

2011-2012 SSSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011
8:00AM – 12:00PM

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President Wendy Simonds

ITEM #2 – INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

Wendy Simonds, President
R.A. Dello Buono, President Elect
A. Javier Treviño, Past President
Wendy Chapkis, Vice President
Tracy Dietz, 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
Valerie Leiter, Board Member
Claire Renzetti, Board Member
Nancy Mezey, Board Member
Marlese Durr, Board Member
Elisabeth Sheff, Board Member
Mandy Frake-Mistak, Student Board Representative
Patrick K. O'Brien, Student Board Representative
David Levinson, Chair, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee
Paul Luken, Chair, Committee on Committees
Becky Pettit, Editor, *Social Problems*
Héctor Delgado, Executive Officer
Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager

ITEM #3 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted as written.

ITEM #4 – NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY AND TREASURER

The board identified candidates for the positions of SSSP Secretary and Treasurer. Glenn W. Muschert agreed to serve an additional term as Secretary and Susan M. Carlson agreed to serve an additional term as Treasurer, if elected.

ITEM #5 – REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE, INCLUDING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION

Stephani Williams presented the report from the Nominations Committee, specifically the move to the new nomination process for generating the slate of nominations. In general, the new nominations process was described, including the advantages and disadvantages of the new process. The committee recommended that the committee be composed of members appointed by the Board. This would give continuity to the Committee membership, increasing institutional memory. Also, the committee

recommended that the Council of Division Chairs could continue to be involved in the process of ranking the slate of suggested candidates.

ACTION: The Board approved that the Nominations Committee would be composed of four members appointed by the Board, and that the Nominations Committee would be chaired by the Chair of Special Division Chairs. Such a change will move forward as a By-Laws amendment. The 2012 members of the Nominations Committee include Stephen Morewitz, Marlese Durr, Joyce Bialik, and Shawn Cassiman.

ACTION: The Board accepted the committee report.

The record reflects that the new process of nominating candidates for the election, both the Board process and the Nominations Committee processes, functioned more smoothly than in past years.

ACTION: The Board approved the amended nominations list for the 2012 SSSP general election.

ITEM #6 – APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
As reported in ITEM #5 above, Marlese Durr was appointed to serve on the Nominations Committee.

ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Mandy Frake-Mistak and Patrick O'Brien presented the report of the graduate student member meeting. The graduate students appear to be very satisfied with the opportunities to get involved and engaged with the Society. This reflects concrete efforts on the part of the Society to welcome graduate student members. The graduate student members suggested that extra funds generated by the division membership could potentially be used to fund student conference travel. The students reported on their continued efforts to improve the situation and engagement of graduate students.

ACTION: The Board approved the report from the Student Representatives.

ITEM #8 – PRESENTATION OF THE 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET
David Levinson presented the 2012 proposed budget. BFA committee projected a \$39,386 deficit in the Society's 2012 budget. It is hoped that this trend improves, and the UC Press changes access to the subscriptions to *Social Problems*. The BFA Committee is working to identify funding for additional staffing in the Administrative Office, though at this time the BFA Committee cannot locate available funds for such a position. Discussion ensued of ways in which the food and beverage expenses might be economized. The BFA committee does not recommend the \$1000 increase in the annual budget for the Lee Scholar Support Fund. The revenue is reduced due to decreasing interest rates, though the Treasurer has placed the Society's investments in socially responsible and secure places.

ACTION: The Board approved the 2012 budget as proposed.

ITEM #9 – REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES CHAIR
Paul C. Luken presented the report of the Committee on Committees. The committee provides the list of members selected for the appointed committees of the Society.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Committee on Committees and the slate of members for the next year's committee. Kathleen Lowney, Deborah Little, Tommy Horejes were added to the roster for the Accessibility Committee.

ITEM #10 – REPORT FROM THE EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Claire Renzetti presented the report of the Editorial and Publications Committee. Perhaps the largest issue concerned the placement of *Social Problems* on ProQuest. This situation has been remedied, though the recapture of lost institutional subscriptions is a priority for both the Society and UC Press. The journal's impact factor seems to have declined slightly, despite an increasing number of citations. This does not seem to be a significant concern, though it will be monitored. The committee encouraged the incoming editor of *Social Problems* to consider immediate online publication of manuscripts, and to consider one or two special issues during the three-year term. The committee recommended the addition of additional international members to the advisory editors of *Social Problems*. The committee suggested that the Society could consider sponsoring membership for new international members for one year, if they cannot otherwise afford the membership. The committee recommended the addition of the following statement to the *Social Problems* ScholarOne Manuscript Submission page: "The Editor will review each submission to see if it is appropriate for further review by external referees." The editor of *Social Problems Forum* is charged in the following year with the development of a policy for monitoring inappropriate content on the web forum. An important step in the process will be to consider best practices of other professional associations. Once completed, the policy will be forwarded to the Board for its approval. The committee presented the reprint policy, and an amendment to the policy proposed by the Board was that authors who are approved for reprints will be requested at the time of approval whether they would be willing to donate their royalties to the Society.

ACTION: The Board accepted the report and recommendations, including the stated reprint policy, of the Editorial and Publications Committee.

A. REPORT FROM THE INCOMING EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

Becky Pettit, incoming Editor of *Social Problems* reported on the journal. The transition to the University of Washington has moved smoothly, and the editorial office is functioning well in its new location. The editorial office has effective and valuable staff. The journal is operating within budget. Though the new editor has only been in place three months, the flow of manuscripts through the review process seems very similar to the flow in previous years, with an acceptance rate of approximately 8%.

B. PROPOSED 2011-2012 ADVISORY EDITORS

The editor outlined five associate editors: Kenneth (Andy) Andrews, Alexes Harris, Jennifer Jordan, Zaid Munson, and Abigail Saguy. In addition, there are 40 advisory members recommended, and 14 student editors recommended for the journal.

ACTION: The Board approved the *Social Problems* editor's report and the slate of associate editors, advisory editors, and student editors for *Social Problems*.

ITEM #11 – DISCUSS ANY BUSINESS MEETING REFERRALS OR MOTIONS

There were no motions or referrals from the business meeting.

ITEM #12 – DISCUSS RESOLUTIONS APPROVED AT THE BUSINESS MEETING (INCLUDING DISPOSITION)

Wendy Chapkis, on behalf of Carolyn Perrucci, discussed the resolutions from the business meeting. Resolution 1: Expression of Gratitude and Resolution 2: Labor Rights in the Public Sector were both approved. The full text appears in the minutes for the 2011 business meeting. Resolution 3: Sex Workers was tabled pending the strengthening of the resolution, though this non-passage of the resolution

should not be construed as non-support for the rights of sex workers. The Board heard comments that the process of the resolutions proposal/approval should be streamlined so that resolutions should be approved in a timely way, else resolutions may potentially be untimely. In addition, specifying actions/activism related to resolutions and other issues of concern for the Society's membership.

ACTION: The Board created an Ad Hoc Committee on Social Action whose purview will be to explore social action and activism, including identifying actions for responding to social issues of concern to the Society's membership. The committee would be chaired by the Vice President. The following members will be asked to serve for the 2011-12 term: Kristen Budd, Jenny Heineman, Louis Esparza, Luis Fernandez, and Heather MacIndoe.

ITEM #13 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM 2011

There was no unfinished business.

ITEM #14 – NEW BUSINESS

On behalf of Michele Paludi, Michele Koontz conveyed a request from the International Coalition Against Sexual Harassment to partner with SSSP for their 2012 conference.

ACTION: The Board approved a request from the International Coalition Against Sexual Harassment to partner for the 2012 meetings.

ITEM #15 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2011-2012 BOARD

There being no further business, the Board was adjourned by President Wendy Simonds.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary