

2009-2010 SSSP Board of Directors Minutes
Friday, August 13, 2010

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order by President JoAnn Miller.

ITEM #2 - INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

JoAnn Miller, President
A. Javier Treviño, President Elect
Steve Barkan, Past President
PJ McGann, Vice President
Carolyn C. Perrucci, Vice President Elect
Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary
Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer
Stephani Williams, Chairperson, Council of the Special Problems Divisions
Sarah Jane Brubaker, Board Member
Alison Griffith, Board Member
Raymond Michalowski, Board Member
Barbara Katz Rothman, Board Member
Wendy Simonds, Board Member
Antwan Jones, Student Board Representative
Louis Edgar Esparza, Student Board Representative
Kathleen Lowney, Chair of Accessibility Committee
Ted Chiricos, Editor, *Social Problems*
Alfred Joseph, Chair of Elections Committee
Len Gordon, Chair of User's Guide Committee
Sandra Barnes, Chair of Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee
Tracy Dietz, Chair of Lee Student Support Fund Committee
Nancy Mezey, Chair of Nominations Strategy Committee
Héctor Delgado, Executive Officer
Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager

ITEM #3 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda amended with the addition of the following items.

- a. Continuation of Unfinished Business, discussion of the Lee Scholar-Activist Award (ITEM #23, below).
- b. Addition of International Fellowship Committee, as a point of discussion (ITEM #24, below).

ITEM #4 – Report from the Accessibility Committee Chair

Kathleen Lowney presented the report of the Accessibility Committee. This year, the committee encountered some significant accessibility costs. The committee presented a proposal for how the SSSP would handle the costs associated with disability access services, namely the creation of a budget line for disability access services.

ACTION: The board approved that an annual budget line for accessibility services be increased to \$2500 per year, with the funds being divided equally among those requesting accessibility. The balance of costs associated with accessibility services would be the responsibility for the members

requesting the services. The board referred the issue to the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee for their recommendation for how such a change would be funded.

ITEM #5 – Report from the C. Wright Mills Award Committee Chair

The board recognized the C. Wright Mills Award Committee as doing an important function. The board accepted the committee report.

ITEM #6 – Report from the Elections Committee Chair

Alfred Joseph presented the report of the Elections Committee. The board accepted the report of the committee. 367 members voted electronically in the 2010 election, which is a 21% electronic participation rate. 17 members voted via paper ballots, which is a 17% participation rate.

ITEM #7 – Report from the Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee Chair

The committee received two applications. Yet, these applicants did not meet the criteria of SSSP membership and conference participation. The committee did not award any funds this year.

ITEM #8 – Report from the Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee Co-Chairs

The board commented on the Gittler Award committee's actions.

ACTION: The committee report was amended according to the board's suggestion.

ITEM #9 – Report from the Lee Founders Award Committee Chair

The board accepted the committee report.

ITEM #10 – Report from the Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund Committee Chair

The board accepted the committee report.

Recommendation: the committee recommended that the annual budget for the Lee Scholar-Activist Support Fund be increased by \$1000 to a total of \$5000 for the 2010-2011 year. The board referred the issue to the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee.

Recommendation: that the costs of wiring money to the awardees be absorbed by the SSSP at a maximum of \$50 per award recipient.

ITEM #11 – Report from the Lee Student Support Fund Committee Chair

Tracy Dietz presented the committee report.

ACTION: The board approved the committee recommendation that the applications go to an on-line only format. And, the board approved the committee recommendation that the applicant criteria be limited to transportation costs only, and that the applicants provide a copy of the price quote along with their student ID.

ACTION: The board approved giving separate names to the two mentoring programs: "Meeting Mentor Program" and "Professional Mentor Program."

The committee recommended that serious consideration be given to the mentoring programs, to include facilitating it through the divisions or altering the application to reduce the mentoring areas and make categorization of areas of specialization more possible.

The committee recommended that the board give consideration to abolishing the mentoring programs or completely revising them as there is some concern about whether the program may be useful or not,

and to an even more problematic end, whether it may actually be damaging to SSSP's reputation as "student-friendly".

ACTION: That the identified issues be referred to the Membership and Outreach Committee, with the request that they will return with recommendations.

ITEM #12 – Report from the Membership and Outreach Committee Chair
Item #12 was moved to the Sunday, August 15 board meeting.

- A. July Membership Reports
- B. 2010 Sustaining Membership Report
- C. 2010 Promotion Report
- D. Comparison Membership Report, 2001-2010

ITEM #13 – Report from the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee Chair
Item #13 was moved to the Sunday, August 15 board meeting.

ITEM #14 - Report from the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee Chair
Sandra Barnes presented the report for the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee. In particular, the following items were recommended by the committee, and discussed and approved by the board.

RECOMMENDATION: that the SSSP administrative office adhere to the application process deadline.

RECOMMENDATION: that attention should be given to the informing committee members of the review process.

ACTION: The board approved that the following changes should be made to the governance concerning the committee composition: that the committee should be comprised of members at all levels of seniority, although there will be no student members of the committee. The committee should be composed of the chair, chair-elect, and five other members.

RECOMMENDATION: The committee should consider focusing the award to members of economically disadvantaged racial groups, not simply to members of minority groups in general. The board tabled the discussion of the issue of whether the award could potentially be split into multiple awards.

ITEM #15 – Report from the Standards and Freedom of Research, Publications, and Teaching Committee Chair
There was no committee activity for this year, and therefore there were no report submitted.

ITEM #16 – Report from the Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee Chair
Wendy Simonds presented the report of the committee.

ITEM #17 – Report from the Ad Hoc Committee: Committee on Race and Racism Chair
Héctor Delgado reported on the activities of the committee. The committee will continue a longer range agenda to maintain an environment free of racism in the Society.

ITEM #18 – Report from the Ad Hoc Committee: Information Technology Options Committee Chair
Susan M. Carlson reported that technology options were referred to the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, with a request that they return with a report to the SSSP for the 2011 meeting.

ITEM #19 – Report from the Ad Hoc Committee: Justice 21 Committee Chair
Glenn Muschert presented the committee activities.

ITEM #20 – Report from the Ad Hoc Committee: Nominations Strategy Committee Chair
Item #20 was moved to the Sunday, August 15 board meeting.

ITEM #21 – Report from the Ad Hoc Committee: User's Guide Committee Chair
Leonard Gordon reported on the activities of the User's Guide Committee. The SSSP User's Guide is still in development, and the board was presented with examples of a potential format for a user's guide. The board accepted the report from the committee.

ITEM #22 – Concerns of the Special Problems Divisions
ITEM #22 was moved to the Sunday, August 15 board meeting.
a. Summary of Division Activities, 2009-2010

ITEM #23 – Unfinished Business from 2010
Item #23 was moved to the Sunday, August 15 board meeting.
a. Lee Scholar-Activist Issue, brought over from Thursday, August 12, 2010 meeting.

ITEM #24 – New Business
a. International Fellowship Committee
Item #24 was moved to the Sunday, August 15 board meeting.

ITEM #25 – Adjournment of the 2009-2010 Board
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary