



National Collaborative for Women's History Sites 2021 Annual Report

President's Report

Marsha Weinstein

I hope that this finds you enjoying good health and happiness. The National Collaborative for Women's History Sites just completed one of our busiest years ever, commemorating the centennial of women's right to vote with online programs and the continuing work on the National Votes for Women Trail. Our annual meeting in October 2020 featured Dr. Cathleen Cahill speaking on her new book, *Recasting the Vote: How Women of Color Transformed the Suffrage Movement*. In March, our online program, *Our Voice Your Vote*, reached hundreds of people across the country. The online program included a musical theater presentation about Alice Paul performed by Girl Scout Gold Awardee Laura Bache of Louisville, KY and a discussion with Rebecca Roberts and Lucinda Robb, authors of *The Suffragists Playbook: Your Guide to Changing the World*. Though the pandemic prevented us from attending conferences, NCWHS members did present panels for virtual sessions at several national conferences and seminars. I am thrilled that members of our Research & Interpretation Committee are "blogging" on the NCWHS website.

Management Report

Lindsay Hinkle, Administrative Assistant

NCWHS membership stands at 101 active members. We received \$995.00 in donations this past year. Thank you to everyone who donated, and thank you to those of you who joined for the first time or renewed your membership in NCWHS. Your support is critical to the organization's success.

NCWHS has 1,522 Facebook followers, 921 post reaches, and is most popular with the 45-54 year old age range. Our Twitter account has 1,806 followers and 528 profile visits. Our Instagram profile has 130 followers, 25 posts and is most popular with the 35-44 year-old age range. We hope you have found NCWHS online if you use these social media outlets—and please share our posts with your friends and colleagues. In addition, we love posting news from members: let us know via membership@ncwhs.org if you have brief news you'd like us to post. Lindsay also manages our website www.ncwhs.org, where the National Votes for Women Trail map and database had more than 17,000 views in the past year.

NCWHS transferred its operational home to the Alice Paul Institute in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey. Thank you to the Evanston History Center and Frances Willard House Museum for their generous support in serving as the Collaborative's home for the past six years.

Treasurer's Report

Lucienne Beard

NCWHS income is derived from membership dues, donations to the general fund and project-related grants. Our expenses include routine but crucial items such as insurance, licenses, IT support and website and database management, plus part-time administrative support of 20-25 hours/month. Special projects this past fiscal year (10/1/20-9/30/21) included upgrades to the NVWT database, funded by a National Trust grant of \$5,000, and strategic planning facilitated by a consultant from the Center for Nonprofit Excellence in Louisville, Kentucky, which was funded by the NCWHS general fund.

The business of the Collaborative was made possible with the gratis time and effort of NCWHS board members. Lindsay Hinkle, who is based in Johnstown, NY, serves as the part time, paid administrative assistant, responsible for membership and outreach. Financial information on the National Votes for Women Trail project follows.

The National Votes for Women Trail (NVWT)

Nancy Brown

The goal of the National Votes for Women Trail (NVWT) is to collect sites from all over our country to tell the story of suffrage for all women, of all ethnicities, classes, and geographic areas and make them available to educators, researchers, and heritage tourists on a mobile-friendly searchable database. This year we have over 2266 entries on our NVWT database, so we exceeded our goal of 2020 entries by the end of the 2020.

Thanks to the grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, as well as a grant for \$125,000 from the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission that enabled us to hire Project Manager, Denise Ireton, and four historians, the process of making our virtual trail into a physical trail is thriving. There have already been 91 markers shipped, and 36 are currently at the foundry, with 103 applications left to process. Sixty-two are in the final stages, and there are 41 left to evaluate, with the primary challenge being obtaining land permission. Marker dedications around the country have attracted large crowds of community members and dignitaries. The bulk of the marker dedications will be held in 2022. While the original goal was to have this project completed by the end of 2020, an extension was necessary due to the unforeseen circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our sincere thanks to Denise and her team for their work, Judy Wellman and her Advisory Board for their tireless efforts, Paula Miller and Susan Hughes at the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, and our dedicated network of volunteer state coordinators.

NVWT continues to explore public relations opportunities. Massachusetts state coordinator, Freddie Kay, is working to get permission from Vice President, Kamala Harris, to allow us to place a Pomeroy Marker

at her childhood home in Berkley, California. We have also established a relationship with the global company, Accenture, that we hope to nurture this upcoming year. They are adding participation in the NVWT to their list of volunteer opportunities.

Nominating Committee

Antonia Castañeda, Chair, Sehila Mota Casper, Barbara Lau

2020-2021 Recruitment of New Board Members:

Andrea Malcomb, Denver, Colorado

Leslie Barker, Millersville, Missouri

Officers for 2021-2022: the following officers were elected for a one-year term, ending September 30, 2022.

Marsha Weinstein & Lucienne Beard	Co-Presidents
Judy Wellman	Vice President
Camesha Scruggs	Secretary
Lucienne Beard	Treasurer

Re-Election of Board Members Whose First, Second, or Third Term Expires at the end of Fiscal Year 2021.

Barbara Lau, second term

Robyn Young, second term

Lucienne Beard, third term

Antonia Castañeda, third term

Joanne Goodwin, third term

A warm thanks to both Lynn Weiner and Lori Osborne who completed their board service in 2021.

Research and Interpretation Committee

Co-chairs Heather Huyck and Lynn Weiner

The Research and Interpretation Committee (RIC) meets monthly on Zoom and currently includes members from the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, Molly Brown House Museum, Henry Ford Museum, Boise City Department of Arts and History, Center for Sacramento History, the National Park Service, current and retired professors at universities across the country, and public historians.

RIC again developed successful panel proposals and represented NCWHS at national conferences, including the Organization of American Historians and the AASLH.

This past year the RIC developed a new web link, thanks to the work of committee members Andrea Malcolm and Janice Sumler-Edmond, which includes a calendar of upcoming meetings of interest to NCWHS members, and a blog. The blog now has two entries – one a review of Heather Huyck’s book (*Doing Women’s History in Public*), and the other on accessibility in museums. (www.ncwhs.org/ricblog) With the leadership of committee member Brandi Burns of the Boise City Department of Arts & History, we have submitted a grant proposal to Villanova University’s “Turning Points in History” initiative, focused on public sites and women’s history. Finally, the research on a Tool Kit to help historic sites develop stronger programs in women’s history is complete, and editing is close to finished. When it is done, this will also be posted on our website.

Committee meetings often include presentations by members on their work, including discussions of women in the west, in 19th century Detroit, and others. Meetings are open to anyone interested. Contact membership@ncwhs.org for the Zoom link.

Respectfully submitted by the NCWHS Officers and Board:

Marsha Weinstein, President, Kentucky
Judy Wellman, Vice President, New York
Lucienne Beard, Treasurer, New Jersey
Robyn Young, Secretary, Pennsylvania

Julie Bache, Kentucky & Pennsylvania
Nancy Brown, New York
Sehila Mota Casper, Texas
Antonia Castañeda, Texas
Joanne Goodwin, Nevada
Cheryl Harned, Maryland
Linda Heidenreich, Washington
Ida Jones, Washington, D.C.
Barbara Lau, North Carolina
Lori Osborne, Illinois
Camesha Scruggs, Texas
Lynn Weiner, Illinois
Lillian Williams, New York