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SAHS Business Meeting—October 8, 2022 **Washington, D.C., at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library** *by Robert Sherwood, Recording Secretary*

Present – Morning Meeting had 14 people.

Approval of Office Holders:

All are as in agenda with the following exceptions:

- Interim Financial Secretary should read Treasurer
- Richard Hacken as Webmaster, not Secretary
- Brian Wages will be the Assistant Webmaster.
- Duane Freitag moved to close nominations; Richard Hacken, 2nd; unanimous vote
- Ernie Thurston moved to accept nominations; Richard Hacken, 2nd; unanimous vote
- President – Albert Winkler served as president for three years. Possibility of Fred Gillespie serving again as president. Nominations from the floor with Fred Gillespie (nominated by Ernie Thurston, 2nd by Richard Hacken; approved for term of 2022-2025; unanimous vote

New Officers:

President – Fred Gillespie
Vice President (USA) – Thomas Marabello
Vice President (Switzerland) – Barbara Muller
Editor – Albert Winkler
Treasurer – Ernie Thurston
Membership Secretary – Ernie Thurston
Webmaster – Richard Hacken
Assistant Webmaster – Brian Wages
Book Review Editor – Rob Sherwood
Secretary – Rob Sherwood



Annual Meeting SAHS Officers (left to right): Richard Hacken (Webmaster), Tom Marabello (Vice President, U.S. Chapter), Ernie Thurston, (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Rob Sherwood (Recording Secretary and Book Review Editor), Albert Winkler (SAHS Review Editor and Book Editor), and Fred Gillespie (President).

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- 2nd Saturday (14th) of October – Location to be discussed later

Scam Alert

- Please do not respond to e-mail asking for money in the name of the Society.

Outreach

- Discussion on requiring membership to publish, wording is now “encouraged”

Little Bighorn Symposium

- Albert Winkler handed out 50 copies of *SAHS Review* at the Little Bighorn Symposium

Visits to Historical Societies

- Rob Sherwood is encouraging Institutional Memberships as he is visiting historical societies. Names and information for Institutional Memberships could be listed in the back of the *Review*. This was approved. Rob Sherwood proposed that new

members from historical societies receive a 10% discount their first year; 2nd by Richard Hacken; unanimous vote. Rob announced he will continue visiting historical societies in 2023.

BMW Center for German and European Studies

- Thomas Marabello has been at Georgetown University visiting the BMW Center for German and European Studies visiting scholars and university professors there.

Swiss Club of DC

- Member present/ Swiss Embassy – Newsletter

Officer Reports

Membership and Financial Report

Presented by Ernie Thurston; Rob Sherwood voted to approve; Richard Hacken, 2nd; unanimous vote.

VP Swiss Report by Thomas Marabello since Barbara Mueller could not attend; Ernie Thurston approved; Duane, 2nd, unanimous vote.

Webmaster by Richard Hacken reported that *Newsletters* will be digitized in the near future. Usage reports were up 16% over 2021.

Editor/Book Editor Report by Albert Winkler reported that there are a few possible book projects, but nothing concrete. *SAHS Review* discussion.

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Proposal was for either New Glarus, Wisconsin or Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Vote: Wisconsin (4), Pennsylvania (3), and Abstain (3). Wisconsin is the winner!

Insurance

A motion was made to move forward with insurance proposed by Tom Marabello, 2nd by Ernie Thurston). Passed, 4-2.

New Business

Ernie Thurston as Membership Secretary will work with Fred Gillespie to fill holes of board of advisors.

Presentations [20 people in attendance]

1. Political Procrastinations – Maria Ott, Undergraduate at Benedictine College, Kansas
2. Switzerland, Snow, the Cold War and Biathlon – Rob Sherwood, Georgia Military College
3. The Swiss in California - Richard Hacken, Brigham Young University