September 7 HGSA Meeting (Summary)
Submitted by Elaine Nelson, Secretary-Treasurer

HGSA Members Volunteer
-Katie McIntyre is the new graduate student representative for the History Department’s Graduate Advisory Committee (GAC)
-Elizabeth Wingle and Alicia Romero are the new History Department representatives for UNM’s Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA). Normally there is only one graduate student per department, but the History Department is now able to have two representatives because of its increased number of graduate students.
-Sharon Karpinski in the alternate representative for GPSA, and will attend the meetings in the absence of an HGSA rep.
- Erin Cole and Colin Schneider offered to serve as readers for the HGSA scholarship applications.
- Elizabeth Wingle has volunteered her time to update the HGSA website. There was a brief discussion about compensating her for her time through providing her with a $100.00 check each semester.

HGSA Scholarships
-Readers of the scholarship applications are Erin, Colin, and Department Chair Pat Risso.
-The parameters set for the scholarship are as follows:
  -Two student readers and one faculty reader of the applications
  -Students can only receive one scholarship per academic year
  -Students can only receive two scholarship in their entire graduate career at UNM
  -Funding periods are: July 1-December 31 (Fall) and January 1-June 30 (Spring)
  -Two scholarships are awarded each semester at the total of $250 each.
  -There is no rule pertaining to how the money is supposed to be spent… applicants can apply their funding toward research, conference expenses, etc.
  -The application form has been updated since the meeting and Joe Lenti sent the form to the listserv. Applications are due Wednesday, October 12

HGSA Professionalization Workshops
-Four Main Ideas were discussed:
  1. Grant Writing (for personal research or public history)
     -What’s the process?
     -Possible Faculty Participants: Scharff, Pugach, Szasz, Connell-Szasz, etc.
2. Public History
   - What is it? How can graduate students use it?
     - Possible Faculty Participants: Scharff, Ball, Hutton

3. Publishing
   - UNM Press (Clark Whitehorn)
     - A publishing/editor’s perspective on turning your dissertation into a book.
   - New Mexico Historical Review (NMHR—Durwood Ball and perhaps Sarah Payne)
     - Editorial discussion on submitting work for article publication.

4. Hiring Process
   - We all thought it might be better to wait until 2006-2007 academic year to do this workshop so that the new American History hire (who is currently holding a fellowship elsewhere) and the next American History hire (TBA Spring 2006) can participate, along with Sizgorich and Sanabria.
   - Invite members from the search committee?

HGSA Softball
   - Held on Saturday, September 10, at 10:00 am in Martineztown…the students beat the faculty and everyone had a great time!

HGSA Yard Sale/Fundraising
   - Although the HGSA budget might not necessarily need a fundraiser, this was an idea for the future. Perhaps the spring?
   - There was a discussion to have it at Elaine Nelson’s house. Her neighborhood on Richmond Drive does an annual yard sale, so it might be a good idea to combine it with this event. She thought it might be in either May or August.
   - Start thinking about “saving your stuff” if you would like to contribute!

HGSA Road Trip/Camping Trip
   - Weekend of October 1, 2005
   - The “tentative” plan is to drive schedule the camping around the opening of the Trinity Missile Site (which only happens twice a year)
   - Tim Moy has agreed to accompany HGSA students, as this is one of his areas of expertise.
   - Some HGSA students are looking into campsites in the area.
   - There will be more information on this very soon.