

**ALHFAM Committee on Regional Networking (CORN) report
October 2015**

As of October 7, 2015 reports have been received from all regions except Atlantic Canada.

Most regions are functioning well although the Canadian regions continue to struggle with succession and conference planning.

All regions have had conferences in 2015 with the exception of the Canadian and Mountain Plains regions. The Mountain Plains regional rep will be encouraging members to attend the Texas Living History Association meeting in January. Several regions have conferences planned two or more years in advance.

Progress has been made in succession planning as most reporting regions now have co-regional chairs (named varyingly) and additional officers (membership chairs, treasurers, etc.). The Western Canada rep indicates she is trying to recruit a co-chair and will continue her efforts. Central Canada also indicates they will be trying to find additional officers.

There have been some issues with regions not using the branding guidelines consistently (also an issue with some PIGs). I will resend these guidelines in late October.

Four of the reporting regions indicate they plan to publish a newsletter this fall or spring. Most have Facebook pages. I would like to explore the capabilities of the new website as the primary means of facilitating regional communication. Facebook is imperfect (at best) in fostering useful discussion or effectively disseminating information and newsletters are inconsistently published. Having all of the regional information in one place, our website, could be beneficial.

There are continuing issues with finances in the New England region. See the attached report.

There was discussion about putting regional funds under the control of the ALHFAM Secretary/Treasurer (as they technically “belong” to the larger organization). I am uncertain that now is the right time for this given the transition period of this position. This could also prove to be difficult in future years as it would require regional reps/treasurers to obtain a new co-signer for their accounts every time the Secretary/Treasurer position changes hands. More discussion is warranted.

Only the Southeast and MOMCC have by-laws. I will encourage the other regions to adopt their own to ensure the forward movement in succession planning is codified and not abandoned.

Semi-annual reports from the regions follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Arenz, CORN chair

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
September 2015
REPORT FROM MID ATLANTIC REGION

Report date: September 29, 2015

Regional Representative: Danielle Houghton & Carrie Fellows

Other regional officers: Tony Shahan, Treasurer

Meetings/conferences held and/or scheduled since last report:

Our most recent business meeting was held on June 20, 2015 during the annual conference hosted by Colonial Williamsburg, VA

Upcoming Meetings/conferences planned:

In 2016 the regional meeting will be hosted by Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland, April 1-3.

In 2017 there is no regional meeting scheduled, all regional members are encouraged to attend the annual conference which will be held in our region at Genesee Country Village, NY.

Newsletters & other publications (actual and scheduled):

No publications scheduled at this time

Other notes or other activities or comments (PLEASE list your current officers, elected or appointed in your region). Attach your region's bylaws or procedures manual if you have one.

Current Officers

Co-Regional Representative: Danielle Houghton (term expires 2017)

Co-Regional Representative: Carrie Fellows (term expires 2019)

Treasurer: Tony Shahan

Number of ALHFAM members in the region at last semi-annual report:

As of May 29, 2015: 205 (all categories)

As of May 29, 2015 the region had a total of 205 members, including 7 Business, 50 Institution, 16 Joint, 2 Library, 1 Patron, 85 Regular, 11 Retired, 6 Student, and 27 Supporting members. (per national records 5/20/15)

Number of ALHFAM members currently in the region:

As of September 29, 2015: 214 (all categories)

As of September 29, 2015 the region has a total of 214 members, including 8 Business, 52 Institution, 16 Joint, 2 Library, 1 Patron, 91 Regular, 11 Retired, 6 Student, and 27 Supporting members. (per regional records; unofficial)

Regional Membership Chair (The ALHFAM board encourages regions to appoint or elect a regional membership chair. The person will communicate with other regional membership chairs in the ALHFAM Membership Committee):

Chair Vacant

Do you contact new ALHFAM members from your region? (How quickly do you do this after you receive the information from the ALHFAM treasurer? If you do not do this, but the "regional membership chair" does, then please include that person's answer to this question here.)

A letter is sent to all new members welcoming them to the region. These are sent as soon as possible (typically within a day or two) upon receipt of the member's contact information.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Balance October 21, 2014		\$10,219.30
Income		
ALHFAM Online Auction	\$ 297.50	
Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference Income	\$ 1,918.10	
Regional Conference Auction	<u>\$ 1,123.00</u>	
		\$ 3,338.60
Expense		
Regional Conference Fellowships (3)	<u>\$ 675.35</u>	
		(\$ 675.35)
Liabilities		
National Conference Fellowships (5)	\$ 3,050.00	
		(\$ 3,050.00)
Balance September 29, 2015		<u>\$ 9,832.55</u>

Have you changed banks or signatures? No

What bank is now holding your account? Bryn Mawr Trust

Is Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan a co-signer on your account? (Remember, except for MOMCC, ALHFAM regions are not financially separate entities.) Yes

Did you send Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan your end of year balance for ALHFAM tax reporting purposes? Yes

What sources of income does your Region have? Online Auction, Regional Conferences, Conference Auctions

Is your Region's income adequate to needs such as fellowships, office expenses, support of Regional Conferences, etc.? YES!

Do you want to request the \$250 stipend ALHFAM provides for regions? No

If Yes – briefly describe the uses for the stipend and how this will benefit regional members:

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
September 2015
REPORT FROM MOMCC REGION

Report date: September 2015

Regional Representative: Betsy Urven

Other regional officers:

Jon Kuester – Past President

Betsy Urven – President

Kyle Bagnall - Vice President

Dawn Bondhus Mueller – Secretary

Lindsey Wallace – Treasurer

Jim Bloomstrand, Melinda Cerriker, Mike Follin – Members at Large

Becky Crabb - Spring Conference Coordinator

Monique Ingot - Fall Conference Coordinator

Julie Brown - Editor in Chief

Rachel Neubauer, Ed Crabb – Web Master

Meetings/conferences held and/or scheduled since last report: Spring Conference, March

Upcoming Meetings/conferences planned: dates, theme, location and any other information

Fall Conference – November 5 – 7, 2015 Elkhart Lake, WI – *When History Doesn't Matter: Missions, Visions, and Reality*

Spring Conference – March 10 – 12, 2016, Delphi, IN – *Storied Past, Stellar Future*

Newsletters & other publications (actual and scheduled):

1st issue of 2015 magazine out

Other notes or other activities or comments (PLEASE list your current officers, elected or appointed in your region). Attach your region's bylaws or procedures manual if you have one.

Number of ALHFAM members in the region at last semi-annual report:

Number of ALHFAM members currently in the region: 264 – MOMCC members are automatically ALHFAM members

Regional Membership Chair (The ALHFAM board encourages regions to appoint or elect a regional membership chair. The person will communicate with other regional membership chairs in the ALHFAM Membership Committee): Kyle Bagnall

Do you contact new ALHFAM members from your region? (How quickly do you do this after you receive the information from the ALHFAM treasurer? If you do not do this, but the "regional membership chair" does, then please include that person's answer to this question here.)

Members are contacted less than week after the information is received from ALHFAM. They are encouraged to become involved and informed about upcoming conferences.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Date of last financial report: March 8, 2015

Ending balance from last financial report:

Income: 11753.39

Expenses: 14245.61

Closing balance (date):

Have you changed banks or signatures? no

What bank is now holding your account? First Mid Illinois Bank

Is Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan a co-signer on your account? (Remember, except for MOMCC, ALHFAM regions are not financially separate entities.) no

Did you send Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan your end of year balance for ALHFAM tax reporting purposes? no

What sources of income does your Region have? memberships and conferences

Is your Region's income adequate to needs such as fellowships, office expenses, support of Regional Conferences, etc.? yes

Do you want to request the \$250 stipend ALHFAM provides for regions? no

If Yes – briefly describe the uses for the stipend and how this will benefit regional members:

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
October 2015
REPORT FROM Mountain Plains REGION

Report date: 30 September 2015

Regional Representative: Kay Cynova

Other regional officers: Regional Vice Representative: David Fowler— Regional Membership Chair – Carol Kennis Lopez.

Meetings/conferences held and/or scheduled since last report: - *None*

Upcoming Meetings/conferences planned: No meeting planned for 2015 – No offers to host submitted. Will be participating in a joint regional conference in early November 2016 with MOMCCat Olathe, KS. Working with Tim Talbott. Also planning to promote and support regional participation in the Texas Living History Association conference January 21 – 24 , 2016.

Newsletters & other publications (actual and scheduled): Newsletter scheduled to go out by mid October 2015. Awaiting submissions.

Other notes or other activities or comments: During the regional meeting at the national conference in Williamsburg, David Fowler was elected as the Vice Representative of the region, while Kay Cynova was retained to be the Regional Representative until the June 2017 National Conference, when David Fowler will then take over as the Regional Representative. At that time a new vice-representative will be elected at the regional meeting. Both David fowler and Carol Kennis Lopez have been added as administrators of the Mountain- Plains Regional Facebook page, joining Kay Cynova and Derrick Birdsall. All have been very active in promoting the page and documenting many different events that have occurred in the region.

Number of ALHFAM members in the region at last semi-annual report: 94

Number of ALHFAM members currently in the region: 93

Regional Membership Chair (The ALHFAM board encourages regions to appoint or elect a regional membership chair. The person will communicate with other regional membership chairs in the ALHFAM Membership Committee): Carol Kennis Lopez volunteered to become the regional Membership Chair at the Regional meeting held during the National Conference at Williamsburg in June 2015. While Carol has stated that she has not done anything as of yet, I know that she interacts with many members in the region.

Do you contact new ALHFAM members from your region? Send emails as soon as possible after receiving information from Judith. Point them to the national web page, Facebook page and regional Facebook page. Currently have 203 Facebook followers on our regional page. Page managers are mentioned above.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Date of last financial report: 31 May 2015

Ending balance from last financial report: \$6569.51 Bank statement date 22 May 2015 (received 29 May 2015)

Income: None

Expenses: Dispersed \$610.00 to the Cherokee Strip Regional Center for Cody Joliff, who was the recipient of the 2015 regional fellowship to attend the national conference.

Closing balance (date): \$5959.52 Bank statement date 25 Sept 2015. (Rec'd 30 Sept 2015.)

Have you changed banks or signatures? No

What bank is now holding your account? Home Federal Bank, Grand Island, NE

Is Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan a co-signer on your account? Yes

Did you send Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan your end of year balance for ALHFAM tax reporting purposes? Yes

What sources of income does your Region have? Conferences & Online Auction

Is your Region's income adequate to needs such as fellowships, office expenses, support of Regional Conferences, etc.? At this time, yes.

Do you want to request the \$250 stipend ALHFAM provides for regions? No

If Yes – briefly describe the uses for the stipend and how this will benefit regional members:

REPORT FROM New England REGION - September 2015 - submitted by Katy O'Neill-Day

Report date: September 30, 2015

Regional Representative: Katy O'Neill-Day ~ Elected March 14th, 2015

Other regional officers:

Associate Regional Rep: *Lauren McCormack*

And *Rhys Simmons*, membership chair

Meetings/conferences held and/or scheduled since last report:

Regional Conference at Mystic Seaport, March 2015, Annual Meeting, Willimasburg,VA June 2015.

Upcoming Meetings/conferences planned:

Regional 2016 is pending a host

Newsletters & other publications (actual and scheduled):

Other notes or other activities or comments (PLEASE list your current officers, elected or appointed in your region). Attach your region's bylaws or procedures manual if you have one.

Number of ALHFAM members in the region at last semi-annual report: 59

Number of ALHFAM members currently in the region: 75

Regional Membership Chair: *Rhys Simmons*

Do you contact new ALHFAM members from your region? Yes.

How quickly do you do this after you receive the information from the ALHFAM treasurer?

I created a postcard with my picture to introduce myself and welcome new members to ALHFAM. I sent postcards to all new members starting with the 3-01-2015 date. I continue to send these postcards to new members with a one to two business days of receiving the names from Judith S.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In my possession I have \$258.00 cash, these funds were received directly from the ALFHAM auction that took place at Mystic Seaport for the Regional meeting, March 13-15, 2015

I do not have information on any financial aspects as the Regional Representative. Nothing has been passed on to me, nor have I received the information I need to open a back account locally. Judith S. is working on some of these details.

May 2015, Note from Tom K. : Due to local banks not allowing out of state signatories to accounts, past Regional Rep. Ryan Beckman placed the ALHFAM regional funds in a dedicated account at Old Sturbridge Village until the issue Katy refers to can be resolved. Not ideal but at least safe. I will light yet another fire under Ryan to resolve all this with Katy.

As of 9/30/15

Post Annual Conference: Tom K. was in possession of \$148.00 checks in an OSV account, he urged me to open a local account to allocate all financials to the same location.

I asked Lauren McCormack to please handle the financials as associate rep. Lauren was elected at our regional meeting that took place in Williamsburg. The last I heard was that Lauren was going to ask Tom how to do this.

Date of last financial report: Oct. 24, 2014

Ending balance from last financial report: \$5434.61

Income: \$406 (\$148.00 checks at OSV, and \$258.00 cash, in my possession)

Expenses: \$425(Fellowship)

Closing balance (date): \$5,009.61 in account + \$406 =\$5415.61

Have you changed banks or signatures? See above

What bank is now holding your account? See above

Is Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan a co-signer on your account?

Did you send Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan your end of year balance for ALHFAM tax reporting purposes?

What sources of income does your Region have? *Regional conferences and auctions*

Is your Region's income adequate to needs such as fellowships, office expenses, support of Regional Conferences, etc.? Yes

Do you want to request the \$250 stipend ALHFAM provides for regions? No

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
October 2015
REPORT FROM SOUTHEAST REGION

Report date: *September 27, 2015*

Regional Representative: *Eve King*

Other regional officers: *Kari Barley, Co Representative/ Regional Membership Chair*
Dean Hardman, Treasurer

Wind Chapman, Social Media /Facebook Administrator

Meetings/conferences held and/or scheduled since last report:

SE Regional Conferences scheduled as follows:

2017 Historic Travellers Rest Plantation, Nashville TN

2018 Atlanta History Center, Atlanta GA

Upcoming Meetings/conferences planned: dates, theme, location and any other information

Southeast Regional Meeting

March 11-13 2016

West Virginia University's Jackson's Mill

Weston, WV

"Can we all work together?" Sharing Knowledge and Resources; A Partnership for Success

We will be offering 4 Fellowships at \$300.00 each for the regional meeting

Newsletters & other publications (actual and scheduled): *Facebook page only*

Other notes or other activities or comments (PLEASE list your current officers, elected or appointed in your region). Attach your region's bylaws or procedures manual if you have one. :

Eve King, Regional Representative

Kari Barley, Co Representative/ Regional Membership Chair

Dean Hardman, Treasurer

Wind Chapman, Social Media

Number of ALHFAM members in the region at last semi-annual report: *190*

Number of ALHFAM members currently in the region: *217 (this may include those who have not renewed.)*

Regional Membership Chair (The ALHFAM board encourages regions to appoint or elect a regional membership chair. The person will communicate with other regional membership chairs in the ALHFAM Membership Committee): *Kari Barley*

Do you contact new ALHFAM members from your region? (How quickly do you do this after you receive the information from the ALHFAM treasurer? If you do not do this, but the "regional membership chair" does, then please include that person's answer to this question here.)

We currently have not been contacting new members in a timely manner. This is the job of the Membership Chair.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Date of last financial report: *05/31/2015*

Ending balance from last financial report: *\$ 10514.59*

Income: *\$ 0.00*

Expenses: *\$ 0.00*

Closing balance (09/28/2015): *\$ 10514.59*

Have you changed banks or signatures? *No*

What bank is now holding your account? *Citizens Bank of Weston*

Is Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan a co-signer on your account? *Yes*

Did you send Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan your end of year balance for ALHFAM tax reporting purposes? *Yes*

What sources of income does your Region have? *Profits form regional conferences and auction, On-Line Auction and ALHFAM*

Is your Region's income adequate to needs such as fellowships, office expenses, support of Regional Conferences, etc.? *Yes*

Do you want to request the \$250 stipend ALHFAM provides for regions? *NO*

If Yes – briefly describe the uses for the stipend and how this will benefit regional members:

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
October 2015
REPORT FROM WESTERN REGION

Report date: September 28, 2015

Regional Representative: Mick Woodcock

Other regional officers: Linda Evans Assistant Regional Rep., Mike Smola Membership Chair, Eileen Hook Newsletter Editor, Jessica Maria Alicia-Covarrubias Newsletter Publisher.

Meetings/conferences held and/or scheduled since last report: McMinnville, OR September 24-26, 2015

Upcoming Meetings/conferences planned: dates, theme, location and any other information
Eugene, OR hosted by the Dorris Ranch, Fall 2016.

Newsletters & other publications (actual and scheduled): Fall newsletter to be published in November 2015.

Other notes or other activities or comments (PLEASE list your current officers, elected or appointed in your region). Attach your region's bylaws or procedures manual if you have one.

Number of ALHFAM members in the region at last semi-annual report: 65

Number of ALHFAM members currently in the region: 52 current dues-paid members (includes individual, business, and institutional). 16 members have not renewed their expired membership as of 9/15/2015 and are currently in arrears. These members in arrears have been contact by email and a letter will be sent soon regarding their lapsed membership.

Regional Membership Chair (The ALHFAM board encourages regions to appoint or elect a regional membership chair. The person will communicate with other regional membership chairs in the ALHFAM Membership Committee): See above.

Do you contact new ALHFAM members from your region? (How quickly do you do this after you receive the information from the ALHFAM treasurer? If you do not do this, but the "regional membership chair" does, then please include that person's answer to this question here.) Yes, Mike Smola does. He sends a letter to the new member within 48 hours of receiving the information.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Date of last financial report: May 21, 2015

Ending balance from last financial report: \$5806.30 as of May 21, 2015

Income: 0

Expenses: 0

Closing balance (date): \$5806.30 as of September 28, 2015

Have you changed banks or signatures? No

What bank is now holding your account? National Bank of Arizona

Is Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan a co-signer on your account? (Remember, except for MOMCC, ALHFAM regions are not financially separate entities.) Yes.

Did you send Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan your end of year balance for ALHFAM tax reporting purposes? Yes.

What sources of income does your Region have? Auction at the regional meeting.

Is your Region's income adequate to needs such as fellowships, office expenses, support of Regional Conferences, etc.? No.

Do you want to request the \$250 stipend ALHFAM provides for regions? No.

If Yes – briefly describe the uses for the stipend and how this will benefit regional members:

** Mick provided an update on the regional conference after this report was submitted. The conference was very successful with 29 attendees. The auction brought in \$561 and the conference organizers expect to provide the region with a \$1,400 surplus.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

October 2015
REPORT FROM CENTRAL CANADA REGION

Report date: Friday October 2, 2015
Regional Representative: Karin Taylor
Other regional officers:

Meetings/conferences held and/or scheduled since last report: A spring Regional entitled *Breaking Down the Barriers to History: Improving Accessibility & New Experiences in Living History* was planned for May 9-10, 2015 hosted by Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg, ON. This regional was delayed till the fall to try and increase participation. A fall meeting has not currently been planned as convenient dates with Upper Canada Village are difficult to confirm.

Upcoming Meetings/conferences planned: We are hoping to confirm dates for the above delayed meeting imminently with the host site Upper Canada Village. An itinerary is attached for the Board's perusal.

In light of the potential for the 2019 Meeting & Conference being hosted in the Central Canada Region (by Huronia Historical Parks in Midland, ON.), meetings have been held with interested members to discuss very very preliminary ideas on theme, hotels, food services and site visits.

Newsletters & other publications (actual and scheduled): We maintain a Facebook page which is updated with both Regional, Board and Member materials.

Other notes or other activities or comments (PLEASE list your current officers, elected or appointed in your region). Attach your region's bylaws or procedures manual if you have one.

Elected Members in the Region:

ALHFAM Board of Directors Member Del Taylor
Regional Representative Karin Taylor

We do not have bylaws or a procedures manual, though these will be developed before the Regional in the spring for perusal of the members and then forwarded for approval to the Board of Directors.

Number of ALHFAM members in the region at last semi-annual report: 45

Number of ALHFAM members currently in the region: 54

Regional Membership Chair (The ALHFAM board encourages regions to appoint or elect a regional membership chair. The person will communicate with other regional membership chairs in the ALHFAM Membership Committee):

Central Canada Region will elect a Membership Chair at the next Regional Meeting- date TBD.

Do you contact new ALHFAM members from your region? (How quickly do you do this after you receive the information from the ALHFAM treasurer? If you do not do this, but the "regional membership chair" does, then please include that person's answer to this question here.)

A process for this will be developed before the next Regional meeting.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Date of last financial report: Unknown

Ending balance from last financial report: \$1026.00 Cdn.
Income: \$0
Expenses: \$0
Closing balance (date): \$1026.00 Cdn.

Have you changed banks or signatures? No
What bank is now holding your account? Unknown

Is Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan a co-signer on your account? (Remember, except for MOMCC, ALHFAM regions are not financially separate entities.)

Did you send Secretary/Treasurer Judi Sheridan your end of year balance for ALHFAM tax reporting purposes? The Regional Rep does not have access to the Regional bank account. The previous Rep Darryl Wines requested needed monies from the current account holder Bruce Henbest. The current Rep will discuss this financial arrangement with Bruce as soon as possible.

What sources of income does your Region have? Regional Meetings
Is your Region's income adequate to needs such as fellowships, office expenses, support of Regional Conferences, etc.? Yes, currently

Do you want to request the \$250 stipend ALHFAM provides for regions?

If Yes – briefly describe the uses for the stipend and how this will benefit regional members: We would like to request \$250 once we have developed a “New Members” package from the Region. This request will be forwarded before the next Board of Directors meeting at the National Conference in June 2016 at Baton Rouge.

An informal report was provided by Susan Reckseidler for the **Western Canada** region. No changes since last report and she is continuing to look for a co-rep.