

TOHA NEWS

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Dear TOHA Friends:

See below for news concerning

- ★ the newly-elected Board of Directors
 - ★ the 2014 annual conference call for papers (attached is a flyer for you to share with others)
 - ★ a grant opportunity from Baylor University Institute for Oral History
 - ★ your invitation to the state and regional forum during the upcoming Oral History Association meeting
 - ★ the TOHA Facebook page
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ELECTION REPORT

Thank you for participating in the recent board election. The slate of nominees was unanimously elected by a majority of members. We look forward to the leadership the new board will provide over the coming two years. If you have suggestions for the board, please let them know. Below are their e-mail contacts:

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Call for Papers

TOHA Annual Conference, April 5, 2014

Stephen F. Austin State University

Nacogdoches, Texas

The Texas Oral History Association (TOHA), founded in 1983, promotes the use and good practices of oral history research through a variety of programs and publications, including the journal *Sound Historian*. Comprised of individuals representing diverse interests and disciplines, the professional organization will host its third annual conference on April 5, 2014, on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

Scholars, educators, students, history enthusiasts, folklorists, family historians, and others are encouraged to submit proposals for papers or sessions to be considered for the program. Topics should include clear evidence of oral history research or provide new insights on the methodology.

Both complete session and individual paper proposals are welcome. Individual presentations must not exceed twenty minutes, and the session format will include opening remarks by a chair, followed by three papers, or by two papers and concluding remarks from a commentator.

Proposals should include the names, affiliations, and contact information of participants, the titles of sessions and papers, and a brief description of the topics to be covered. Please submit your proposals via email by December 14, 2013.

Direct all submittals and inquiries to:
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COMMUNITY ORAL HISTORY GRANT AVAILABLE

Baylor University Institute for Oral History (BUIOH) invites nonprofit organizations in the state of Texas to apply for a grant to facilitate oral history research in their communities. BUIOH seeks to make a difference in one local Texas community per year through this annual grant that includes, in addition to monetary funding, assistance from BUIOH through consultation and training, equipment loans, processing and transcribing, and co-archiving the interviews generated by the local organization. To learn more about the benefits and requirements for the grant, read about previous recipients, and access application materials, see <http://www.baylor.edu/oralhistory/index.php?id=64581>.

OHA STATE AND REGIONAL FORUM

From Cliff Kuhn, Executive Director, Oral History Association:

As people who have been active in a state and regional oral history association, you are invited to a meeting of the state and regional organizations at the OHA annual conference in Oklahoma City, OK, at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel. The meeting will be a breakfast meeting in the hotel restaurant, 7:30-8:30, Saturday, October 12.

The state and regional organizations historically have had a strong relationship with the national organization, providing a pipeline for leadership, coordinating work around annual meetings, and otherwise being mutually supportive. As the OHA moves into its new executive structure, and as we move forward on a new strategic plan for the next four years, the state and regional groups will continue to play a vital role -- leadership development; recruitment for awards; committees (and now interest groups); journal articles and reviews; submission of news and calendar items for the OHA website and Facebook page; conduits for workshops and other services the national office might provide; co-sponsorship of the annual meeting if it's in the region; and no doubt other ways that I

haven't imagined. This meeting is designed to help revitalize that relationship as we move into the future.

If you can think of anyone else who should attend this meeting, please feel free to invite them. I look forward to seeing you in Oklahoma City!

Regards, Cliff

TOHA ON FACEBOOK

Steven Sielaff has volunteered to manage the TOHA Facebook page. You are welcomed to become a Friend and add your own news and announcements to the page. This is a great way to share your oral history work with your fellow TOHA members. Access TOHA at <http://www.facebook.com/TexasOralHistoryAssociation>.