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## 2019 Conference Theme: Identity: Hungarian, European, Global?

Dear AHEA friends and colleagues:

It was great to connect with you at our annual meeting in Pittsburgh. Many thanks to so many of you who made this year's conference a success. We had wonderful presentations, opportunities to network, consider new disciplinary perspectives, and enjoy each other's company.



*Keynote speaker János Kenyeres*

We celebrated the contributions of one of our founding members, Dr. Steven Béla Várdy. Helena History Press established a scholarship in his name. It was touching to see all who remember and are committed to Dr. Várdy's legacy of outstanding scholarship and high standards of research.

We expanded possibilities for collaboration and professional advancement in AHEA this year. Our 'Call for Abstracts' included paper presentations, panel discussions, and workshops. We would like these options to

expand even further for AHEA 2020. Stay tuned for the 'Call for Abstracts' available later this year.

The AHEA's Membership Development Officer is working with an active and engaged group to increase participation in and knowledge about AHEA. Judging from our website 'hits' and our growing membership rosters, we have encouraging signs of growth.



*Conference talk*

We have a By-Laws Committee reviewing and updating our governance structure. This Committee is recommending several important changes to our By-Laws and clearly articulating the roles and responsibilities of our Officers and Advisory Board. They plan to have revisions available for a vote by you, our members, sometime in early spring 2020.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at next year's Conference in Pécs to be held on June 25-27, 2020 at the University of Pécs

in Pécs. The University of Pécs is the oldest University in Hungary, established in 1367. The program planners have quite a conference planned in this remarkable setting. There is an optional cruise down the Danube from June 28 – July 3, 2020. Stay posted for announcements and details regarding this adventure.

Please consider getting more involved in AHEA's activities. AHEA has benefited from so many dedicated individuals who have given their time and talents to keep this organization going and growing. We are here to learn of your academic needs and find ways as an organization to foster and cultivate outstanding scholarship. Do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have

comments or suggestions. This is our time to listen intently to you, our members, and consider strengthening our connections to better achieve our mission.

With warmest wishes for your [and our] continued success,

Klára K. Papp, PhD, President, AHEA

A [photo and video report](#) from the 44<sup>th</sup> AHEA conference, by Zsolt Molnár of the Cleveland Bocskai Rádió, and Nóra Deák of AHEA is posted on the AHEA website <https://ahea.net/photo-album>



*Having a good time at the closing banquet  
at the Frick Fine Arts Cloisters*

## AHEA Membership Meeting

April 6, 2019

### Minutes

Posvar 3911 8:30 – 9:30 AM EST

#### 1. **President's Report:**

Klára Papp acknowledged the contributions of the members of the AHEA19 Program Committee and thanked them for their contributions to this year's conference. In all, there were 50 papers in the abstract booklet including individual papers and one panel discussion. She also acknowledged and thanked the local organizing committee chaired by Dr. Zsuzsanna Magdó, Associate Director of REEES, Susan Dawkins, Acting Engagement Coordinator, and Sera Passerini, Administrative Assistant. She outlined three major initiatives by AHEA this coming year: planning a memorable program in 2020 at the University of Pécs, bringing AHEA's by-laws into compliance with Maryland non-profit organizations, and discerning more effective ways of supporting our mission and supporting our members. She asked that all think about and recommend a theme of next year's conference.

#### 2. **Vice-president's Report:**

Helga Lénárt-Cheng submitted her report in writing. She is chair of the By-Laws Committee and is proposing revisions to the By-Laws that she will offer for review and discussion to the members in the Spring of 2020.

#### 3. **Secretary's Report:**

Zsuzsanna Varga [report deferred]

#### 4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Kálmán Magyar presented the treasurer's report [shown below].

#### 5. **Membership Development Officer's Report:**

Katalin Kádár Lynn submitted her report in writing and explained the activities that her committee had undertaken this past year to increase knowledge about AHEA and its mission.

#### 6. **Executive Director's Report:**

Enikő Basa explained that this year, since the officers of AHEA were so active and doing their jobs, the Executive Director did not have much to do but to guide and advise the group in its activities.

#### 7. **Plans for AHEA 2020** We saw a brief video of Pécs, the site of our meeting in 2020.

Mónika Fodor, Chair of the local organizing committee in Pécs gave a brief outline of plans. Ákos Jarjabka, an attendee and presenter at this year's AHEA conference gave a brief overview of the University and warmly welcomed everyone, along with Mónika Fodor (on Skype), to next year's conference. The dates are June 25 – 27, 2020. If you have suggestions for the theme of next year's conference, please submit your suggestion to [info@ahca.net](mailto:info@ahca.net). Following the conference, June 28 – July 3, 2020 an optional cruise down the Danube River is planned by Kálmán Magyar. More information is included below.

#### 8. **Plans for AHEA 2021**

Katalin Vörös noted that the conference in 2021 will be hosted by the Institute of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies at UC Berkeley.

## 9. Other Business

Previous Newsletters can be viewed on our website, <https://ahea.net/newsletters>. Please note that we now have all the issues scanned in, starting with Volume I No 1. These documents contain the 44-year history of the AHEA, including all the Membership Meeting (formerly called Business Meeting) minutes. Thank you Enikő M. Basa, for providing the archival issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Submitted by Klára Papp [filling in for Zsuzsanna Varga, Secretary of AHEA].

**Financial Statement**  
**American Hungarian Educators Association**  
FY Jan.1 2018 - Dec. 31, 2018

### Checking Account

Beginning balance	\$ 3,041.70
Income	<u>13,350.20</u>
Sub total	16,291.90
Expenses	<u>-13,108.80</u>
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$3,283.10</b>

### Income Summary

Dues and Donations	\$ 1956.20
Conference registrations, donations, fees	11,394.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$13,350.20</b>

### Expenses Summary

Web maintenance	\$ 180.00
Server	335.00
E-Journal technical editor	1,000.00
E-Journal hosting U. of Pittsburgh	1,000.00
Flowers for condolences	152.12
Transferred to Savings	500.00
Transferred to Investment (Ameriprise)	3,000.00
Conference	<u>6,941.68</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,108.80</b>

### Savings Account

Beginning balance	\$1,084.49
Interest	5.06
Deposit from checking	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$1,589.55</b>

### Investment (Ameriprise)

Jan. 1, 2018	\$51,085.95
Withdrawals (Travel Grants)	-2,000.00
Additions (From Conference)	3,000.00

Amount with Ameriprise Dec. 31, 2018	\$48,607.64
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### **Information about the planned Danube boat trip after the 2020 conference**

Following the Conference we are planning to organize a special Danube tour down the historic part of the Danube – leaving from Budapest, down through Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania. The specialty of this tour will be that we travel by boat all day; a guide will explain the sights on both sides of the river. In the evening we will debark from the boat and will stay in a hotel – and after breakfast we will again travel by boat all day. At the end of the tour we will return to Budapest by bus. The boat will be small, equipped for about 50 travelers. We hope we can assemble a very nice closed group of members and friends of AHEA for the trip. All activities will be bilingual. Please plan to attend! The cost will be 1000 US dollars. A great price for a 5 day boat trip – all inclusive!

#### **Boat trip to the Vaskapu**

**Date:** June 29 [Monday] – July 4 [Friday]

**Accommodation:** mid-range hotels, double, en-suite rooms

**Meals:** Breakfast and dinner (optional lunch on board)

**Travel:** with ship, comfortable, air-conditioned bus

**Guided tours:** all through the program

#### **Day 1: Navigating through Hungary**

Departure at 7:30 a.m. from Budapest (1653 stream kilometer). During the whole day long voyage we will visit the following sights: free port of Csepel, Eötvös monument in Ercsi, end of the Csepel island at Tass, castle of Dunaföldvár, Nuclear Power Plant of Paks, memorial of Biskó, the ship of the movie: The Danube Pilot at Uszód, estuary of the river Sió, Gemenc woods, Sugovica and memorials of King Charles IV and István Türr at Baja, Kádár island, loess wall at Dunaszekcső. We will dock at Mohács (1447 stream kilometer) at 7-8 p.m. checking in at the waterfront accommodation.

#### **Day 2: At the edge of the Great Plains, turning towards East**

Departure from Mohács at 8 a.m. Control at the border in Mohács. On the second day of our boat trip we can see the following sights: Francis canal and channel system at Bácska, Kopacevo meadow, estuary of the river Drava, castle of Erdud, the former Budapest Adriatic ferrying place, mementos of Yugoslavian war at Vukovar, Fruska Gora mountains, castle of Ilok (which is regarded as the “nest” of the people of Újlak) with the grave of St. John of Capistrano, and at the end of the day we will visit Petrovaradin. For those who require half board services, dinner will be served on the ship. We will dock in Novi Sad at 7-8 p.m. (1255 stream kilometer). After the Serbian entry examination, transfer to the hotel by bus.

**Day 3: On the increasing Danube**

After having breakfast, we will go up to the castle of Petrovaradin by bus. We will visit the huge fortress and the famous clock tower of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy. We will depart at 10 a.m. from Novi Sad by ship. The sights from the Danube during the day: loess wall of Titel, estuary of river Tisza, Millenium Tower at Zemun. Reaching the river Sava, we will dock at the Serbian capital, Beograd (1170 stream kilometer). Transfer bus to castle of Nándorfehérvár. After a lovely walk in the extensive woods we will check in the hotel.

**Day 4: From the Sava River to the Cascade**

Departure from Beograd at 8 a.m. Major attractions from the Danube: Pancevo – estuary of river Tamis, castle of Smederevo, Ram with the Danube broadening out more kilometers wide, castle of Ram, Banatska Palanka with the estuary of Danube-Tisza-Danube canal, Bazias with the estuary of river Nera, the Silver island, Babakay rock, and castle of Golubac. We dock the boat at Veliko Gradisten [059 stream kilometer]. Here we board the bus and visit the Silver Island, the Golubac [Galmbos] Castle and we will return to our hotel at the shore of the Silver Island.

**DAY 5: The Cascade**

We depart in the morning, we reach the former cascade part of the Danube: Baross plate, Stenka, Kozla-Dojke, Izlas-Tachtalia, Jeliseva, Svinica cascades, and the Greben promontory. Later the Széchenyi memeorial plate. After traveling on the Danube over 700 km we complete the boat trip in Orsova (954 stream kilometer). In the course of our trip, we will hear a presentation about building the Iron Gate power plant, navigating through cascades, and the regulation of the Cascade. After the Romanian border crossing, we visit the Catholic Church and we will hear the story of the Hungarian Crown jewels as it related to Orsova – this is the most eastern city of the old Hungary. We will sleep in (Szörényvár) Drobeta Turnu Severin.

**Day 6: Through the Bánság region**

Departure from Herculeanera by bus, but we will visit the famous baths, which were prominent during the Monarchy. In the Temesvár (Timisoara) area we will visit a winery and enjoy wine tasting, visit the city and travel back to Budapest, arrive in the evening.

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**AHEA Membership Dues Renewal**

Dues are payable for the calendar year. All members are urged to send dues for the current year if not yet paid. Reminders for dues renewal are emailed in January. Check out your entry under Members, <http://ahea.net/members>, for last time we received dues from you, changes you wish to make, additional information, etc.

*Dues: Regular members: \$30.00, Couples/Joint members: \$50.00, Students: \$10.00*

Make checks payable to: AHEA and send to AHEA, 4515 Willard Ave. Apt. 2210 Chevy Chase, MD 20815. You may also pay on-line with PayPal at <http://ahea.net/members/membership-information>

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