From: David Blanks

After some consideration on my part, I have decided that I am interested in standing for the position of Secretary of the IBHA. I was elected to the board a year ago, and with two years left to serve, I think that I could bring some continuity to the role. I began teaching Big History in the mid-2000s, was present at the Beijing meeting in 2010, and have been to every international biennial conference since then. I have published some articles on theoretical aspects of Big History, and co-edited a book on Big History and religion with Lowell Gustafson and Barry Rodrigue, and now, having benefited all these years from my association with the IBHA, I would like to give something back. I am contributing with my editorial work on the *Journal of Big History*, but in a more concrete, organizational sense, I would like to bring my institutional memory and experience to bear as we move into a new phase of the development of our discipline and our organization. My aim is to open the IBHA to as many new members as possible while maintaining our objective, scientific standards.