

## SSSP Graduate Student Meeting, Denver, August 18, 2012

Minutes:

1) Welcome and Introductions:

- Patrick introduces board members and facilitates introductions. There were nine graduate student members present, aside from the three board members.

2) Agenda was unanimously approved by those present and those on the board.

3) Discussion of SSSP Resolutions and the activist, social justice agenda of SSSP.

- Specific discussion regarding past resolutions (i.e., Topeka, KS domestic violence decriminalization).
- This opened discussion to the current 2012 resolutions and the ability for graduate students to become involved in activist and social justice issues.

4) Sarah discussed the continued improvement of the Listserv and technology.

5) The meeting then opened up into discussion of the many opportunities available to graduate students to become involved in SSSP. We discussed the advantage of SSSP membership for research, social justice, and networking.

Continued with **ideas** and **encouragement** toward SSSP involvement and service:

- These opportunities were contrasted with ASA
- Scholarships
- Business meetings
- Paper competitions
- Panels/Roundtables
- Other service (i.e., film session presiders, Social Problems Forum)
- These ideas and strategies were of particular interest
- Overall theme, be proactive!

Final discussion points:

- Graduate students were excited about the new website, its user friendliness and plethora of useful information
- Graduate students expressed the desire for more instruction on how to become involved
- Concerns over funding for conference travel
- Discussion over how the graduate student listserv could best be utilized (i.e., academic jobs, nonacademic jobs, social justice/activism opportunities)