



January 2021 Newsletter

President's Corner

As we rang in the New Year, we were thrilled to leave 2020 behind. Yet as the events of Jan. 6th unfolded, we were horrified and shocked at the attack on our government. Like so many others, I was glued to the news and found it unbelievable that such events happened in these United States. For me, it underscored the key role we have, as scholars and educators, in holding ourselves to the highest level of integrity, to distinguish fact from opinion and to recognize the manipulation of truth. I pray that AHEA, along with all organizations and institutions of higher learning, be up to the task and may we instill those core skills and values in our students. We have much work ahead of us.

AHEA's Executive Committee and Program Planning Committees are hard at work initiating plans for AHEA21 in Pecs. We will contact authors whose abstracts were accepted in 2020 to invite them to present their abstracts in 2021. Considering space remaining, we will issue a call for abstracts for AHEA 21. Please watch for information forthcoming.

Here's wishing you all the best in 2021 with good health, much happiness and success. Please reach out if you have comments or suggestions on how AHEA might further support your scholarly pursuits.

*With best wishes,
Klara Papp, PhD
President, AHEA*

Member Spotlight

AHEA is a scholarly organization connecting a diverse set of educators, researchers, professionals, independent scholars and academics who come from many walks of life. Each month we highlight the academic and professional career of a different AHEA member.



*This month's featured member is **Katalin Kadar Lynn, PhD.***

Dr. Kádár Lynn was born in Budapest and emigrated with her family to Germany at the end of WWII and then to the United States through the Displaced Persons (DP) program. She was educated in the United States (BA from the University of Colorado and an MLA from Washington University in St. Louis, MO). After a career in business and college teaching, she obtained a PhD in 20th Century Hungarian History at Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest that she received with honors.

Her area of specialization is 20th century history, with an emphasis on WWII, the Cold War, United States – East European political relations and émigré political movements. Her scholarship is substantial and significant. In addition, she is the Editor-in-Chief and founder of [Helena History Press, LLC](http://HelenaHistoryPress.com) a publishing firm specializing in scholarship about and from Central and East Europe in English.

For over a decade, Dr. Kadar Lynn has supported the work of AHEA in numerous ways. She served on AHEA's Advisory Board. She established the first Stephen Béla Várdy Scholarship. She serves on the Bylaws Committee and is tireless in her efforts as AHEA's founding Membership Development Officer. She mentors the younger generation of leadership within our community; she served as advisor to Réka Pigniczky and Andrea Lauer's on their Memory Project and Árpád Kriszán, president of the American Hungarian Library in NYC, and many others.

She was awarded a high honor for distinguished service to Hungary by the Hungarian Government, the Gold Cross Hungarian Order of Merit. The Hungarian American Coalition honored her at their annual Mikulás Gala for her unwavering commitment to publishing top quality scholarship related to Central European history. To quote from this event, "Her commitment to professional scholarship on Central East Europe contributes to a deeper understanding of the region's history and cooperation among its peoples and has earned the enduring gratitude of the Hungarian American community." We are extremely proud and fortunate to have her among our members and leaders in AHEA.

AHEA Executive Committee Updates

Send feedback and suggestions on how we might further support your achievements and scholarly activities to: info@ahea.net

AHEA's Executive Committee meets monthly over Zoom on the second Tuesday of every month, January through May 25th, at 4:00pm/16:00h GMT (UK) / 8:00am (California/Pacific) / 11:00am (New York/Eastern); 5:00pm/17:00h (Hungary/Central Europe).

Standing Agenda:

- Roll call, establishment of quorum – Zsuzsanna Varga
- Review and approval of minutes - Zsuzsanna Varga
- AHEA21 Local Organizing Committee – Kalman Magyar, Mónika Fodor
- Standing Reports by Chairs
 - Bylaws Committee - Helga Lénart-Cheng
 - Membership Development Officer Report – Katalin Kadar Lynn
 - Hungarian Cultural Studies (HCS) Journal – Lujzi Vasvári
 - Treasurer's Report – Kálmán Magyar

- *New Business and Updates*

Don't Let Your Membership Benefits Stop!

Renew your 2021 membership to ensure uninterrupted membership today to ensure access to an expanded network of scholars and academics working in multidisciplinary fields of Hungarian Studies.

AHEA's membership dues enable you to access "Members Only" section of the website, participate in the governance of AHEA through your vote on our newly revised Bylaws as well as officers and board members.

We are pleased to announce membership discounts as well as the option of a new **lifetime membership**. Visit <https://ahea.net/members/membership-information>

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.

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SCHOLARSHIPS**
28%

CONFERENCE OPERATIONS
43%

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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.