

**Minutes of the SSSP Board of Directors Meeting
August 2, 2008, Boston, Massachusetts**

President Steven Barkan called the meeting to order and led us in introductions of all members of the Board and others present to make reports.

Report from the selection committee for the next Executive Officer indicated that site visits would be held with both candidates. The committee reported on their reactions to the two candidates, R. Scott Frey and Héctor Delgado. Both candidates had expressed the desire that Michele Smith Koontz remain as Administrative Officer.

The Board adopted the recommendation that a three to five year contract to continue to host the Administrative Office at the University of Tennessee be pursued. Tom Hood indicated that he believed that such a contract could be executed by not later than the middle of September, 2008. Several reasons supported this course of action. One reason was that both candidates indicated a desire to keep Michele Koontz in the job of Administrative Officer and the second was the strong supportive relationship that the University of Tennessee has maintained with the Society for the past eighteen years. It was suggested that Steve Barkan write a letter to the University of Tennessee requesting a proposal that the Department of Sociology and the University host the Administrative Office. Steve agreed to do this. Tom agreed to draft a letter for Steve's approval. All of these actions were approved by common consent.

The matter of who would conduct the site visits with the two candidates was discussed and completing the interviews within the timetable established in the operations manual. Site visits should be conducted as soon after the agreement with the University of Tennessee is completed. Susan Carlson will represent the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee. Ray Michalowski and Michelle Janning were selected to represent the Board of Directors. After the site visits, the visitation committee will make a final recommendation to the Board of Directors on who should serve as Executive Officer. All of these actions were approved by common consent.

Nancy Mezey presented the report of the nominations committee. Nancy noted that not all special problems divisions were present for the nominations meeting. As has often happened, the Board of Directors reviewed the lists submitted. The Board reordered each of the lists except for Student Representatives to the Board. Board members who were nominated for a particular position left the room during the time that the candidate's list was discussed. The reordered lists of names were approved to be sent to the Elections Committee Chair to learn who was willing to accept the nomination and run for office. Nominees who agree to run will be announced in December, 2008.

The Board turned to the question of nominees for the position of Secretary and Treasurer. Treasurer David Rudy indicated that he was not willing to run again. Susan Carlson was nominated for the position and Martha Hargraves agreed to run again for the position of Secretary.

The report from Antwan Jones, Student Representative to the Board, was delayed until after 10:30am.

Frances Pestello presented the 2009 Budget as approved by the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee. Based on previous experience the revenue was projected at \$574,590 and expenses at \$591,324 for a proposed deficit of \$16,734. The Board adopted the 2009 budget as presented. It was noted that the 2009 budget proposed a salary for the Executive Officer only through the month of August, since Tom will step down at that time and the new salary will be negotiated with the new Executive Officer. The spring meeting of the BFA Committee will provide an opportunity to propose appropriate modifications to the Board.

Paul Steele presented the report of the Committee on Committees. The Board adopted the report as presented with the comment that more international representation is needed on the Membership Committee--perhaps for different world regions.

Jim Holstein presented the report of the Editorial and Publications Committee. Two action items appeared in the report.

a. ***Social Problems Forum*** *discontinue paper printing of the following items, which had previously been required: 1) annual auditor's report, 2) annual budget, 3) minutes of the annual business meeting. These items will continue to be published electronically, with links noted in the newsletter and on the SSSP web site. If bylaws changes are required to do this they should be initiated.* This motion was approved by the Board of Directors. Tom Hood noted that the corporate charter should be checked to make sure this action accords with it as well as the bylaws.

b. ***Social Problems*** *shall charge a \$25 submission fee for all manuscripts. An on-line payment system will be implemented at the editor's earliest possible convenience. This fee may be waived on a case-by-case basis (determined by the editor), generally in response to financial exigencies. The current Production Fee (\$50) be discontinued for SSSP members who have manuscripts accepted for publication. **Social Problems** will continue to charge non-members a \$100 production fee who have their papers accepted.* This motion was approved by the Board of Directors.

Jim Holstein will continue to chair the 2008-09 committee and noted that the committee will begin the search for the next editor of *Social Problems*.

Ted Chiricos submitted a proposed list of forty-four Advisory Editors for approval. The list is below. The list was approved by the Board as submitted.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Kenneth (Andy) Andrews	University of North Carolina
Elizabeth Armstrong	Indiana University
Tim Bartley	Indiana University
Eric Baumer	Florida State University

Kelle Barrick	Research Triangle Institute
Kraig Beyerlein	University of Arizona
Mary Blair-Loy	University of California, San Diego
Stephanie Bontrager	Justice Research Center
Sarah Britto	Central Washington University
Michele Budig	University of Massachusetts
Penny Edgell	University of Minnesota
Rachel Einwohner	Purdue University
Rebecca Erickson	University of Akron
Dana Fisher	Columbia University
Tyrone Forman	University of Illinois, Chicago
Samantha Friedman	SUNY Albany
Charles Gallagher	Georgia State University
John Hagan	Northwestern University
Ann Hironaka	University of California, Irvine
Kathleen Hull	University of Minnesota
John Iceland	Maryland University
Larry Isaac	Vanderbilt University
Bert Klandermans	Free University
Pei-Chia Lan	National Taiwan University
Lisa Martinez	University of Denver
Monica McDermott	Stanford University
Dario Melossi	Universita di Bologna
Joya Misra	University of Massachusetts
Dina Okamoto	University of California, Davis
Irene Padavic	Florida State University
Ray Paternoster	University of Maryland
Becky Pettit	University of Washington
Jill Quadagno	Florida State University
Lincoln Quillian	Northwestern University
Deana Rohlinger	Florida State University
Louise Roth	University of Arizona
Deidre Royster	The College of William & Mary
Moshe Semyonov	Tel Aviv University
Jason Schnittker	University of Pennsylvania
Tara Shelley	Colorado State University
Eric Silver	Pennsylvania State University
Mario Small	University of Chicago
Bruce Western	Harvard University
George Wilson	University of Miami

Antwan Jones reported on the graduate student meeting and the social event. Both events had light attendance. Recommendations from the meeting were: 1. Ensure that people are invited to join the listserv more than once a year. It seems timely to invite people after each meeting and also with an updated list after the preliminary program is announced and about a month or two before each meeting. This ensures that listserv

posts are getting to active SSSP members. 2. Create a list of affordable housing alternatives to students for subsequent responses. 3. Continue dialogue of a special division or section that is geared toward increasing communication and networking among graduate students. Antwan brought the following recommendations on the social. 1. Continue to host the social in a pub (close to the hotel). 2. Continue this tradition of the graduate student contacting the bar so that the bar knows not to serve people until the contact person arrives. 3. Create a small break in between the social and graduate student reception so that people are able to return to the hotel in an efficient manner.

Cary Yang Costello reported on resolutions approved at the business meeting including disposition plans. The Society should continue to use the two week in advance deadline for submission of the resolutions to be considered.

President Barkan returned to business unfinished by the 2008 Board. The Board received a report of the Ad Hoc Retreat Implementation Committee. The Board agreed to continue to use electronic means to discuss the recommendations and their implications during the coming year.

The International Fellowship Committee will continue its work and report at the 2009 Annual Meeting and/or before that meeting convenes in San Francisco.

Under new business, Michele Koontz presented a proposal for a Mini-Workshop to be held at the 2009 Annual meeting site on August 10, 2009. The co-sponsors of the workshop are SSSP Global Division and *Critical Sociology*. *Critical Sociology* will guarantee at least 25 one day registrations at \$45.each. This total would be \$1125 in additional registration fees. *Critical Sociology* will pay Michele Koontz for agreed upon support and administrative services. A detailed proposal was provided to the Board. The add-on conference was approved. While registrants for SSSP 2009 meeting are welcome at the event at no additional charge, others may register for this event without registering for the SSSP meetings.

Under new business, Kim Cook, Membership Committee Chair, presented the committee's recommendations for restructuring the committee. 1. The Membership Committee should be renamed to the "Membership and Outreach Committee." 2. Membership and Outreach Committee members should not be selected in part on the basis of where they reside/work, geographically. 3. It should be an elected committee with members serving three year staggering terms, where the chair is a third-year member. 4. It should maintain nine members with the chair elected by committee members from among the third year members. 5. In every cohort of three elected members there should be at least one graduate student when elected. 6. The duties, as written in the bylaws, should include "recruit new members, raise awareness of SSSP, and recommend retention strategies" to the Executive Office. The recommendations were approved by the Board as submitted. The Bylaws Committee will draft bylaws amendments for the 2009 General Election ballot.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.