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(Outgoing) President's Memo: 2010-2012 in Retrospect

It is with humility that I write to thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading this great organization over the last two years. Even though it was a brief moment in the HSTCC’s history, the last two years witnessed significant developments within the HSTCC and in the HSTCC’s relations with the wider academic community. These developments have strengthened the HSTCC as well as enhanced the HSTCC’s reputation as the premier international professional organization for modern Chinese studies.

First, we strengthened the HSTCC as the union between the HSTCC and the journal Twentieth-Century China (TCC). The HSTCC Board of Directors (2008-2010 and 2010-2012) operationalized the institutional framework developed during and after the successful 2008 merger of the HSTCC and the TCC by adopting in June 2010 a unanimous resolution further defining and clarifying the relationship between the HSTCC and the TCC and by subsequently designating TCC as the official journal of the HSTCC as well as by making TCC Editor a standing member of the HSTCC Board of Directors.

Second, we signed a HSTCC-Maney Publishing Agreement (November 2010). Following this agreement, Maney published two issues of the journal Twentieth-Century China (TCC) in 2011. Maney is scheduled to publish three issues of TCC in 2012. To date, Maney Publishing has also implemented other key provisions of the HSTCC-Maney Publishing Agreement, including identifying TCC as the “Official Journal of the Historical Society for Twentieth-Century China” on the Maney website as well as on the TCC’s front cover (http://www.maney.co.uk/index.php/journals/tcc/).

Third, we regularized and institutionalized
HSTCC sponsorship of panels for inclusion in the programs of the annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies and the American Historical Association. We created a new position of Conference Coordinator for the purpose of centralizing the coordination of HSTCC sponsored panels. Prof. Patrick F. Shan has served as the Conference Coordinator for the last two years and was responsible for the successful inclusion of three HSTCC sponsored panels in the programs of the annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies and the American Historical Association since June 2010. Thank you, Prof. Shan. Prof. Shan has also submitted two HSTCC sponsored panels for inclusion in the program of the next annual meeting of the American Historical Association, to be held in New Orleans in January 2013. We expect to receive confirmation of the panels' formal inclusion soon.

Fourth, we developed a new dues structure, which stipulates the following: (1) One-year regular membership: $65.00, (2) Three-year regular membership: $155.00, (3) One-year student membership: $35.00, (4) Three-year student membership: $90.00. Members have the option to pay membership dues with check, money order, or PayPal. Prof. Grace Huang, in her capacity as the Secretary-Treasurer, took the initiative to develop a novel mechanism by which members could send their membership dues online via PayPal regardless of their geographical location and their currency. Thank you, Prof. Huang. The simple and effective mechanism of membership subscription, the active promotion of the HSTCC at the 2011 annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, as well as the wide circulation of the call for proposals for the HSTCC biennial international conference contributed to impressive membership growth over the past two years (see President’s Report at HSTCC business meeting for details).

Fifth, we continued to maintain a HSTCC website and regularly publish HSTCC newsletters due largely to the effort made by Prof. Steven Phillips, HSTCC Website Coordinator, and Prof. Sei Jeong Chin, HSTCC Newsletter Coordinator. Prior to 2012, Prof. Phillips had already made a significant contribution to the HSTCC by maintaining the HSTCC website for a number of years. In spring 2012, with approval by the HSTCC Board of Directors, Prof. Phillips created a new HSTCC website (URL: http://hstcconline.org/), ensuring the HSTCC’s worldwide online presence for years to come. At the same time, Prof. Chin did a terrific job editing HSTCC newsletter. She is instrumental in publishing two issues of the HSTCC newsletter each year for the last two years, which is unprecedented in HSTCC’s history. Thank you, Prof. Phillips and Prof. Chin.

Sixth, we took other steps to improve governance within the HSTCC. For example, given the vital importance of the HSTCC Board of Directors, we developed Procedural Rules for HSTCC Board of Directors Electronic Meetings (November 2010) and made effective use of the rules for the purpose of deliberating and adopting polices and making decisions. We also created a more transparent and democratic mechanism—the Nominating Committee—to ensure a smooth and orderly transition between the existing and new HSTCC Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee consists of the current HSTCC President, the current HSTCC Vice President, and a senior HSTCC member. It was this Nominating Committee that produced the slate of candidates for membership in the new HSTCC Board of Directors for the two-year term beginning on July 1, 2012. The names of members of the new HSTCC Board of Directors appear on the cover page of this and subsequent issues of the HSTCC newsletter.

Seventh, we continued to foster the internationalization of modern Chinese studies and enhance the HSTCC’s international reputation by successfully convening an international conference on modern Chinese society in close collaboration with the Center for Chiang Kai-shek and Modern Chinese History at Zhejiang University. Prof. Hongmin Chen, Director of the Center for Chiang Kai-shek and Modern Chinese History at Zhejiang University, and I reached a tentative agreement for a joint international conference on modern Chinese society and Chiang Kai-shek and modern China in the summer of 2010, which subsequently received approval by the HSTCC Board of Directors. Preparation for the conference began in earnest in spring 2011 with the launching of an “advertising campaign” at the annual meeting of the
Association for Asian Studies. We circulated a call for proposals in the June 2011 issue of the HSTCC newsletter (#30). To encourage submission of panel and paper proposals from the worldwide community of China studies, we subsequently published the same call for proposals on the H-Asia Discussion Network. An abbreviated version also appeared in Asian Studies Newsletter 56:3 (fall 2011). By mid-February, 2012, the Program Committee had selected a total of 40 HSTCC members to participate in the planned conference in accordance with the decision of HSTCC Board of Directors. As many of you know, the International Conference on Modern Chinese Society in Global Perspective and on Chiang Kai-shek and Modern China was held in Hangzhou and Xikou of Fenghua during June 8-10, 2012. The joint international conference was a resounding success. Out of more than 70 participants, more than 60 scholars from all over the world presented research and/or commented on papers at the conference.

Finally, we undertook discussions with officials of the Institute of Modern History at Academic Sinica in Taiwan regarding the possibility of holding HSTCC’s 2014 conference in collaboration with the Institute of Modern History. The new HSTCC Board of Directors under Prof. Robert Culp’s leadership plans to further explore the possibility of holding such a joint international conference.

Morris L. Bian
(Outgoing) HSTCC President

President’s Speech at the Opening Ceremony of the International Conference on Modern Chinese Society in Global Perspective and On Chiang Kai-shek and Modern China, 1840-1949, Huanglong Hengli Hotel, Hangzhou, June 8, 2012

Respected leaders of Zhejiang University, distinguished scholars, ladies and gentlemen,

尊敬的领导、各位著名学者、先生们，女士们：
大家好！

It gives me great pleasure to join you at the opening ceremony of the International Conference on Modern Chinese Society in Global Perspective and On Chang Kai-shek and Modern China.

在这个简要的讲话中，我只想说明三点。第一，能够参加“全球视野下的中国近代社会暨第二届蒋介石与近代中国”国际学术研讨会，对我来说是一件极为荣幸的事情。

The Historical Society for Twentieth-Century China, or HSTCC, is the premier international professional organization for modern Chinese studies. Founded in 1983, the HSTCC is almost exactly thirty years old, and it has held biennial meetings in Asia, Europe, and North America. The HSTCC has also sponsored or co-sponsored a number of conferences and panels at the meetings of the Association for Asian Studies and the American Historical Association. The official journal of the HSTCC is Twentieth-Century China.

第二，二十世纪中国史学会是全球最重要的中国近现代史研究的专业组织。二十世纪中国史学会成立于1983年。建会近三十年来，本会曾经先后在亚洲，欧洲以及北美举行过两年一度的年会，本会还多次主办与合办了有关中国近现代史的研讨会，并在亚洲研究年会以及美国历史学会年会上组织讨论小组。《二十世纪中国》杂志是本会的正式学术刊物。

As all China scholars know, the last thirty years have witnessed transformative changes in China’s political economy. During the same temporal span, the HSTCC has also transformed itself into the premier international professional organization for modern Chinese studies. Despite this significant expansion, this is the very first time the HSTCC has co-organized a major international conference in modern Chinese studies through close collaboration with a leading Chinese institution of higher education—Zhejiang University. On behalf of the HSTCC, I would like to express our deep appreciation for the tremendous support by Zhejiang University and its faculty and students, especially the support and tireless effort by Prof. Chen Hongmin, Director of
the Center for Chiang Kai-shek and Modern Chinese History at Zhejiang University, for making this important gathering of distinguished China scholars possible. I would also like to thank members of the HSTCC and HSTCC Board of Directors for their support.

第三，每一位汉学家都很清楚，中国在最近的三十年中发生了翻天覆地的变化。与此同时，二十世纪中国史学会也一跃成为全球最重要的中国近现代史研究的专业组织。尽管如此，这次会议是本会在其历史上首次与中国最为优秀的高等院校—浙江大学—联合举办关于中国研究的一个大型国际性学术会议。在此，请允许我代表二十世纪中国史学会向浙江大学领导，教师以及学生的巨大支持表示真诚的感谢。我要特别感谢浙江大学蒋介石与近代中国研究中心主任和同时担任浙江大学历史系主任的陈红民教授为组织本次会议而作出的不懈努力。没有陈红民教授和在他领导下教师与研究生们所作出的不懈努力，举办这样一个规模的国际性学术会议是很难想象的。此外，我还要非常感谢二十世纪中国史学会会员以及本会理事会对本次会议的大力支持。

I wish the conference a resounding success. Thank you.

最后，我预祝大会取得圆满成功。谢谢。

Morris L. Bian, HSTCC President

卞历南，二十世纪中国历史学会会长

HSTCC Business Meeting, Huanglong Hengli Hotel, Hangzhou, June 8, 2012

Present: Morris L. Bian (President), Robert Culp (Vice President), Patrick F. Shan (Board Member), Dong Wang (Board Member) and about 14 other members.

Presiding: President Morris L. Bian, who called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

1. President’s Report (Morris L. Bian): Fellow HSTCC members and current members of the HSTCC Board of Directors: Let me begin by thanking all of you for responding to the call for proposals, for presenting your research or serving as commentators at this important conference, and for supporting my work and the work of the HSTCC Board of Directors. As I mentioned this morning, the HSTCC has transformed itself into the premier international professional organization for modern Chinese studies over the last three decades. What I did not mention, however, is the fact that such a significant accomplishment is attributable to the contributions of all past and current HSTCC members, especially those officers who have devoted so much of their time and energy to nurturing and guiding this organization during its formative period. Consequently, I would like to recognize just a few of them who are present tonight.

First, I would like to recognize my predecessors, Prof. Bernadette Yu-ning Li, who served as Founding President when the HSTCC was established in 1983 as the “Historical Society for Twentieth-Century Republican China” (北美二十世纪民国史学会), and Prof. Larry Shyu, who served as HSTCC President from 1994 to 1996. I should point out that Prof. Bernadette Yu-ning Li, Prof. Larry Shyu, and Prof. Ke-wen Wang are perhaps the only founding members of the organization present tonight. Second, I would like to recognize, hopefully in alphabetical order, those who have made important contributions to the organization in a variety of capacities: Prof. Cheng Linsun, Prof. Parks Coble, Prof. Ed. McCord, Prof. Brian Martin, Prof. Stephen MacKinnon, Prof. Chris Reed, Prof. Ken-wen Wang, Prof. Wang Di, and Prof. Peter Zarrow. Finally, I want to single out Prof. Chen Hongmin again for his tremendous contribution to the organization.

I would also like to thank all current members of the HSTCC Board of Directors for their contributions. The Board members include Prof. Jay Carter, Prof. Rob Culp, Prof. Grace Huang, Prof. Keith Schoppa, Prof. Patrick Shan, Prof. Dong Wang, and myself. Four of
the seven Board members are present tonight. Of the four Board members, I would like to recognize especially the work of Prof. Patrick Shan. The reason is simple. Even though over a number of years, senior members, such as Prof. Parks Coble, made repeated recommendations for regularly submitting HSTCC-sponsored panels to the AAS and the AHA, nothing systematic was done until after June 2010. In his capacity as the Conference Coordinator, Prof. Patrick Shan made it his job to ensure that the AAS and the AHA annual meeting programs include HSTCC-sponsored panels. In what follows, I will discuss some important aspects of the work of the HSTCC over the last two years.

Membership growth. Below I include reports by Prof. Ke-wen Wang, previous Secretary-Treasurer, and by Prof. Grace Huang, current Secretary-Treasurer, for these reports show, among other things, remarkable HSTCC membership growth: from 114 in June 2010 to 136 by June 2012. (a) Report by Prof. Ken-wen Wang (06/2010): Current balance in the HSTCC account: $10,997.49 (expenses for this conference not included). Paid-up membership stands at 114, of whom 18 are lifetime members. The US and Canada provide 82 members; overseas members (Europe and Asia) number 32. (b) Report by Prof. Grace Huang (06/2011): Current balance in the HSTCC account stands at $13,615.97. No tax was withheld and no interest income needs to be reported for the Tax Year 2010. Paid-up membership currently stands at 123, of whom 3 are lifetime members. The US and Canada provide 92 members; overseas members (Europe and Asia) number 31. The membership renewal notice is usually sent out twice a year, the first time in July, the second time at the end of the year. (c) Report by Prof. Grace Huang (06/2012): Current balance in the HSTCC account stands at $14,514.63. No tax was withheld and no interest income needs to be reported for Tax Year 2011. Paid-up membership currently stands at 136 (an increase of 13 members over the previous year), of whom 3 are lifetime members (the remaining eligible 15 need to upgrade their membership by 2015 to maintain lifetime status). The US and Canada provide 104 members; overseas members (Europe and Asia) provide 32 members. The Society has paid Maney Publishing $3,660 (244 copies at $15/copy) for a 1-year (2011) subscription of the journal *Twentieth-Century China* for all of its current members.

Report on the journal *Twentieth-Century China* (TCC). The information provided by Maney Publishing reveals that the total number of institutional subscriptions, including both print and online subscriptions and online-only subscriptions, to TCC has continued to decrease over the past two years: 113 in 2010; 105 in 2011; and 88 in February 2012. The total number of paid institutional subscriptions has also decreased: 129 in 2010, 127 in 2011, and 111 in February 2012. At the same time, the increase in HSTCC membership means that HSTCC members have continued to provide indispensable financial support to TCC due to their automatic subscription to TCC as part of their membership dues. For 2011, USD30.00 out of USD65.00 (one-year regular membership) was set aside for TCC subscriptions when two issues were published. For 2012, USD40.00 out of USD65.00 (one-year regular membership) will be set aside for TCC subscriptions when three issues are scheduled to be published. As of February 2012, the total number of HSTCC subscribers to TCC stood at 126. That number will increase to 136 (total number of paid-up membership as of May 2012) and beyond if HSTCC membership continues to grow.

2. Election for 2012-2014 HSTCC Board of Directors (Parks M. Coble). On behalf of the HSTCC Nominating Committee, which consists of Morris L. Bian, Parks M. Coble, and Robert Culp, Prof. Parks Coble presents the following slate of candidates for 2012-2014 HSTCC Board of Directors: Vice President: Dong Wang, University of Turku, Finland; Secretary-Treasurer: Grace Huang, St. Lawrence University, United States; Conference Coordinator: Patrick F. Shan, Grand Valley State University, United States;
Board member: Morris L. Bian, Auburn University, United States; Board member: James Carter, Saint Joseph’s University, United States; and Board member: Hongmin Chen, Zhejiang University, China. HSTCC members present voted to unanimously elect all six candidates to membership in the HSTCC Board of Directors for a two-year term, beginning on July 1, 2012.

3. Introduction of Prof. Robert Culp (Bard College) as the new HSTCC President. Prof. Robert Culp’s name does not appear on the list of candidates. As current HSTCC Vice President, Prof. Culp is not subject to election; he automatically assumes the HSTCC presidency for a two-year term, beginning on July 1, 2012.

4. Meeting adjourned around 9:30 pm

Morris L. Bian
Respectfully submitted

The International Conference on Modern Chinese Society in Global Perspective and On Chang Kai-shek and Modern China in Pictures

The conference was held in Hangzhou and Xikou of Fenghua during June 8-10, 2012. Out of more than 70 participants, more than 60 scholars from all over the world presented research and/or commented on papers at the conference. For two days (June 8-9), participants engaged in heated and stimulating discussions of numerous topics/issues, including the Revolution of 1911, warlords and provincial politics, women and law in Republican China, prewar culture and society, diplomacy during WWII, Sino-Japanese relations, Chiang Kai-shek and modern China, collaboration during the Sino-Japanese War, change and continuity across the 1949 divide, and China during the 1950s. On day three (June 10), participants traveled to Xikou for a plenary session, the closing ceremony, as well as visit to Chiang Kai-shek residence and the local museum. Below are photos of participants, with most photos taken during the plenary session held in Xikou on June 10, 2012, although the photos have the erroneous date of June 9 printed on them.
Prof. Edward McCord Speaking at the Plenary Session

HSTCC and Other Participants at the Plenary Session

Prof. Tatsuo Yamada Speaking at the Plenary Session

Prof. Hongmin Chen (Zhejiang University) Presiding over the Hangzhou Conference's Closing Ceremony

On Their Way to Chiang Kai-shek Residence in Xikou
Member News

BIAN, Morris L. recently received an Excellence in Teaching Award in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University. The award recognizes those who have made outstanding contributions to the undergraduate teaching mission of the College of Liberal Arts.

BUTTERFIELD, Rya received her PhD in Communication Studies/Rhetoric from Louisiana State University. This fall she begins an appointment as Visiting Instructor in the Brian Lamb School of Communication at Purdue University.

KUO, Margaret was recently granted tenure and promotion at California State University, Long Beach. She is on leave for 2012-2013, serving as EDS-Stewart Fellow at the Center for the Pacific Rim, University of San Francisco.

PHILLIPS, Steven was a visiting scholar with the Humanities Center at National Chengchi University in Taiwan during the spring of 2012. The Center is eager to expand its international contacts, and welcomes inquiries from scholars interested in performing research on Taiwan. More information is available at http://hc.nccu.edu.tw/index_en.php.

SCHIFFMAN, James R. will be a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Mass Communication at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, Georgia for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Member Presentations & Publications


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