



# WI Fall Board Minutes Related

## Westerners International Full Board Meeting October 14, 2010

The Westerners International Full Board Meeting at the Western History Association Conference at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, came to order at 10:00 a.m. with Kent McInnis, Chairman of the Board, presiding.

Board Members Present: John He-

isch, Melvena Heisch, Kent McInnis, Cheryl McInnis, Bruce Dinges, Byron Price, Bob Clark & Will Bagley.

Guests: Mary Pappas and Patricia Etter.

### Approval of Minutes

A quorum of greater than seven being present for the full board meeting, Bruce Dinges moved that the minutes of the July 10, 2010

Summer Board Meeting be approved as distributed. Cheryl McInnis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Financial Report

Kent McInnis gave the financial report for Mary Marvel, Assistant Treasurer.

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Pictured are the items we have for sale or free from the Home Ranch. We now have the bola ties. We are no longer offering \$2 off for any orders of 5 or more of one item. The board has voted for this change due to rising postal rates.

- "Old Joe" Bolas with leather tie
- "Old Joe" lapel pins (gold color only)—\$7.50
- Past Sheriff lapel pins/tie tacks—\$6
- Square Lucite paperweight etched with "Old Joe"—\$8
- Round Lucite speakers gift etched with "Old Joe"—\$10
- Wood speaker's gift or past president trophy—\$15
- Westerners International logo decals—10 for \$1.50
- Westerners International bookplates—24 for \$1
- WI membership cards—Free
- WI brochures—Free

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## **Office Report**

Kent McInnis reported for Burnis Argo, Office Manager and Editor of the *Buckskin Bulletin*.

**Buckskin Bulletin:** Steve Tucker and the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum provide a less expensive and better quality bulletin for our fellow Westerners. In the future, because of the \$1264 savings per issue, we may be able either to send out a hard copy of our fourth quarter edition of *Buckskin Bulletin* or to publish one in color.

**Mailing Lists:** Membership roster updates continue as they come in. Within a two-year time frame we have 58 of 61 chapter rosters current. Three corrals have not responded to our request – Fort Worth, Sacramento, & Powder River. The mailing roster within the past year is down by 525 addresses. The elimination of non-member dead weight reduces mailing & printing costs considerably.

**Dues:** We posted notice about the cost of dues (\$5.00 per person per year) in both the *Buckskin Bulletin* and the Westerners website homepage. Response to the increase is varied, but seldom contentious. The one exception is Nevada Corral, which declared its independence from WI.

## **Old Business**

Mary Marvel compiled the number of both compliant and delinquent dues paying chapters (see attached report). Because some chapters were not able to plan their own dues collections early enough to reflect WI's increase, the Home Ranch will not enforce dues payment until 2011. The WI constitution states corral and posse dues are payable the first day of the calendar year.

The Nevada Corral in an e-mail declared itself divested of Westerners International, because they felt the dues increase of \$2.00 was too much for their chapter to afford. The WI Executive Board concurred with our decision not to accept their intended departure from The Westerners. We have had no response from Sheriff Jack Hursh since May 2010 to our attempts to communicate. Kent McInnis read the letter sent to the Home Ranch (see attached letter). A similar issue with the Utah Westerners turned into a strengthened bond between the Westerners in Salt Lake City and the Home Ranch. Bob Clark asked if the "Westerners International" is a registered trademark? It is, including "The Westerners." Patricia Etter asked, "if they are using their dues under the name Westerners, can they do this?" Not if they truly leave WI. Kent McInnis stated this may become an issue with all non-dues paying corrals and posses, not just with the Nevada Corral. Mary Pappas suggested we pass around the roster of the Reno Corral and search out members here at the WHA meeting.

Bob Clark moved that "any corral or posse or member of Westerners not paying dues be declared ineligible for awards for the year in question and that *Buckskin Bulletin* mail outs be discontinued to such members or chapters. Enforcement

of these measures is left to the discretion of the staff at the Home Ranch. Bruce Dinges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Home Ranch is still seeking ideas of how to attract new and younger members by innovative outreach. Using technology such as the internet could attract younger members. Today's youth often do their socializing online, not in person. Kent McInnis suggested that we may want to establish a "Cyber Corral" for those who would prefer it. It would fit into the same concept of our Maverick Corral, which is designed for those without a local chapter to attend.

## **New Business**

The chairman blames himself for the poor communication with WHA. Their conference bulletin did not list the WI Board Meeting on the schedule, nor was there a meeting room reserved in advance. We also failed to host a WI session at this year's conference. John and Melvena Heisch volunteered to be the liaison between WI and WHA for future conference issues.

Merchandise marketed by local chapters is encouraged. Local chapters should run with a good idea. The Home Ranch would profit from licensing rights to WI merchandise, while giving the local chapters incentive to see their own revenue enhanced. Leon and Marcene Nelson reviewed pricing of WI merchandise. They also found a supplier of our very popular Old Joe Bolas. Our price for bolas returns to \$15 each.

Currently, we leave overseas corrals to their own devices. They do not pay dues. We are looking for better outreach to overseas corrals. The way to enhance commu- Westerners' ideas are encouraged.

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Three new corrals are forming including Vermont and Waco, Texas. They will get promotion on our website and in the *Buckskin Bulletin*. Two new Maverick Corral members signed up so far this week at WHA.

Kent McInnis is concerned about the future of long term staffing of the Home Ranch in Oklahoma City. When WI moved its offices to Oklahoma City from Tucson, Don Reeves helped move the office. He was the youngest member of the new Home Ranch bunch. Today, almost 20 years later, Don is still the youngest member of the staff. We are getting to the point where we need either to revitalize our Home Ranch staff or perhaps move to another city. Who would be interested?

## **Adjourn**

Melvena Heisch moved the meeting adjourn and John Heisch seconded the motion.

The meeting of the full board adjourned 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kent McInnis, Chairman



## 2009 AWARD WINNERS

*Co-Founders Best Book Award*

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Elliott West, Huntington Corral**  
The Last Indian War: The Nez Perce Story  
**Oxford University Press**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Chuck Parsons, English Westerners Society**  
The Sutton-Taylor Feud  
**University of North Texas Press**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Duane A. Smith, Durango Corral**  
The Trail of Gold and Silver: Mining in Colorado, 1859-2009  
**University Press of Colorado**

*Coke Wood Award for Monographs and Articles*

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **John F. Monnett, Boulder Corral**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Robert J. Chandler, San Francisco Corral**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Rex C. Myers, Pahaska Corral**

*Philip A. Danielson Award for Best Programs*

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Gary A. Turner, Los Angeles Corral**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Rex C. Myers, Pahaska Corral**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Joe Briggs, DVM, Prescott Corral**

*Fred Olds Western Poetry Award*

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Tim Heflin, Los Angeles Corral**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Gary Turner, Los Angeles Corral**

*Heads Up Award*

For Corrals organized prior to 1973  
**Los Angeles Corral, Los Angeles, California**  
**Michael Patris, Sheriff**

For Corrals organized 1973 and later  
**Ft. Abraham Lincoln Corral, Bismarck, North Dakota**  
**William F. Hodny, Sheriff**

Overseas Corrals

**Linz Corral, Linz, Austria**  
**Hans Jorg Ratzenboeck, Sheriff**

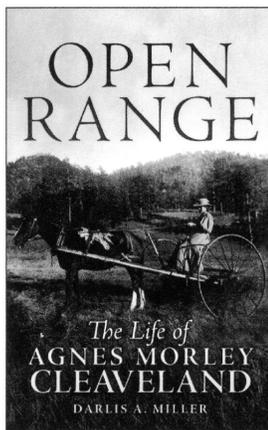
**(Notice from the Editor:** The forms for the 2010 competition are ready and can be obtained three ways. A copy of each of the five awards are included in the packets being sent to all corral "Reps". The forms are currently on the WI web site: [www.westerners-international.org](http://www.westerners-international.org)  
To receive by mail you may call (1-800-541-4650) or write:  
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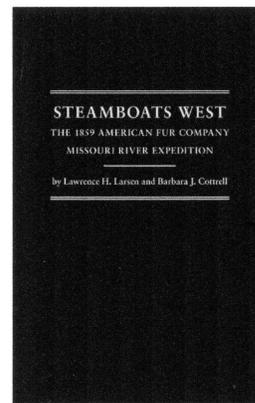
## OPEN RANGE

The Life of Agnes Morley Cleaveland

By Darlis A. Miller

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Agnes Morley Cleaveland found lasting fame after publishing her memoir, *No Life for a Lady*, in 1941. Her account of growing up on a cattle ranch in west-central New Mexico captivated readers from coast to coast. In her book, Cleaveland memorably portrayed herself and other ranch women as capable workers and independent thinkers. Her life, however, was not limited to the ranch. In *Open Range*, Miller shows how a young girl who was a fearless risk-taker grew up to be a prolific author and well-known social activist.



## STEAMBOATS WEST

The 1859 American Fur Company Missouri River Expedition

By Lawrence H. Larsen and Barbara J. Cottrell

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In 1859, the American Fur Company set out on what would then be the longest steamboat trip in North American history—a headline-making, 6,200-mile trek along the Missouri River from St. Louis to Fort Benton in present-day Montana, and back again. *Steamboats West* is an adventure story that navigates the rocky rapids of the upper Missouri to offer a fascinating account of travel to the raw frontier past the pale of settlement. It was a venture that extended trade deep into the Northwest and made an enormous stride in transportation.

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