

2010-2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011
4:15PM - 6:15PM

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Treviño

ITEM #2 – INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

A. Javier Treviño, President
Wendy Simonds, President Elect
JoAnn Miller, Past President
Carolyn Perrucci, Vice President
Wendy Chapkis, Vice President Elect
Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary
Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer
Stephani Williams, Chairperson, Council of the Special Problems Divisions
Barbara Katz Rothman, Board Member
Ray Michalowski, Board Member
Claire Renzetti, Board Member
Sarah Jane Brubaker, Board Member
Nancy Mezey, Board Member
Louis Esparza, Student Board Representative
Mandy Frake-Mistak, Student Board Representative
Ted Chiricos, Editor, *Social Problems*
Brent Teasdale, Editor, *Social Problems Forum*
Maggie R. Ussery, Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee Chair
Kathleen Lowney, Elections Committee Chair
Gale Miller, C. Wright Mills Awards Committee Chair
Deborah Little, Accessibility Committee Chair
Héctor Delgado, Executive Officer
Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager

ITEM #3 – ADOPTION (REVISION) OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as is, with one change: Item #20 (*Report from the Ad Hoc Committee: User's Guide Committee Chair* – John F. Galliher Since the committee completed the User's Guide, the committee will not be submitting a report.) was stricken from the agenda. This item was replaced by Item #12 from the previous board meeting – Report from Editor of *Social Problems* – Ted Chiricos.

ITEM #4 – REPORT FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Deborah Little presented the report of the Accessibility Committee. One issue of disappointment was that the hotel did not supply a gender neutral restroom. The committee recommended bringing back (on a 3 year trial basis) the availability of a comfort room, on the heaviest day of the meetings (2nd day). Also, the committee recommended captioning for the presidential address, so that members with hearing impairments can benefit fully from the experience. [The Board took both recommendations under advisement, pending future consideration.](#)

ACTION: The Board accepted the committee report.

ITEM #5 – REPORT FROM THE C. WRIGHT MILLS AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

Gale Miller presented the C. Wright Mills Award Committee report. The committee requested that the nomination deadline be moved up by four weeks (December 15) to facilitate the timely work of the committee. Also, the committee would like the revision of the cover letter requirements, one which would speak to the award's criteria.

ACTION: The Board approved these two recommendations, by separate votes. Namely, that the nomination deadline would be December 15, and that the cover letters would be required to speak to the criteria for the award.

ITEM #6 – REPORT FROM THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Kathleen Lowney presented the report of the Elections Committee. The committee recommended a direct knowledge transfer from the former chair to the incoming chair of the committee regarding best practices. Starting in 2012, the Administrative Office will e-mail the election results to all candidates.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM THE ERWIN O. SMIGEL AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #8 – REPORT FROM THE JOSEPH B. GITTLER AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

The report suggested that the new members of the committee should be apprised that the solicitation of nominees will be part of the duties they may have to perform.

ACTION: The Board approved an addition to the operations manual to the effect that the solicitation of nominees for the award will be part of the duties they may have to perform as a member of the committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #9 – REPORT FROM THE LEE FOUNDERS AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #10 – REPORT FROM THE LEE SCHOLAR SUPPORT FUND COMMITTEE CHAIR

Michele Koontz presented relevant recommendations on behalf of Hoan N. Bui, committee chair.

ACTION: The Board approved a motion to add “preference will be given to applicants who have not received support from the Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee before” to the criteria for the Lee Scholar Support Fund. In addition, a box will be added on the application from which would require applicants to indicate if they have previously received funding through this award.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #11 – REPORT FROM THE LEE STUDENT SUPPORT FUND COMMITTEE

Michele Koontz presented relevant recommendations on behalf of the committee, namely, that the professional mentor program (not the meeting mentor program) be abolished, due to its ineffective nature.

ACTION: The Board approved the abolishment of the professional mentorship program (not the meeting mentorship program).

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #12 – REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Michele Koontz presented three recommendations on behalf of the committee.

A. July Membership Reports

B. 2011 Sustaining Membership Report

C. 2011 Promotion Report

D. Comparison Membership Report, 2001-2011

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #13 – REPORT FROM THE PERMANENT ORGANIZATION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Maggie R. Ussery presented the committee report, including two recommendations. First, that the site reviews be conducted in the same year that the Society's contract is to be renewed. However, the personnel reviews would still be conducted at each annual meeting. Second, the committee recommended that a part time administrative staff member be added to the administrative office.

A. Questions regarding the Administrative Office Site Visit

ACTION: The Board approved the recommendation that the site reviews be conducted in the same year that the contracts are to be renewed.

ACTION: The Board charged the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee to move forward with concrete plans to engage the BFA Committee and the Executive Officer to proceed with hiring to meet the staffing needs of the Administrative Office.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #14 – REPORT FROM THE RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

The committee presented a number of recommendations. First, committee members suggested that a conference call meeting may be useful prior to and even after scoring ended. The role of such a conference call would be to increase communication among members, and will help to clarify and organize the process. Second, committee members had concerns regarding scoring criteria for the award, and therefore requested clarification of the following: 1) of the meaning of "disadvantaged background" in the scoring criteria for the award, 2) how to utilize the transcripts to evaluate candidates' commitment to activism, and 3) whether the Board felt that "SSSP involvement" of candidates should be retained as an essential criterion for the award.

ACTION: The Board charged the in-coming Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee with the refinement of criteria for selecting candidates from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The Board encourages the consideration of meaningful qualitative criteria.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #15 – REPORT FROM THE STANDARDS AND FREEDOM OF RESEARCH, PUBLICATION, AND TEACHING COMMITTEE CHAIR

There were no committee activities in the previous year, and the committee did not submit a report.

ITEM #16 – REPORT FROM THE THOMAS C. HOOD SOCIAL ACTION AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #17 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE ON RACE AND RACISM CHAIR

Héctor L. Delgado presented the Report from the Ad Hoc Committee: Committee on Race and Racism. The report noted that a special session on the issue was being held at this year's meetings. The committee delivered a number of recommendations: 1) sending a survey to membership to gather their perceptions, feelings, and other insights on these issues; 2) that the concurrent redesign of the Society's web site should be examined for its use as a recruitment tool; 3) that the membership should be encouraged to provide demographic data (specifically race and ethnicity) to provide greater insight into the matter; and, 4) that the Board at some future date could consider the establishment of a permanent committee charged with the oversight of racial/ethnic inclusiveness, and possibly with the maintenance of an "ombuds group" which could respond to member's concerns on this issue.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #18 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: JUSTICE 21 COMMITTEE CHAIR

Glenn Muschert delivered the *report from the Ad Hoc Committee: Justice 21 Committee Chair*.

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #19 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: TRANSNATIONAL INITIATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

The committee did not submit a written report, though Héctor Delgado spoke about the committee's actions to enhance the international profile and involvement in the Society.

ITEM #20 – REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

Ted Chiricos, outgoing editor of the journal, presented the editorial report of the journal. In the past year, there were 355 total submissions, a slight decline of about 30 from the previous years. He thanked the associate editors and staff. He discussed the issues associated with the transition to the new editor. Finally, he thanked the Society for the opportunity to work as editor.

ACTION: The Board approved the editor's report.

ITEM #21 – REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS DIVISIONS
Stephani Williams delivered the report from the Chairperson of the Council of Special Problems Divisions, including the concerns from the Special Problems Division chairs, and the activities of the divisions during 2010-2011. Numerous divisions do not fulfill their divisional responsibilities. Although the Board heard the BFA Committee's recommendation #2 - the restructuring of special problem division fees. After consulting the Council of Division Chairs and the graduate student members, the Board decided to delay action on the BFA Committee's recommendation pending observation of how the approved changes to the division membership takes place over the next year.

A. Concerns of the Special Problems Divisions

B. Summary of Division Activities, 2010-2011

ACTION: The Board approved the committee report.

ITEM #22 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM 2011

There was no unfinished business from 2011.

ITEM #23 – NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ITEM #24 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2010-2011 BOARD

There being no further business, the 2010-2011 Board was adjourned by President A. Javier Treviño.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary