

AAHM Committee on Meetings
Annual Report 2008
Submitted by Elizabeth Watkins, Chair
On behalf of the committee:

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After the 2007 annual meeting, in response to a discussion held at the post mortem breakfast, the Blue Book (for Local Arrangements) was amended to incorporate changes in the wording about luncheon sessions at the annual meeting. PART III F (in the local arrangements committee section) now reads as follows: "In 2004, the Council reiterated a policy that *all* luncheon speakers be expected to purchase their own box lunches, if they choose to have any. Luncheon sessions shall be open to anyone wishing to attend, regardless of whether they purchase a meal or not. LAC shall provide an additional option on the registration page for registrants to sign up to attend a luncheon session WITHOUT buying the meal. This information will help the LAC choose rooms of appropriate sizes for the audiences." And PART III H (in the program committee section) now reads: "The Program Committee (in coordination with the Local Arrangements Committee) shall state in the registration package that registrants should note a) their intention to attend a luncheon session, and b) their intention to purchase a meal at that luncheon."

Ruth Cowan, Chair of the Department of History and Sociology of Science at the University of Pennsylvania, submitted a letter of intent to Council to host AAHM in **Philadelphia** in **2011**. The meeting will be held April 27 – May 1, 2011, at the Sheraton Society Hill.

The chair has received email confirmation from Christine Ruggere, Associate Director of the Institute of the History of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, of the intention of the History of Medicine group at Johns Hopkins to host AAHM in **Baltimore** in **2012**. With the help of Jill Slater, Ruggere has identified a hotel venue, the Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards. Randy Packard is preparing a formal letter of invitation, which should be ready for Council's approval at the annual meeting this spring.

The chair has been in communication with faculty members at the Institute for Medical Humanities at the University of Texas Medical Branch to host AAHM in **Galveston, Texas** in **2013**. Dayle Delancey will chair the Local Arrangements Committee, with support from Howard Brody and Jason Glenn. Delancey has been in contact with Jill Slater to identify a hotel for the meeting.

Finally, it has been a pleasure to serve as chair of this committee for the past two years. When I rotate off the committee after the annual meeting, I will be happy to forward my notes and email communications on to the next chair.