

## **Bylaws for WAWH Gita Chaudhuri Prize (Approved 2010, revised 2022)**

1. The Gita Chaudhuri Prize is an annual \$1000 prize that recognizes the best monograph about women in rural or environmental history, from any era and any place in the world, published by a WAWH member. The committee is especially interested in topics related to rural women, women and education, community development, and environmental history and activism.
2. Applicants to the Chaudhuri Prize must be current members of WAWH when they submit their book. Current WAWH board members are not eligible to apply.
3. The book must be a single-authored monograph based on original research. Anthologies and edited works are not eligible. The book must have been published in one of the three years prior to the prize. Books may only be submitted for consideration once. Books cannot be submitted a second time as paperbacks or new editions. All fields of history are eligible. Entries must be in English.
4. Applicants for the Chaudhuri 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 current member of the WAWH.
5. The Prize Committee Members shall:
  - a. Consist of a minimum of three members.
  - b. Be appointed by the President for a three-year term.
  - c. 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 must be made to complete the term of service.
  - d. Ideally represent the fields of American History, European History and non-Euro-American history.
6. The Prize Committee Chair shall:
  - a. Ideally have at least one-year experience on this committee prior to taking over the position of Chair.
  - b. Be responsible in overseeing the work of the committee, including receiving and distributing applications to committee members, timely determination of prize recipient(s), and notifying all applicants, selected and not selected, and the Executive Director of the decisions made by the committee.
  - 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 and keep the representative of the Chaudhuri family informed about the business of the award.
7. Each prize committee member shall review and rate each application for the Chaudhuri Prize. From their individual ratings, Committee members shall reach a consensus on the recipient(s) of the Chaudhuri Prize.

8. The Committee shall use the following criteria in selecting recipients:

- a. Originality of conception and analysis.
- b. Wide research and careful documentation.
- c. Clarity of expression.

9. The prize will be determined by the Chaudhuri Prize Committee subject to funding availability and the applicant pool.

10. The Chaudhuri Prize recipients(s) shall be announced at the annual conference.