

**Minutes of the SSSP Board of Directors Meeting
August 12, 2007, New York, New York**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Naples.
2. Those present introduced themselves: Nancy Naples, President, Steven Barkan, President Elect, Valerie Jenness, Past-President, Carrie Yang Costello, Vice President, Cheryl Boudreaux, Vice President-Elect, David Rudy, Treasurer, JoAnn Miller, Secretary, Luis Fernandez, Alison Griffith, Carolyn Perrucci, Michelle Janning, Tracy Dietz, Board of Directors; Naomi Nichols and Melanie Carlson, Student Members, Board of Directors; Thomas C. Hood, Executive Officer, Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager; Nancy Mezey, Chair, Council of Special Problems Divisions; Gray Cavender, Chair, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee; Jim Orcutt, Chair, Editorial and Publications Committee, Wendy Simonds, Chair, Committee on Committees
3. The Agenda was revised and accepted.
4. Nancy Mezey presented the report from the Council of Special Problems Divisions and introduced candidates for 2008-2009 President Elect and Vice President-Elect; the 2008-2011 Board of Directors, the 2008-2010 Student Representative to the Board of Directors, the 2008-2011 Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, the Committee on Committees, and the Editorial and Publications Committee.

MOTION: THAT THE NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICES BE ACCEPTED.
SECONDED. PASSED.

5. On the invitation of the Board of Directors, Martha Hargraves has agreed to run for the office of Secretary for 2008-2009 and David Rudy has agreed to run for the office of Treasurer for 2008-2009.
6. Naomi Nichols presented the Graduate Students' Report. The students recommend frequent invitations to join the listserv and to have a meeting in a room different from the Board's meeting room. The Graduate Student Social was held at the Madison Pub. Student Representatives recommend to continue the pub tradition, to ask SSSP student members to wear name tags to the event, and to meet the bar manager prior to the event.

The report was accepted with thanks.

7. Gray Cavender presented the proposed 2008 budget. He noted that a \$1,000 contribution was made to the Justice 21 project; \$20,000 was budgeted for a part time assistant in the Executive Office; \$2,400 was budgeted for fringe benefits, and \$1,250 was budgeted from investments associated with the Joseph B. Gittler bequest in order to start up the award.

Because the annual membership dues increase could not be voted on during the Business Meeting, the entire membership must vote on the increases. Because the bylaws do not cover an electronic ballot for dues increases, it will cost \$2,000 to complete a mail ballot.

Gray Cavender noted that a motion from the floor, during the Business meeting, called for student dues of \$30.00.

MOTION: THAT THE STUDENT MEMBERSHIP FEE BE \$30.00. SECONDED. PASSED.

MOTION: THAT A ONE-MONTH TIME PERIOD BE USED TO VOTE ON DUES INCREASES. SECONDED. PASSED.

MOTION: THAT THE PROPOSED 2008 BUDGET BE APPROVED. SECONDED. PASSED.

MOTION: THAT A \$50,000 CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT BE MADE WITH THE LIBERTY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY. SECONDED. PASSED.

8. Wendy Simonds presented the Final Report, 2007-2008 Committee on Committees. The Lee Founders Award Committee and the Lee Student Support Fund Committee should consider promoting the awards, for example, on the SSSP web site. The Social Action and Social Award Committee is encouraged to begin its work soon, in preparation for the Boston meetings.

MOTION: THAT PAUL STEELE BE APPOINTED CHAIR OF THE 2007-2008 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES. SECONDED. PASSED.

9. Nancy Naples led a discussion on the Retreat that was held prior to the Board Meetings. In response to issues raised at the Retreat, an Ad Hoc committee, consisting of Steve Barkan, Chair; Valerie Jenness, Naomi Nichols, Carrie Yang Costello; and Cheryl Boudreaux will determine which committees need to take responsibilities for the suggestions raised at the Retreat.

10. James Orcutt presented the report from the Editorial and Publications Committee. Ken Kyle will continue to be Editor of *Social Problems Forum*. The Committee congratulated Amy Wharton for her work on *Social Problems*. The Committee conducted a two-stage search for the new editor of *Social Problems*. A total of three finalists were interviewed in New York and the Committee recommends that Ted Chiricos, Florida State University, be named the editor of *Social Problems*, 2008-2011. Also discussed was the process of soliciting bids from potential publishers of *Social Problems*. Most members of the Committee favor an initial offer to UC Press for another five-year extension. James Holstein was elected Committee Chair for 2007-2008.

MOTION: THAT TED CHIRICOS BE NAMED THE 2008-2011 EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*. SECONDED. PASSED.

11. The Board did not discuss or act on any additional Business Meeting Referrals or Motions.

12. Carrie Yang Costello presented the resolutions for Keith Kilty. All the resolutions that were introduced were passed.

13. Two items of unfinished business from 2007 were discussed.

First, Tom Hood and Kim Cook discovered sections of the Bylaws that were passed to allow electronic balloting that preclude an electronic ballot for membership dues increases. Thus, the dues increase requires a mail ballot. The Board discussed three related issues: (a) the ballot for dues increases should be sent to members as soon as possible; (b) the membership will vote electronically on officers; (c) is it possible to include ballots in newsletters?

MOTION: THAT THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE BE INSTRUCTED TO DRAFT LANGUAGE REGARDING THE PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASES AND MAIL THE INFORMATION WITH THE BALLOT TO THE FULL MEMBERSHIP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SECONDED. PASSED.

The second item of unfinished business was the creation of an international fellowship. There is ongoing discussion regarding whether the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship winner must be a United States citizen. Valerie Jenness recommended an ad hoc committee to communicate with international scholars and to approach foundations for funding an international fellowship. Alison Griffith and Tom Hood agreed to organize an ad hoc committee that would include Ligaya Lindio McGovern, incoming Global Division Chair and Shirley Jackson.

14. Under new business, the Board recognized that 79 signatures have been verified on a petition to create a new Special Problems Division – named “Disabilities.” Its concerns will be different from those associated with the current Health, Health Policy, and Health Services and Mental Health Divisions.

MOTION: THAT A NEW DIVISION ON DISABILITIES BE CREATED AND CAROL BROOKS GARDNER BE APPOINTED CHAIR OF THE DIVISION. SECONDED. PASSED.

Gabriel Aquino, Chair of the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee, presented an announcement for the search for the next Executive Officer for SSSP. Discussion followed that focused on the responsibilities for the position and how and when finalists for the position should be interviewed. A site visit is necessary.

MOTION: THAT THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE SEARCH FOR SSSP EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE ACCEPTED, AS EDITED AND MODIFIED TO INCREASE THE EXPECTATIONS FOR THE POSITION; TO INCLUDE AN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ALLOWANCE POSSIBILITY; A FEBRUARY 15, 2008 DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS, AND SITE VISITS FOR FINALITISTS. UP TO THREE CANDIDATES WILL BE INTERVIEWED DURING THE 2008 MEETINGS. SECONDED. PASSED.

On behalf of the International Coalition Against Sexual Harassment (ICASH), Michele Koontz requested meeting room space for 2008.

MOTION: THAT IN EXCHANGE FOR TWO MEETING ROOMS, FOR ONE DAY, FOR THE 2008 SSSP MEETINGS, ICASH WILL PAY \$500 TO SSSP TO ASSIST IN CONFERENCE PLANNING. SECONDED. PASSED.

Richard Dello Buono requested a one day registration rate and SSSP support for a one-day Critical Sociology Conference, co-sponsored by the SSSP Global Division and CRITICAL SOCIOLOGY.

MOTION: THAT A CRITICAL SOCIOLOGY CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP BE HELD AND CO-SPONSORED BY SSSP ON AUGUST 3, 2008; AND THAT ATTENDEES BE ASSESSED A ONE-DAY SSSP REGISTRATION FEE. SECONDED. PASSED.

15. Nancy Naples adjourned the 2007-2008 Board.