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The Historical Society for Twentieth Century China (HSTCC) is dedicated to scholarly interchange about modern China. Founded in 1983, the HSTCC has been the organizer or co-organizer of a number of international conferences, as well as the sponsor of numerous panels at national meetings of the Association for Asian Studies and the American Historical Association. The Society is affiliated with both the AAS and the AHA.

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HSTCC Business Meeting Agenda at the 2007 AAS Boston Conference

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2007

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Place: Boston Marriott, Regis Room

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes of April 8, 2006 (included in current Newsletter)
2. President's Report
3. Financial Report
4. Selection of Newsletter Editor
5. Establishment of working relationship with *Twentieth Century China*
6. Conference in Honolulu, 2008
7. Any other business.

Report on Singapore Conference, June 2006, "Chinese Nation – Chinese State, 1850-2000"

The conference attracted a wide range of participants, including representatives of the USA, Canada, UK, France, Portugal, China, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Australia and New Zealand. Sixty-five papers were presented in 17 panels. Topics generally covered the various conceptions of China that have existed since the late Qing, and how these have engaged the changing political realities. Most papers came from the discipline of history, but topics ranged from politics to opera. Professor Wang Gungwu opened the conference with a compelling address on the conference theme. The conference was sponsored by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, East Asian Research Institute and Asia Research Institute of the National University of Singapore, and it was organized by Thomas Dubois of NUS. The Conference web page is <http://courses.nus.edu.sg/course/histdd/notes/HSTCC.htm>. Papers are available from the website, but since they are password protected, those interested should contact the author directly.

Minutes of Business Meeting, April 8, 2006, San Francisco Marriott

Present: President Elisabeth Koll, Vice-president Keith Schoppa, and about ten members.

Presiding: President Elisabeth Koll, who called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the previous business meeting on April 2, 2005 were approved on a motion.

2. President's Report. President Koll thanked Vice-president Keith Schoppa for presiding over the previous year's meeting when she was in China. The president gave a brief update on the HSTCC website. Work is being done on the site. She also reported that discussion of a joint agreement between the HSTCC and *Twentieth Century China* had been delayed because of the transfer of the journal from Michigan University Press to Ohio State University Press. The proposal remains active, however, and Keith Schoppa (incoming HSTCC president and chair of the board of TCC) will discuss the matter further with TCC editor Christopher Reed.

3. Financial Report. President Koll presented the financial report from Secretary-Treasurer David Barrett, who could not attend. The current balance is \$7,521. The society has 65 currently paid-up members, of whom 12 are lifetime members.

4. Election of Incoming Officers. Vice-president Keith Schoppa assumes the position of president for the next two years. For the five Board positions, President Koll presented the names of four nominations she had received: Morris Linan Bian (Auburn University), James (Jay) Carter (St Joseph's University in Philadelphia), Thomas Dubois (National University of Singapore), and John Fitzgerald (LaTrobe University, Australia). Nomination of Elisabeth Koll of Case Western University was made from the floor. The slate of five was unanimously approved, with James Carter chosen as Vice-president.

President Koll presented the nomination of Ke-wen Wang of St. Michael's College, Vermont, as the new secretary-treasurer. The nomination was approved unanimously.

5. Singapore Conference. Thomas Dubois of National University of Singapore reported on the upcoming conference to be held at the university. There are currently 72 papers accepted. Scholars from the PRC will be fully funded under a grant from the university.

6. The business meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm. The meeting was followed by a round table discussion of *Mao: The Unknown Story*, by Jung Chang and Jon Halliday, with approximately 100 people in attendance.

Recent Publications

John M. Carroll, "Colonialism, Nationalism, and Difference: Reassessing the Role of Hong Kong in Modern Chinese History," *Chinese Historical Review*, 13.1 (Spring 2006).

John M. Carroll, "Colonial Hong Kong as a Cultural-Historical Place," *Modern Asian Studies*, 40.2 (May 2006).

Jianyue Chen, "Chen Gongbo: A National Traitor or a Collaborationist Nationalist? A Case Study of Chinese Wartime Collaboration," *Chinese Historical Review*, 13.2 (Fall 2006).

Yun-chen Chiang, *Xingxing yueliang taiyang: Hu Shi de ginggan shijie [Sun, moon and stars: The passions of Hu Shi]*, (New World Press, 2006; Linking Press, Taipei, 2007).

Thomas DuBois, *The Sacred Village: Social Change and Religious Life in Rural North China* (University of Hawai'i, 2005).

William Kirby, "China's Internationalization in the Early People's Republic: Dreams of a Socialist World Economy," *China Quarterly* 188 (December 2006).

Vitaly A. Kozyrev, Chapters 2, 8, 9 in Andrei N. Karneev, Vitaly A. Kozyrev, Alexander A. Pisarev, eds., *Vlast' i Derevnnya v Respublikanskom Kitae (1911-1949): The Village and State Power in Republican China (1911-1949)* (Moscow, 2005).

Kan Liang, "Rethinking May Fourth: The Vernacular Literary Movement in Wartime Chongqing," *Chinese Historical Review*, 13.1 (Spring 2006).

Lo Jiu-jung, "Yigeren de Zhanzheng Jiyi: Jiedu Dongshilang Riji" [The Diary of Azuma Shiro: One Man's Reminiscence of the War], *Taida Lishi Xuebao (History Inquiry)*, Vol. 36 (Taipei, 2005).

Alexander A. Pisarev, Chapters 1, 4, and Conclusion in Andrei N. Karneev, Vitaly A. Kozyrev, Alexander A. Pisarev, eds., *Vlast' i Derevnya v Respublikanskoi Kitae (1911-1949): The Village and State Power in Republican China (1911-1949)* (Moscow, 2005).

Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik, "In Search of a Master Narrative for 20th-Century Chinese History," *China Quarterly* 188 (December 2006).

Patrick Fuliang Shan, "Insecurity, Outlawry and Social Order: Banditry in China's Heilongjiang Frontier Region, 1900-1931," *Journal of Social History*, 40: 1 (Fall 2006).

Patrick Fuliang Shan, "What Was the 'Sphere of Influence'? A Study of Chinese Resistance to the Russian Empire in North Manchuria, 1900-1917," *Chinese Historical Review*, 13.2 (Fall 2006).

Michael M. Sheng, "Mao's Formative Years Revisited," *Chinese Historical Review*, 12.2 (Fall 2005).

Di Wang, *Jietou wenhua: Chengdu gonggong kongjian, xiaceng minzhong yu difang zhengzhi* (Beijing, 2006); translation of *Street Culture in Chengdu: Public Space, Urban Commoners, and Local Politics, 1870-1930* (Stanford, 2003). Stanford edition was winner of the Urban History Association Best Book Award (Non-North American) for 2005.

Di Wang, "Entering the Bottom of the City: Revisiting Chinese Urban History through Chengdu," *Chinese Historical Review*, 12.1 (Spring 2005).

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