

**2008-2009 SSSP Board of Directors Minutes**  
**Friday, August 7, 2009**

Meeting Called to Order by President Steven E. Barkan and adoption of the Board Agenda.

**Members Present:**

Steve Barkan	President
JoAnn Miller	President-Elect
Nancy Naples	Past-President
Cheryl Boudreaux	Vice-President
PJ McGann	Vice President-Elect
Martha Hargraves	Secretary
Dave Rudy	Treasurer
Luis Fernandez	Board Member
John Galliher	Board Member
Alison Griffith	Board Member
Michelle Janning	Board Member
Carolyn C. Perrucci	Board Member
Melanie Carlson	Student Board Representative
Antwan Jones	Student Board Representative
Nancy Mezey	Chairperson, Council of the Special Problems Divisions
Stephani Williams	Incoming Chairperson, Council of the Special Problems Divisions
Ted Chiricos	Editor, <i>Social Problems</i>
Ken Kyle	Editor, <i>Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter</i>
Adriana L. Bohm	Chair, Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee
Susan Carlson	Chair, Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee
Len Gordon	Chair, User's Guide Development Committee
Lisa Anne Zilney	Chair, Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund Committee
Héctor Delgado	Executive Officer
Tom Hood	Past Executive Officer & Chair, Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee
Michele Koontz	Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager

The agenda proceeded as approved and began with the acceptance, by the Board, of the following Committee Reports:

- Accessibility Committee Chair – Liat Ben-Moshe
- C. Wright Mills Award Committee Chair – Heather Dalmage
- Elections Committee – Michele Koontz on behalf of Patrick Donnelly
- Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee Chair – PJ McGann
- Lee Founders Award Committee Chair – Carolyn Perrucci
- Membership Committee Chair – Aimee Van Wagenen on behalf of Jean Elson
- Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee Chair – Susan Carlson
- Social Action and Social Action Award Committee Chair – Wendy Simonds
- Concerns of the Special Problems Divisions and Summary of Activities, 2008-2009 – Nancy Mezey

**Board Actions taken for the following Committees:**

**Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee** received Board approval for its recommendation “that income beyond that needed to make the award be reinvested in the endowment.”

**Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund Committee Report** received Board approval to amend the language in Section 16 of the By-laws to specify that the award be limited to foreign scholars from economically disadvantaged countries. Additionally, “Activist” should be removed from the committee’s name.

**Lee Student Support Fund Committee Report** received Board approval to carry over \$225 designated for a student who could not attend this year’s annual meeting. Further, if the student failed to participate at next year’s conference, the carry-over will revert to the General Fund.

**Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee Report** received special attention and discussion in response to the committee’s expressed challenges and concerns. The Board approved the motion to charge the Executive Officer to create an ad hoc committee for 2009-2010 on which he serves as an ex officio member, devoted to 1) racial ethnic minority/people of color involvement in the SSSP and 2) the eligibility and recruitment efforts and criteria upon which the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship is based.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.