

APPENDIX J

BYLAWS OF THE HUGH F. RANKIN PRIZE COMMITTEE

1. The Hugh F. Rankin Prize is awarded each year to the graduate student in history who submits the best unpublished article-length essay in Louisiana history or a related topic. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited graduate program at either the M.A. or Ph.D. level, and the essay must be based on original research. The award will be a cash prize, to be presented at the banquet of the LHA's annual meeting. The editor of LOUISIANA HISTORY will agree to publish the winning essay in *Louisiana History*. If the Committee or the editor does not judge the essay to be worthy of publication, no prize will be awarded in that year.
2. The Secretary-Treasurer will publicize the prize. A notice announcing the prize and inviting entries will appear in the Spring and Summer issues of the LHA "NEWSLETTER", as well as in the JOURNAL OF SOUTHERN HISTORY, AHA PERSPECTIVES and the OHA NEWSLETTER.
3. The deadline for submission will be January 15 preceding the annual March meeting.
4. The eligibility for each March award will be the preceding calendar year. The essay must have been completed during the period of eligibility.
5. Part-time graduate students are eligible.
6. The President of the LHA will appoint a committee, which will be chaired by the Vice-President. Two other members will be selected from former Presidents of the LHA. Each member will serve for two years, with one member's term expiring each year as a new member is appointed. The editor of LOUISIANA HISTORY is an ex-officio member of the committee.
7. Funding for the prize will be through donations in memory of Professor Rankin. A separate foundation will be established within the LHA to handle the funds. The cash prize will amount to approximately one-half of the interest earned each year on the total monies donated; the remaining interest will be donated to the Louisiana Historical Association Endowment fund. The money can be used only for endowment purposes and not for operating expenses of the Association.