

Bylaws for WAWH Judith Lee Ridge Prize (Approved 2014)

1. The Judith Lee Ridge Prize is an annual prize that recognizes the best article in the field of history in English published by a WAWH member.
2. Applicants to the Ridge Prize must be current members of the WAWH when they submit their article. Current WAWH board members are not eligible to apply.
3. The article must have been published in English in one of the two years preceding the prize year. Any articles may only be submitted once. All fields of history will be considered, and articles must be submitted with full scholarly apparatus.
4. Applicants for a WAWH Judith Lee Ridge Prize must submit the following to the selection committee:
 - a. A prize application form.
 - b. One copy of the entry for each committee member.
 - c. Statement that the applicant is a member of the WAWH.
5. The Prize Committee Members shall:
 - a. Be appointed by the President for a three-year term.
 - b. Have terms that are staggered in a three-year cycle. Each year a new committee member will be appointed. In case of an incomplete term of service, an appointment will be made to complete the term of service
6. The Prize Committee Chair shall:
 - a. Ideally have at least one year experience on the particular committee prior to taking over the position of Chair.
 - b. Be responsible in overseeing the work of the committee, including receipt and distribution of applications to committee members, timely determination of prize recipient(s), and notification of the decision to those applicants selected and not selected as well as the Executive Director.
 - c. Present, or appoint someone to present, the prize to the winner at the annual conference
 - d. Make a summary report to the Executive Board at the annual meeting.
7. Each member of the Committee shall review and rate each application for the Judith Lee Ridge Prize. From their individual ratings, Committee members shall reach a consensus on the recipient(s) of the Judith Lee Ridge Prize.
8. The Committee shall use the following criteria in selecting recipients:
 - a. Clarity of the article.
 - b. Originality and cogency of the argument presented.
 - c. Originality and appropriateness of the research.
 - d. Significance of the article as a contribution to historical knowledge and interpretation.
9. The prize will be determined by the Judith Lee Ridge Prize Committee subject to funding availability and the applicant pool.
10. The Judith Lee Ridge Prize recipient(s) shall be announced at the annual conference.