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LAOH PA County and Division Presidents  
LAOH PA County and Division Historians

Dear Sisters,

I would like to introduce myself as the newly elected Historian Chair for the Pennsylvania LAOH State Board.

I had served as the Missions and Charities and Catholic Action chair for the past four years and look forward to working with you as Historian Chair.

The 2015-2016 National Irish History Contest topic for both levels is “**The Involvement of Women in the Easter Rising**”. The Easter Rising was a very significant event in Irish History and I am excited that the national has selected it as we begin the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration and the role women played.

Attached are the Rules of the Contest and Judging Criteria.

The timelines are:

- November 15, 2015** – essays (4 copies each) submitted to Division Historians
- December 15** – winning essays (4 copies each) submitted to the County Historian
- January 15, 2016** – winning essays (4 copies each) submitted to State Historian
- February 15, 2016** – winning essays submitted to the National Historian
- March 31, 2016** – the National Board Awards Announced

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to working with you.

In our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

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Enclosures:

- Irish Historian Guidelines
- Judging Criteria
- 2015-16 National Irish History Contest Student Information and Rules
- Sources for Research