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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.
ARTICLE I
NAME AND SEAL

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 stationary 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. Appalachian, the official newsletter of the Appalachian Studies Association, shall be published three times per year, 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 position.

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 means other than written or oral presentation.

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 1939 or from time to time amended.
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 Annual Business Meeting and shall be mailed to all members of the Association.

c. The Nominating Committee shall select the slate of individuals to be presented to the members for election. The slate shall include all officers and the Executive Committee, as outlined under Article IX, Section 3.

d. At least two (2) members shall be elected each year. At-large members shall be elected by written ballot as described in Article IX, Section 4.

e. Duties of the Committee: The duties of the Steering Committee shall be:
   (a) to transact necessary business in the intervals between Association meetings and other events as may be required 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 annual audit from the Treasurer.

f. Outings: A single majority of members of the Steering Committee shall constitute a quorum. All actions taken by the Committee shall be deemed final. Other voting procedures will follow Roberts Rules of Order.

g. Meetings: The steering committees shall meet at least twice during the year, those times being determined by the President. Other meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the President.

Section 3. Secretary/Editor. The Secretary shall:

a. Receive and record the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of 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 the Program three times a year.

b. Keep a detailed weekly record of all receipts and expenditures and shall make disbursements in accordance with the budget adopted by the Steering Committee.

c. Prepare a financial statement at each annual meeting of the Association and at other times when requested by the Steering Committee.

d. The Treasurer shall maintain all the funds of the Association; shall keep a detailed account of receipts and expenditures; and shall make disbursements in accordance with the budget adopted by the Steering Committee. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for a successful financial statement at each annual meeting of the Association. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at each annual meeting of the Association and at other times when requested by the Steering Committee.

Section 4. Program Chairperson/Program Committee. The Program Chairperson shall be the person responsible for the planning and efficient operation of all aspects of the Youth Conference component. He or she shall be responsible to the Program Chairperson for integration of all program activities and shall be responsible for the planning and execution of the program for the annual conference including:

a. Preparing and mailing to all members a printed program.

b. Preparing and mailing to all members a summa of the program.

c. Providing a preliminary program and registration materials for the annual conference.

d. Providing the final printed program to the Program Chairperson for distribution at the conference.

Section 5. Local Arrangements Committee. The Local Arrangements Committee shall be responsible for the planning and efficient operation of all aspects of the Youth Conference component. It shall include:

a. A chairperson and at least two (2) members appointed by the President.

b. Duties. The Local Arrangements Committee shall be responsible for the planning and efficient operation of all aspects of the Youth Conference component. It shall include

1. The Treasurer and the President or his result.
2. The Association and the President each year. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all aspects of the Youth Conference component.
3. The Association President, ex-officio
4. At-large Members (four members)
5. Additional members (up to ten additional members may be appointed by the Program Chairperson)
6. Immediate Past Program Chair

Section 6. Youth Conference Program Committee. The Youth Conference Program Committee shall be responsible for the planning and efficient operation of all aspects of the Youth Conference component. It shall include:

a. A chairperson and at least two (2) members appointed by the Program Chairperson.

b. Duties. The Youth Conference Program Committee shall be responsible for the planning and efficient operation of all aspects of the Youth Conference component. It shall include

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ARTICLE XII

NIGHTS 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 $50 shall 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 filed 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.

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

At better bookstores or from
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30602
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 Maxwelton Court, Lexington KY 40506-0347 or (606) 257-8269.
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 Maxwelton 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.
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.

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 ________
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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.
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.