



2020 December Newsletter

A Message from President Papp

Dear AHEA Friends and Colleagues,

We are fortunate to have a community of colleagues through AHEA who continue to inspire us with their scholarship, support, collaboration during these past months. With the distribution of vaccines, we are hopeful that life will get back to a semblance of normal in time for our next AHEA conference. Our lives have unalterably changed as we appreciate the value of connecting remotely. AHEA's Executive Committee is discussing hosting a hybrid conference in 2021 that includes both remote as well as in-person participation and attendance. Please note the dates of next year's [AHEA Conference in Pécs, Hungary in June 24-26, 2021](#).

As far as submissions go, accepted abstracts from AHEA 2020 will be carried over to AHEA 2021. We will contact authors of accepted abstracts in early January 2021 to ask whether they plan to attend AHEA 2021 and present the abstracts previously submitted. Once we know where we stand with abstracts "carried over" from 2020, we will open a call for new submissions in 2021.

Please check our website (AHEA.net) periodically for additional information.

The other very substantial news is that we have prepared new Bylaws thanks to the leadership of our vice-president, Helga Lenart-Cheng and the Bylaws Committee.

I want to thank you, the members and the leadership of AHEA, for your continued support, collaboration, and community. Please contact me with comments, suggestions, feedback. We are open to learning your perspectives on strengthening ties and better achieving our mission.

May you be happy, healthy, and succeed in the pursuit of your scholarly endeavors. May we all meet again in Hungary, in 2021.

Wishing you all the best,
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AHEA Advisory Board

Advances Bylaw Amendments

Member Vote to Approve Coming Soon

On November 13, 2020 the AHEA Advisory Board voted unanimously to advance a slate of major changes to our organization's bylaws to a vote of member approval. The changes, drafted by a special committee, will streamline and modernize AHEA's organizational structure, as well as ensure continued compliance with the laws governing nonprofits in the State of Maryland, where AHEA is registered. Included among the proposed amendments will be:

- the elimination of the Executive Director position and the distribution of its tasks among the members of the Advisory Board;
- the creation of a Standing Rules document detailing AHEA's day-to-day operational policies and procedures.

These proposals are the result of two years of work on the part of officers Klara Papp (President), Helga Lenart-Cheng (Vice President), Katalin Kadar Lynn (Membership Officer) and Judith Nemethy (Nominating Committee Chair). After more than a dozen meetings, several drafts, and consultations with attorneys and in-depth discussions with the Board, the committee prepared the final draft in October.

According to AHEA's existing By-Laws, "Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association shall be made through the regular voting procedure by a 2/3 majority vote of the members voting." The next step, therefore, will be for the membership to ratify these amendments. Please watch your inboxes for voting instructions in the coming months, and be sure to cast your ballot!

AHEA Announces New Long-Term Membership Rates

We are pleased to announce that AHEA members have additional, long-term options for renewal. These new categories will aid both our financial planning and yours—and save you money!

We have introduced **Life Membership**, a one-time dues payment of \$500 (per individual) that never expires. We now also offer a **three-year membership** at a discounted rate of \$80.

Couples membership at a discounted rate has been discontinued.

Regular dues remain \$30 per year, and Student dues will continue to be annually renewable at \$10.

Where Your Membership Dollar Goes



**AWARDS AND
SCHOLARSHIPS**
28%

CONFERENCE OPERATIONS
43%

**INTERNET
HOSTING
AND
SUPPORT**
12%

**ORGANIZATIONAL
OVERHEAD**
17%

71% of your membership dues directly fund AHEA's mission of the **teaching and dissemination of Hungarian culture** through the annual conference and scholarship support programs. The other 29% helps keep our organization running.

Renew Your Membership Online Today!

Only members in good standing can vote in leadership elections. Please remember to renew yours! [Click here](#) to access our PayPal link, or to get information on paying by check or bank transfer.