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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Visionary Growth, Procedural Adjustments

Rebecca D. Hancock

"Evolutionary, not revolutionary," is a phrase heard often by my colleagues and me as we have gathered during the opening days of Pulaski County, Virginia, public schools to discuss plans for facing the challenges of the 21st century. Frankly, it boggles my mind trying to reconcile the idealism of goals and visions while confronting day-to-day educational realities, but vision is important. The summer issue of this newsletter--with the statements by Loyal Jones and Richard Drake on the ASA's origins--testified to the vision of those who founded our association, and this Appalink, which contains our proposed by-law changes (next pages), is testimony to the growth of this vision and the need to bring our procedures up to date with our practices.

Last year as the Association's president, Roberta Herrin, chaired a by-laws committee made up of several past Association presidents. Its suggestions were incorporated into a draft which clarified wording, reorganized sections, eliminated repetitions and inconsistencies, and incorporated current practices. This draft was then reviewed at the August meeting of the Steering Committee. So what is being offered here for your review and consideration is not revolutionary, but simply the evolutionary results of a vision conceived and nurtured for the past fifteen--going on sixteen years. Thanks once again to our founders and particularly to Roberta for this, one of her many presidential accomplishments.

APPALACHIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I
NAME AND SYMBOL

The name of this organization shall be the Appalachian Studies Association. The symbol shall be the mountain symbol as it appears on Appalachian Studies Association stationery and publications.

ARTICLE II
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

This association is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the state of Kentucky. Its "articles of organization" shall include these bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation as submitted to the state of Kentucky.

ARTICLE III
PURPOSES

The purposes of this organization shall be: (1) to foster cooperation among Appalachian writers, artists, scholars and members of Appalachian oriented organizations, agencies, and communities; (2) to further the exchange of information concerning Appalachian people and the Appalachian region including such items as knowledge of research projects, research data and findings, creative work, academic programs, and community based programs through such means as conferences and newsletters; (3) to further the goals of scholarship, teaching, and learning about Appalachian people and the Appalachian region; (4) to stimulate new work of significance in the field of Appalachian studies by communicating research information as well as a concern about research activities which affect public policy regarding Appalachian people and the Appalachian region; (5) to strengthen the involvement of Appalachian Youth in Appalachian studies through a Youth Conference integrated into the annual conference of the Appalachian Studies Association. This Association shall encourage broad-based participation in all its activities.

ARTICLE IV
ARCHIVES

The archives of the Association shall be located at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky.

ARTICLE V
PUBLICATIONS

- Section 1. **Newsletter.** *Appalink*, the official newsletter of the Appalachian Studies Association, shall be published three times annually--Fall, Winter, and Spring.
- Section 2. **Journal.** The *Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association*, published annually, shall be edited by the Program Chair of the Association and shall contain a representative selection of the best papers delivered at the Conference. The Managing Editor shall oversee the production and printing of the *Journal*.

ARTICLE VI
BASIC POLICY

The following are basic policies of this Association:

- a. The Association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
- b. The name of the Association shall not be used in any connection with a commercial concern or with any partisan interest or for any purpose not appropriately related to promotion of the purposes of the Association.
- c. The Association shall not directly or indirectly participate or intervene (in any way including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; or devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities in attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise.
- d. The Association may cooperate with other organizations and agencies concerned with the welfare of the citizens of Appalachia, but persons representing the Association in such matters shall make no commitments that bind the Association.
- e. The Association intends to be a forum for divergent views, illuminating issues, providing information and encouraging an awareness of the complexity of issues facing the people of Appalachia.
- f. In the event of dissolution of the Association, its assets shall be distributed for one or more of the exempt purposes specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as from time to time amended.

ARTICLE VII
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- Section 1. **Eligibility.** Membership in the Appalachian Studies Association shall be open to any individual with an interest in the Appalachian region and shall be available without regard to race, color, creed, sex, age, or national origin.
- Section 2. **Categories.** There shall be three (3) categories of membership in the Association. These are: Regular, Student, and Unwed.
- Section 3. **Dues.** Membership and Conference fees shall be reviewed annually by the Steering Committee at the Joint meeting of the Steering and Program Committees.

ARTICLE VIII
MEETINGS

- Section 1. **Annual Meeting.** There shall be one annual meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association called the Appalachian Studies Conference. This meeting shall be held in the Spring of each year. The annual Membership Forum shall be held during this meeting.
- Section 2. **Site Considerations.** The following criteria shall be used in selecting the site for the Conference:
 - a. **Regional Rotation:** Conference sites shall be selected on the basis of a scheduled rotation among Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Georgia in that order. Unless the President receives a request in writing for an alteration of this rotation, it shall be maintained. Both academic and nonacademic sites shall be sought.
 - b. **Spatial Considerations:** Sites should have both a sufficient number of meeting rooms and the necessary facilities to house special exhibits (presses, organizations, photographs, etc.), a banquet, business meeting, and entertainment. It is preferable for all participants to be housed in a central facility; however, a variety of housing options and prices is to be sought.
 - c. **Financial Sponsorship:** Host organizations that will make a financial commitment to the Conference should be sought. When possible, sites should be chosen where there is a willingness to underwrite costs of meeting space, registration, exhibit space, and audiovisual presentations. The Program Vice-Chairperson shall negotiate for Conference support from future sponsors in an effort to defray Conference costs.

- d. **Auxiliary Services:** Host institutions should be sought where there is a willingness to contribute in-kind support for the work of the Program Chairperson and the Local Arrangements Committee.
- Section 3. **Summer Meeting.** There shall be a meeting of the newly elected Officers and Steering Committee following each Conference. The agenda for this meeting shall be determined by the President. The Program Committee shall meet at necessary.

ARTICLE IX
OFFICERS

- Section 1. **Officers.** The officers of the Appalachian Studies Association shall consist of:
 - a. **Elected Officers**
 - (1) President
 - (2) Vice-President/President Elect
 - (3) Secretary/*Appalink* Editor
 - (4) Treasurer
 - (5) Program Chairperson/*Journal* Editor
 - (6) Program Vice-Chairperson/Program Chairperson Elect
 - (7) Youth Conference Program Chairperson
 - (8) Youth Conference Program Vice-Chairperson/Youth Conference Program Chairperson Elect
 - b. **Appointed Officers**
 - (1) Ex-officio Archivist (appointed by Berea College)
 - (2) Ex-officio *Journal* Managing Editor
- Section 2. **Eligibility.** All officers must be members of the Association.
- Section 3. **Term of Office.** The following shall be terms of office for each of the officers:
 - a. **Elected Officers**
 - (1) President--one year
 - (2) Vice-President/President Elect--one year
 - (3) Secretary/*Appalink* Editor--two years
 - (4) Treasurer--three years
 - (5) Program Chairperson--one year
 - (6) Program Vice-Chairperson/Program Chairperson Elect--one year
 - (7) Youth Conference Program Chairperson--one year
 - (8) Youth Conference Program Vice-Chairperson/Youth Conference Program Chairperson Elect--one year
 - b. **Appointed Officers**
 - (1) Ex-officio Archivist (Berea--one year renewable)
 - (2) Ex-officio *Journal* Managing Editor (one year renewable)
- Section 4. **Nominations and Elections.** The nomination and election of candidates for office in the Association shall occur in the following manner:

- a. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President each year. This committee shall consist of two individuals presently serving on the Steering Committee and shall be chaired by the Vice President.
- b. A Call for Nominations shall be published in the Fall issue of Appalink.
- c. A slate of officers and committee members shall be selected by the Nominating Committee. A ballot with that slate, together with biographical information on each nominee, shall be printed in the Winter issue of Appalink. Space shall be provided on the printed ballot for write-in candidates. Ballots must be returned to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee for tabulation. Election results will be reported by the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee to the membership at the annual business meeting and published in Appalink. Tied elections will be voted upon by members present at the annual business meeting.

Section 5. **Reselection.** No elected officer or member of the Steering Committee may serve in the same capacity for more than two full successive terms.

ARTICLE X DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Steering Committee; shall perform other duties as may be prescribed by these bylaws or assigned to him or her by the Association or by the Steering Committee; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the Association in order that the objectives of the organization may be promoted. The President shall direct fund raising efforts and serve as spokesperson for the promotion of the Association and its goals. Following his or her term of office, the President shall serve as a member of the Steering Committee for one year.
- Section 2. **Vice-President/President Elect.** The Vice-President shall act as aide to the President; shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence; shall serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee and the Scholarship Committee; and shall negotiate for Conference support at future sites. The Vice-President becomes President in the year following his or her term as Vice-President and succeeds to the Office of President should the office become vacant before the term expires.

- Section 8. **Youth Conference Program Vice-Chairperson/Youth Conference Program Chairperson Elect.** The Youth Conference Program Vice-Chairperson shall act as aide to the Youth Conference Program Chairperson and shall perform the duties of the Youth Conference Program Chairperson in his or her absence.
- Section 9. **Archivist.** The Archivist shall be responsible for collecting and preserving materials related to the activities of the Appalachian Studies Association in the Association archives at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky.
- Section 10. **Journal Managing Editor.** The Journal Managing Editor shall be responsible for the publication of the Journal.

ARTICLE XI COMMITTEES

- Section 1. **Steering Committee.** Members of the Steering Committee shall include all officers and the Immediate Past President, with terms of office as outlined under Article IX, Section 1. In addition, six at-large members, having two-year terms, shall be elected.
 - a. **Election of At-large Steering Committee Members.** At-large members shall serve for two (2) years, with three new members being elected each year. At-large members shall be elected by written ballot as described in ARTICLE IX, Sections 4.
 - b. **Duties of Steering Committee.** The duties of the Steering Committee shall be
 - (a) to transact necessary business in the intervals between Association meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by the Association;
 - (b) to create standing and special committees;
 - (c) to oversee the work of the Program Committee; and
 - (d) to approve an annual budget and request an official audit as needed.
 - c. **Quorum.** A simple majority of members of the Steering Committee shall constitute a quorum. All actions accepted by a quorum shall be deemed legal. Other voting procedures will follow Robert's Rules of Order.
 - d. **Meetings.** The steering Committee shall meet at least twice during the year, those times being during the summer and on the opening day of the annual conference. Other meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the President.

Section 3. **Secretary/Appalink Editor.** The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Association and the Steering Committee; and shall maintain a copy of the Association Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, and Robert's Rules of Order. The Secretary shall be responsible for the publication of Appalink three times a year. The Fall issue shall contain the call for papers and the call for nominations. The Winter issue shall contain Conference information and the ballot. The Summer issue shall contain a summary of Conference activities.

Section 4. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds of the Association; shall keep full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; and shall make disbursements in accordance with the budget adopted by the Steering Committee. Checks or vouchers over \$500 shall be signed by the Treasurer and the President or his or her appointee. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at each annual meeting of the Association and at other times when requested by the Steering Committee. The Treasurer will provide an annual review of books conducted by an independent agency and will maintain all IRS documents.

Section 5. **Program Chairperson/Journal Editor.** The Program Chairperson shall oversee the planning and efficient operation of all aspects of the annual conference; shall officiate at all meetings of the Program Committee; and shall appoint a Local Arrangements Chairperson and Local Arrangements Committee members. The Program Chairperson may appoint up to two (2) members to the Program Committee. The Program Chairperson shall serve as editor of the Journal. Following his or her term of office, the Program Chairperson shall serve one year on the Program Committee.

Section 6. **Program Vice-Chairperson/Program Chairperson Elect.** The Program Vice-Chairperson shall act as aide to the Program Chairperson; shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence; and shall negotiate for conference support from future sponsors. The Program Vice-Chairperson shall become the Program Chairperson in the following year.

Section 7. **Youth Conference Program Chairperson.** The Youth Conference Program Chair shall oversee the planning and efficient operation of all aspects of the Youth Conference component. He or she shall be responsible to the Program Chair for integration of the youth participation into the framework of the regular conference events and concurrent sessions.

- Section 2. **Program Committee.**
 - a. **Membership.** The Program committee shall consist of:
 - (1) Program Chairperson
 - (2) Program Vice-Chairperson/Program Chairperson Elect
 - (3) Youth Conference Program Chairperson
 - (4) Youth Conference Program Vice-Chairperson/Youth Conference Program Chairperson Elect
 - (5) Local Arrangements Chairperson (appointed by the Program Chairperson)
 - (6) Association President, ex-officio
 - (7) At-large Members (four members)
 - (8) Additional members (up to two additional members may be appointed by the Program Chairperson)
 - (9) Immediate Past Program Chair
 - b. **Election of At-large Program Committee Members.** At-large members shall serve a one (1) year term. At-large members shall be elected by written ballot as outlined in Article IX, Section 4.
 - c. **Duties of Program Committee.** The Program Committee shall be responsible for the planning and execution of the program for the annual conference including:
 - (1) Preparing and mailing the Call for Presentations;
 - (2) Reviewing and selecting papers and presentations for the Conference;
 - (3) Providing a preliminary program and pre-registration materials; and
 - (4) Providing the final printed program, to be distributed at the conference.

Section 3. **Local Arrangements Sub-committee.**

- a. **Membership.** The Local Arrangements Committee shall consist of the Program Chairperson, the Local Arrangements Committee Chairperson, and other members appointed by the Program Chairperson.
- b. **Duties.** The Local Arrangements Committee shall be responsible for making all necessary site arrangements including selecting menus, selecting entertainers, selecting meeting and banquet rooms, and carrying out any other activities deemed necessary for a successful Conference.
- Section 4. **Youth Conference Sub-committee.** The Youth Conference Sub-committee shall consist of the Youth Conference Program Chairperson and Youth Conference Vice-Chairperson and shall oversee the planning and efficient operation of all aspects of the Youth Conference component.
- Section 5. **Ad Hoc Committees.** Special or Ad Hoc Committees may be appointed by the President or by the Steering Committee as needed.

ARTICLE XIII
BUDGETS AND APPROPRIATIONS

- Section 1. **Treasury.** The Treasury shall consist of membership dues as collected and any additional funds raised by the Association.
- Section 2. **Authority.** Checks for amounts over \$500 must be signed by both the Treasurer and the President or his or her appointee. Such funds shall be spent in accordance with the approved budget. Checks for amounts less than \$500 require only the signature of the Treasurer, but these funds shall also be spent in accordance with the approved budget.
- Section 3. **Scholarship Fund.** Scholarship funds have been established to support both youth and community participation in the annual Conference. Such funds shall be allocated by a Sub-Committee created by the President from members of the Steering Committee and chaired by the Vice President.

ARTICLE XIII
RESIGNATIONS

All resignations occurring during active terms of office shall be filled through appointments by the President, except that the Vice-President/President Elect shall assume the office of President should a vacancy occur.

ARTICLE XIV
FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal Year shall be from July 1 to June 30.

ARTICLE XV
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVI
AMENDING THE BYLAWS

Amendment to these Bylaws may be made in the following manner:

- a. Any member may submit in writing a suggested change to the Steering Committee together with an explanation of the justification for the change.
- b. The proposed change will be read, discussed, and possibly revised by the Steering Committee.
- c. If approved by the Steering Committee, the proposed amendment will be printed in the next issue of *Appalink*, which must be mailed at least 30 days prior to the annual Conference. Discussion of the proposed amendment will take place at the annual business meeting of the Conference. A written ballot will be distributed to the membership for vote either at the Conference or by mail. Members not attending the Conference may submit a proxy.
- d. Bylaws amendments require approval by two-thirds of the members voting.
- e. Ballots will be returned to the Secretary who will maintain the official copy of the Association Bylaws.

(Adopted 1978; Amended 1979, 1980, 1983, 1987, 1993)

From Roots to Roses

The Autobiography of Tilda Kemplen

Transcribed and Edited by Nancy Herzberg

From Roots to Roses is the autobiography of teacher and activist Tilda Kemplen, who for almost two decades has responded to the needs of impoverished central Appalachia by developing child care, education, health, nutrition, and economic and agricultural development programs. 17 illus., \$24.95 cloth

Snowbird Cherokees

People of Persistence

Sharlotte Neely

This is the first ethnographic study of Snowbird, North Carolina, a community of Cherokees who are seen as both the most traditional and the most adaptive members of their tribe. Neely explains the Snowbird paradox and portrays its inhabitants' lives and culture. 6 illus., \$30.00 cloth

Homeplace

The Social Use and Meaning of the Folk Dwelling in Southwestern North Carolina

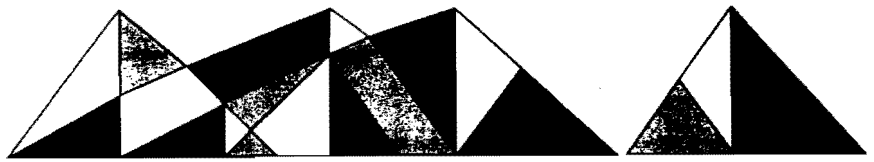
Michael Ann Williams

"*Homeplace* provides a refreshing and genuine exploration of how houses generally are used and what log cabins especially mean to the rural people of southwestern North Carolina. . . . [Her study] joins a short list of books that really attempt to explain the folk traditions of the Southern highlands."—*Appalachian Journal* 40 illus., \$30.00 cloth



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A call is extended for individual papers, roundtable or group discussions, panels, performances, poster or full sessions which explore some aspect of Appalachian Adaptations to a Changing World. Historical and contemporary perspectives in all disciplines on the theme are encouraged. Proposals must include (1) name, institutional affiliation (where appropriate), address, telephone number; (2) a one-page (250 word) typed abstract of the paper or description of presentation (including title for either); (3) a one-paragraph biographical profile of the presenter(s) for introduction; (4) a description of all audiovisual equipment required or special facility needs. Abstracts for consideration by the Program Committee should be submitted no later than October 2, 1992, to the program chair:

Norma Myers
Archives of Appalachia
Box 70,665
East Tennessee State University
Johnson City TN 37614-0665

Guidelines

Because of the growing numbers of proposals, individuals may be restricted to one presentation. **Individual presentations must not exceed fifteen minutes.** Appalachian Studies Association policy requires that abstracts of all presentations at the Conference be available for possible *Journal* publication. **Papers for publication consideration must be presented in ten or fewer typewritten (double-spaced) pages including notes and bibliography.** All documentation must be as defined in *The Chicago Manual of Style*. The *Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association* will accept manuscripts on 3.5" or 5.25" disks in most Macintosh and MS-DOS formats.

A limited number of scholarships are available for community and youth participants. For information or applications, contact Alice Brown, University of Kentucky, 110 Maxwellton Court, Lexington KY 40506-0347 or (606) 257-8269.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION
DEADLINE EXTENDED TO
OCTOBER 15, 1992

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Appalachian Studies Association

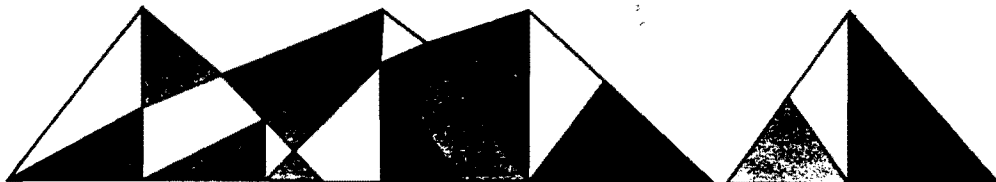
The nominating committee of the Appalachian Studies Association calls for nominations for the following officers and committee members:

- (1) Vice President ('94) / President-Elect ('95)
- (2) Secretary/Appalink Editor (2 year term)
- (3) Conference Program Vice Chair ('94) / Chair-Elect ('95)
- (4) Youth Conference Vice Chair ('94) / Chair-Elect ('95)
- (5) Three members of Steering Committee (2 year term)
- (6) Four members of Program Committee (1 year term)

The nominating committee consists of Grace Toney Edwards (Radford University), Jerry Williamson (Appalachian Journal, Appalachian State University), and chair Alice Brown (University of Kentucky). To make a nomination, send the nominee's name, address and phone number, statement indicating the nominee's willingness to serve, and a short biographical sketch of the nominee by November 15 to:

Alice Brown
110 Maxwellton Court
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0347

Nominees should be current members of the association. For information on the duties of officers, committees, and terms of office, refer to the Association by-laws above.



A N N O U N C E M E N T S

On Saturday, October 3, 1992, the Appalachian Teachers Network will hold its second conference on the campus of Radford University. Teachers from all over Southwest Virginia will join in a day-long dialogue with other teachers and scholars to examine the rich heritage of their region and to explore how this heritage can be made more accessible to students. Over a dozen workshops will cover a variety of topics, including Storytelling and Folklore for Teachers, Appalachian Literature, Appalachian Music, the Folklore of Games, Local History, Geology, Dialect Study, Media Resources, and many more. Registration is \$15 and those interested need to act quickly, using the form below with a registration due date of September 29. For more information about the conference schedule, lodging, teacher certification points, etc., contact Jim Minick, Box 6935, English Department, Radford University, Radford, VA 24142; phone (703) 831-6154 or 831-5614.

(detach here)

REGISTRATION FORM - Sat., October 3, 1992 - Appalachian Teachers' Network Conference

Enclosed is my \$15 check fee made payable to Radford University.

I will not be able to attend the conference, but please place my name on your mailing list.

Name _____

Home address _____; Home phone _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Teaching grade level/subject _____; School Division _____

School Address _____; School phone _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Please return this registration form and \$15 check to on or before September 29:

Continuing Education Office
Box 6917
Radford University, VA 24142

The Center for the Study of the American South announces the publication of a new journal, Southern Cultures, to be edited by University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill professor John Shelton Reed and Harry L. Watson and published by Duke University Press. The quarterly journal will examine cultural aspects of the American South, including folk, popular, and high culture. The editors seek scholarly contributions from history, folklore, anthropology, political science, sociology, journalism, architecture, and the arts. The first issue will appear in 1993. For further information, contact the managing editor, Alecia Holland, Southern Cultures, IRSS, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3355.

ALCA, the Assembly on the Literature and Culture of Appalachia, now over a year and half old, continues to seek new members. As an affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of English, ALCA was formed to promote communication, cooperation, research, and experimentation among teachers and other scholars of Appalachian literature and culture and to promote more visibility and recognition of Appalachia at NCTE conventions. ALCA is well on its way to achieving its goals, as laid out in its newsletter "Alca-Lines." It encourages greater participation and exchange of ideas through an even broader membership base. To join, send \$10.00 to ALCA's chair, Grace Toney Edwards, Appalachian Studies Program, Radford University, Radford, VA 24142.

The Southern Historical Association's annual meeting will be held in Atlanta on November 4-7, 1992. Appalachian scholars will find at several sessions devoted to the region, which will include papers on deforestation in West Virginia by Ronald Lewis, "Newer Appalachia" as the South's last internal frontier by Paul Salstrom, the use of convict lease labor in Tennessee coal mines, and several papers on the trans-Appalachia migration of the late colonial and early national periods. The meeting will feature a town meeting with former president Jimmy Carter focused on the role of the South in the nation and the world. To join the SHA or for more information on the meeting, contact Professor William F. Holmes, SHA Secretary-Treasurer, History Department, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

The next issue of Appalink will appear in January. Deadline for submissions or ads: December 15, 1992. Submit to Appalink Editor: John Inscoe, History Department, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602; Phone (706) 542-6300, FAX (706) 542-2455.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL
APPALACHIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

Tyler Blethen
Program Chair

The Fifteenth Annual Appalachian Studies Conference was hosted by Western Carolina University at the Radisson Hotel in Asheville, N.C., March 20-22, 1992. The number of registrants was 354, only three fewer than the previous year's Conference, despite the reduced travel budgets that stimulated so much commiseration among participants.

The 1992 theme, "Diversity in Appalachia: Images and Realities," drew a number of proposals which focused on groups, individuals and topics that do not always attract full consideration. Eighty-nine presentations, including a significant number of media programs, were delivered in thirty-six sessions, with seven or eight running concurrently. In the last few years the Conference has attracted more and more outstanding proposals, and its growing success may be overloading attendees with too many difficult choices to make among presentations. David Whisnant, the banquet speaker, challenged the Association to reevaluate and renew its commitment to social change in Appalachia.

Papers from the Conference have been selected for publication in the 1993 ASA Journal, with East Tennessee State University's Center for Appalachian Studies and Services provides the copy editing.

The 1992 Program Committee consisted of Pat Arnow, Tyler Blethen, Durward Dunn, Wilburn Hayden, Roberta Herrin, Sally Maggard, Norma Myers, Ches Sharp, Ernestine Upchurch, and Curtis Wood. Sue DeBord of Western Carolina's Division of Continuing Education coordinated local arrangements and administration of the Conference.