]. Chase inquired about the amount of money we give to the NHA and NCH. Bickford explained the importance of our support and recommended that we increase our support, if possible.

NHPRC Report

Kathleen Williams reported on a few issues: budget status – hoping for 5 million; Founders online; and project success evaluation process. Details have been struck from the minutes per Williams' request.

Move to adjourn, 10:25 AM.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Jennifer E. Stertz, Secretary.

Business Meeting Minutes, 20 October 2011

Marriott City Center Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

President Sue Perdue called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2010 Business Meeting passed unanimously.

President's Report

Sue Perdue thanked the local arrangements committee for their work on the 2011 conference along with the numerous conference sponsors and supporters, including the Joseph Smith Papers, Church History Library, Alta Club, Mormon Historic Sites Foundation, Office of Institutional Advancement at the University of Utah, and dataformat.com. Perdue announced that Council had decided to keep the election cycle and annual meeting in sync, resulting in a shorter term for this year's Council. Perdue then reported on two Council votes: 1) creation of a contingency fund, in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be set aside in an accessible account (type based on the discretion of the treasurer); Council will have to vote to spend money; 2) revision of dues structure: student, \$15; retired, \$40; regular, \$60; sustaining, \$100; sponsor, \$130; patron, \$250; benefactor, \$500.

Secretary's Report

Jennifer Stertz reviewed membership numbers: at present there are 300 members. This is up from last year's total of 292. The results of this year's election are as follows: Philander D. Chase will serve as President-elect; John T. Fierst will continue as Treasurer; R. Darrell Meadows will serve as Secretary; Jennifer E. Steenshorne will serve as Director of Publications; and Constance B. Schulz will serve as Councilor-at-large. Our Nominating Committee members are: Cathy Moran Hajo, chair, Robin Scott Jensen, John F. Marszalek, Elaine Weber Pascu, and Sara Sikes.

Treasurer's Report

John Fierst reported that for fiscal year 2010-2011, we spent \$7,400.00 more than we took in. This resulted from a failed fundraising campaign, an expensive 2010 conference, and the necessity to support both *Documentary Editing* and *Scholarly Editing*. Fierst noted that some of these expenses will not repeat this coming year, however, he urged Council to carefully monitor future conference planning. Fierst then presented the membership with the revised budget. Motion to adopt the fiscal year 2011-2012 budget passed unanimously.

34th Annual Meeting

The 34th Annual Meeting of the ADE will be held in Charlottesville, VA, on August 9-11 2012, at the Omni Hotel. The conference will be hosted by the Papers of Thomas Jefferson: Retirement Series and will be preceded by Camp Edit.

Need additional information? Please contact Darrell Meadows, ADE Secretary (darrell.meadows@ky.gov).



THE ASSOCIATION FOR DOCUMENTARY EDITING

2012 Annual Meeting
in Charlottesville, Virginia

9-11 AUGUST 2012

Hosted by the Papers of Thomas Jefferson: Retirement Series

Come to a town rich with Jeffersonian architecture, historic sites, beautiful scenery and fine dining.

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Charlottesville Albemarle Airport (CHO) just
minutes from downtown



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Camp Edit

Beth Luey reported that this year's Camp Edit and pre-conference workshops were a success. Luey thanked the Joseph Smith Papers and the Church History Library for their help with the workshops. She then reported that the Camp Edit Advisory Board (Michael Stevens, Cathy Hajo, Maggie Hogan, and Jennifer Stertzter) met in Salt Lake and will meet again in Charlottesville. The board's membership will change from year to year.

Federal Policy Committee Report

Charlene Bickford briefly reported on the events of last year and explained that a lot of help will once again be necessary in the upcoming year. Bickford reported that the Humanities Advocacy Day (HAD) was a huge success and thanked all members who participated. Bickford urged the need for even greater representation and involvement from ADE members and expressed the hope that those from other states would be able to participate at next year's HAD on 19 and 20 March 2012.

Motion to adjourn was passed unanimously at 5:00 pm.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Jennifer E. Stertzter, Secretary.

Membership Renewal

Please renew your membership if you have not yet done so. Also please note the new dues structures, as passed by the ADE Council at the October 2011 meeting.

Regular: \$60.00/ Two-year rate: \$110.00 (save \$10.00!)

Student: \$15.00

Sustaining: \$100.00

Sponsor: \$130.00

Patron: \$250.00

Benefactor: \$500.00

To renew your membership online, please visit: <http://documentaryediting.org/membership/index.html>

To renew your membership through the mail, please print, fill out, and mail the form ([.doc](#) | [.pdf](#)) to:

R. Darrell Meadows, ADE Secretary

Director, Civil War Governors of Kentucky DDE

Kentucky Historical Society

100 West Broadway

Frankfort, KY 40601

To make a donation, please visit: <http://documentaryediting.org/donation.html>

Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee of the Association for Documentary Editing (ADE) seeks advice, informal suggestions, and formal nominations of candidates for the offices of President-Elect and Councilor-at-Large.

President/President-Elect/Past President

This is a three-year commitment. The **President-Elect** serves for one year, beginning at the conclusion of the 2012 ADE annual meeting (August 11) and is responsible for primary organizing of the program for the 2013 meeting. At the conclusion of that meeting, the President-Elect becomes the **President** of the Association, serving for a year. At the conclusion of the 2014 meeting, the President joins the ADE Council, holding the **Past President** seat.

Councilor-at-Large

This is a three-year commitment. The **Councilor-at Large** serves a three-year term, beginning at the conclusion of the 2012 ADE annual meeting (August 11) until the 2014 ADE annual meeting. Councilors are expected to attend meetings, and advise the President throughout the year via e-mail and phone conversations. The Council votes on proposals brought by members and officers, rule changes, and other issues throughout the year. Ideally the Councilor-at-Large should be an experienced member of the ADE whose familiarity with the ADE includes prior service on committees or elected office.

The deadline for suggestions or nominations is March 16, 2012.

Use our online [form](#)

Send nominations to Cathy Moran Hajo via e-mail to (cathy.hajo@nyu.edu)

Send nominations by post to Cathy Moran Hajo, Margaret Sanger Papers, Department of History, New York University, 53 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012

Fax nominations to [212-995-4017](tel:212-995-4017).

The 2011-2012 Nominating Committee is: Cathy Moran Hajo, chair (Margaret Sanger Papers), Robin Scott Jenson (Joseph Smith Papers), John F. Marszalek (Ulysses S. Grant Association), Elaine Weber Pascu (Papers of Thomas Jefferson), and Sara Sikes (Adams Papers).

The Butterfield Award Nominations

The Butterfield Award Committee, consisting of Joel Myerson, William (Chuck) diGiacomantonio, and Beverly Wilson Palmer, solicits nominations for this year's award. For more information on this award and a list of past awardees, you can go to <http://documentaryediting.org/committees/butterfield.html>. **Please send your nominations to Beverly no later than Friday, March 16.** And if you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Member News

John P. Kaminski and **Timothy D. Moore** have published *An Assembly of Demigods: Word Portraits of the Delegates to the Constitutional Convention by Their Contemporaries* (Madison, Wis.: Parallel Press for The Center for the Study of the American Constitution, 2012), which is a companion piece to John's 2008 book, *The Founders on the Founders: Word Portraits from the American Revolutionary Era* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2008). Both of these books draw heavily on documentary editions.

Barbara Oberg and **Jim McClure** of the Papers of Thomas Jefferson at Princeton University contributed a chapter to *A Companion to Thomas Jefferson*, edited by Francis D. Cogliano and just released by Wiley-Blackwell in the Blackwell Companions to American History series. Titled "'For Generations to Come': Creating the 'Definitive' Jefferson Edition," the article provides a history and assessment of the Jefferson Papers editorial project from its origins in 1943 until the present. In their research for the piece, the authors drew on Julian Boyd's papers at Princeton, the university's archives, early published reviews of the Jefferson volumes, and other sources.

Project News

Letters of Samuel Beckett

The first volume of *The Letters of Samuel Beckett, 1928-1940* has been awarded the Morton N. Cohen Award for a Distinguished Edition of Letters by the Modern Language Association. Here is a link to Emory's press release about the award: http://shared.web.emory.edu/emory/news/releases/2011/12/letters-of-samuel-beckett-wins-modern-language-association-award.html#.Tvy_IVZmmF8

Ulysses S. Grant Papers

In June 2011, USGA co-hosted, along with the Vicksburg National Military Park, the Shiloh National Military Park, and MSU's Mitchell Memorial Library, an institute on teaching the Civil War to Modern Students. The Ulysses S. Grant Collection served as the resource for archival management and documentary editing. Thirty middle school and high school teachers of American history in Mississippi participated in the week-long event. Another institute, with the same sponsorship and theme, will take place in June 2012. USGA hosted David Ferreiro, the archivist of the United States, and Alan Lowe, the director of the George W. Bush Library. The Association represented history within Mississippi at the annual "Mississippi in Central Park" (New York) celebration in June, 2011. On May 18-20, 2012, USGA will hold its 50th anniversary annual meeting at Mississippi State University. Founded in 1962 during the centennial of the Civil War by the nation's leading Civil War historians, USGA has published thirty one volumes of Grant's papers and collected a large collection of Grant ephemera.

Publications

The Letters of Samuel Beckett: Volume 2, 1941-1956. George Craig, Martha Dow Fehsenfeld, Dan Gunn, Lois More Overbeck, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 2011). ISBN: 9780521867948
http://www.cambridge.org/us/knowledge/isbn/item6218770/The%20Letters%20of%20Samuel%20Beckett/?site_locale=en_US

Foreign Relations of the United States, 1969–1976, Volume XXXVI, Energy Crisis, 1969–1974. Linda Qaimmaqami, ed. (US Government Printing Office, 2011). ISBN: 9780160806520
<http://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1969-76v36>.

Foreign Relations of the United States, 1969–1976, Volume XV, Soviet Union, June 1972–August 1974. Douglas E. Selvage and Melissa Jane Taylor, eds. (US Government Printing Office, 2011). ISBN: 9780160830013
<http://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1969-76v15>.

The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, Volume 40: May 16 through September 15, 1783. Ellen R. Cohn, Editor; Jonathan R. Dull, Senior Associate Editor; Karen Duval and Kate M. Ohno, Associate Editors; Alicia K. Anderson, Adrina M. Garbooshian, Michael Sletcher, and Philipp Ziesche, Assistant Editors; Alysia M. Cain, Editorial Assistant (Yale University Press, 2011). ISBN: 9780300165463 (<http://yalepress.yale.edu/book.asp?isbn=9780300165463>).

The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant, Vol. 32: Supplementary Documents. John F. Marszalek, ed. (Southern Illinois University Press, 2012). ISBN: 0809330911

The Collected Letters of Robinson Jeffers, with Selected Letters of Una Jeffers: Volume 2, 1931–1939. James Karman, ed. (Stanford University Press, 2011). ISBN: 9780804777032
For an announcement on Stanford’s website, see <http://www.sup.org/book.cgi?id=21350>.

Papers of Thomas Jefferson: Retirement Series, volume 8, 1 October 1814 to 31 August 1815. J. Jefferson Looney et al., eds. (Princeton University Press, 2011). ISBN: 9780691153186
<http://press.princeton.edu/titles/9576.html>

Thomas Jefferson's Granddaughter in Queen Victoria's England: The Travel Diary of Ellen Wayles Coolidge, 1838-1839. Ann Lucas Birle and Lisa A. Francavilla, eds. (Massachusetts Historical Society, 2011). ISBN: 978-1-936520-02-2
http://www.masshist.org/in_print/

The Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution, Volume XXIV, Ratification of the Constitution by the States: Rhode Island, No. 1-3. John P. Kaminski, Gaspare J. Saladino, Jonathan M. Reid, Charles H. Schoenleber, Richard Leffler, Margaret R. Flamingo (Editors), Patrick T. Conley (Consulting Editor), Timothy D. Moore (Editorial Assistant) (Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2011-12). ISBN: 9780870204685
http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whspress/books/book.asp?book_id=384

Advocacy

The annual meeting of the National Humanities Alliance and Humanities Advocacy Day (HAD) will be held on March 19 and 20 in Washington DC. The deadline for registration is **March 5**. Registration and program information may be found here:
<http://www.nhalliance.org/events/index~print.shtml>

Calls for Papers

Modern Language Association, 128th Annual Conference, 3-6 January 2013, Boston, Massachusetts USA: On Fraud and/or Forgery in Literary Texts, session sponsored by the Association for Documentary Editing.

The Association for Documentary Editing is sponsoring a session at the Modern Language Association meeting in Boston on 3-6 January 2013. Our panel seeks papers or presentations around the theme or practice of fraud, forgery, and deceit with regard to literary texts. Please send proposals of 500 words or less and academic affiliation/bio information to Carol DeBoer-Langworthy (CDBL@Brown.edu) by **15 March**. We welcome preliminary inquiries.

Institute for Editing Historical Documents

The 2012 Summer Institute for Editing Historical Documents will be held 5–9 August at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville, Virginia. The Institute will be funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission through a grant to the Association for Documentary Editing.

Faculty members will include Cathy Moran Hajo (Margaret Sanger Papers), Robert Haggard (Jefferson Papers, Retirement Series), Andrew Jewell (Willa Cather Archive), J. Jefferson Looney (Jefferson Papers, Retirement Series), and William Ferraro, Carol Ebel, and Benjamin Lee Huggins (Washington Papers).

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