

By-Laws of the Conference Group for Central European History
(as amended January 8, 1994)

1. The name of this organization is Conference Group for Central European History
2. The purposes of the organization are: To express a common professional interest in Central European History, to encourage scholarship and interest therein, to represent such scholarly interest in relation to other organizations, and to further collaboration with scholars and institutions abroad having similar interests.

The Conference Group is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the Conference Group shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any private persons, except that the Conference Group shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above. No substantial part of the activities of the Conference Group shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Conference Group shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Conference Group shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation or association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation or association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the Conference Group, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Conference Group is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

3. Membership in the Conference Group for Central European History shall be open to all interested scholars by either application or invitation.
4. The executive board shall comprise nine members, selected as follows:
 - (a) A vice-president elect, a vice-president, a president, and a past president, all of whom shall serve staggered four-year terms. Each vice-president-elect shall hold each of the remaining three offices in succeeding years. Vice-presidents-elect shall be chosen in

alternating years from east and west of the Mississippi River.

(b) An executive secretary, who shall serve a four-year term and shall be eligible for reelection once. Election of a successor shall take place one year prior to the executive secretary's leaving office.

(c) Three at-large members, elected for staggered three-year terms. These members shall include representatives of the Society for Austrian and Habsburg History, of non-academic historians, and of other constituencies of the Conference Group.

(d) As an ex-officio member, the editor of the journal, *Central European History*.
New members of the executive board shall be elected at the annual meeting.

5. In the interval between annual meetings of the membership, the Executive Board shall represent and act for the Conference Group in any matters relating to the purposes of this organization as stated in paragraph 2.

6. Amendments to the by-laws may be made at any meeting of the Conference Group by a majority vote of the members present, or voting by mail, provided that previous notice has been given to all members not less than three weeks prior to the stated meeting.

7. Meetings of the Conference Group shall be held annually in connection with the scheduled meetings of the American Historical Association or at any other time, or times, as shall be determined by the membership and officers of the organization.

8. Combined with Article 4

9. The officers of the Conference Group shall be responsible for the annual program, or other programs, sponsored by the organization, although arrangements may be delegated to a committee appointed by the Chairman.

10. The Executive Secretary shall maintain the roster of members, receive suggestions for enlisting new members, extend invitations on behalf of the organization, and perform other customary duties of a Secretary-Treasurer.

11. The dues of the Conference Group shall be one dollar per year. Costs of any entertainment the organization may sponsor at future meetings shall be prorated among those participating.