

2013-2014 SSSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2013

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President Anna Maria Santiago

ITEM #2 INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

Anna Maria Santiago, President
Marlese Durr, President Elect
Ricardo Dello Buono, Past President
Luis Fernandez, Vice President
Nancy Mezey, Vice President Elect
Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary
Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer
Stephani Williams, Board Member
Cheryl Boudreaux, Board Member
Phoebe Morgan, Board Member
Heather Dalmage, Board Member
Ray Michalowski, Board Member
John Dale, Board Member
Margaret Austin Smith, Board Member, Student Representative
Sarah Hendricks, Board Member, Student Representative
Shannon Monnat, Chair, Council of Special Problems Divisions
Becky Pettit, Editor, *Social Problems*
Brent Teasdale, Editor, *Social Problems Forum*
Héctor L. Delgado, Executive Officer
Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager

ITEM #3 - ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda adopted with the following changes:

- Item #18 from the August 9, 2013 Board meeting was moved to Unfinished Business in the Agenda – Item #19
- Item #20.C was stricken from the agenda, as there is no current request from the Association of Black Sociologists.
- Item #20.D was added to the agenda: Request of the Transnational Initiative Committee

- Item #20.E was added to the agenda: Request of the Program Committee
- Item #20.F was added to the agenda: Discussion of Society Collaboration with the Association of Black Sociologists

ACTION: The agenda was adopted as revised.

ITEM #4 – NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY AND TREASURER

ACTION: The Board approved Glenn Muschert and Susan Carlson as candidates for Society Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

ITEM #5 – REPORT FOR THE EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Item #5.A – Board Vote on Publisher Selection

Committee Chair David Smith, presented on the Committee's recommendation to select Oxford University Press as the publisher for *Social Problems*. A discussion ensued regarding the selection process and the merits of the chosen publisher.

ACTION: The Board approved Oxford University Press as publisher for *Social Problems* from January 1, 2015-December 31, 2019.

Item #5.B – Proposed 2013-2014 Advisory Editors

Social Problems Editor Becky Pettit presented the proposed 2013-2014 Advisory Editors for *Social Problems*. Discussion ensued regarding the merits and challenges of internationalizing the slate of Advisory Editors.

ACTION: Empower the Editorial and Publications Committee to cooperate with the Editors of *Social Problems* (both current and in-coming) to develop a list of opportunities and challenges involved in internationalizing *Social Problems*, including submissions and members of the advisory board. The Board requests a proposed action plan to be discussed at the 2014 Board meetings.

ACTION: The Board approved the 2013-2014 list of Advisory Editors and Student Editors for *Social Problems*.

ITEM #6 – REPORT FORM THE CHAIR OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (INCLUDING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2014 GENERAL ELECTION)

Shannon Monnat presented the proposed slate of nominations for the 2014 general election.

ACTION: The Board approved the proposed changes to the nominations form: 1. Include an email field on the online nomination form. 2. Ask individuals to rank their choices of positions on the online nomination form. 3. Change the nominations spreadsheet so that nominations are split by position rather than by person. 4. Include a character limit in the space that asks candidates for additional information.

ACTION: The Board approved the amended nominations list for the 2014 SSSP general election.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Chair of the Nominations Committee.

ITEM #7 – APPOINTMENT OF FOUR MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE 2013-2014 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

ACTION: The Board developed a list of appointees for the 2013-2014 Nominations Committee: Shirley Jackson, Alfonso Latoni, Valerie Leiter, and Stephani Williams.

ITEM #8 – REPORT FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sarah Hendricks, Student Representative of the Board, presented on the student activities and concerns among the membership.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Student Representatives of the Board of Directors.

ITEM #9 – PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

Paul Steele, Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee presented the 2014 proposed budget. BFA committee projected a deficit of \$16,450 in the Society's 2014 budget, which may largely be attributed to the costs of changing editorial offices for *Social Problems*. BFA committee also spoke about the relevance of liability insurance for the Board, and plan to report back at a future date.

ACTION: The Board approved the 2014 budget as proposed.

ITEM #10 – REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES CHAIR

Kathleen Asbury, Chair of the Committee on Committees, reported on Committee activities.

ACTION: The Board, with the approval of the Chair of the Lee Student Support Fund Committee, approved the consideration of a three-person committee for 2013-2014 only. If the Chair does not agree to this temporary change in Committee composition, the President will inform those members who will not serve on the Committee.

ACTION: The approved that Tommy Horejes will continue service on the 2013-2014 Accessibility Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the revised report of the Committee on Committees.

ITEM #11 – DISCUSS ANY BUSINESS MEETING REFERRALS OR MOTIONS

There were no referrals or motions from the 2013 business meeting. No discussion was needed.

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

Tracy Dietz, Past Vice President, presented to the Board on the 2013 Society resolutions. In all, there were 5 considered, with 4 approves, as follows:

RESOLUTION 1: Call for SSSP to Oppose the National Movement to Impose Austerity on Public Higher Education and Support the Resistance of CUNY’s Faculty to Pathways, A Diminished, Austerity Curriculum

RESOLUTION 3: Racial Disparities in Drug Law Enforcement

RESOLUTION 4: School to Prison Pipeline, Affecting Low Income Students of Color, Especially Black Males

RESOLUTION 5: Expression of Gratitude

ACTION: The Board accepted the Resolutions approved at the Business Meeting.

ITEM #13 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION CHAIR

Tracy Dietz, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Social Action reported on the Committee activities. The Committee decided that two items were most pressing in the following year: 1. holding a workshop on social action at the 2014 meeting, and 2. conducting more outreach with students, to bring them into social action. At this year’s meeting, the Committee did not have quorum, so the items were not discussed, and therefore are referred for the following year.

ACTION: The Board accepted the report of the Committee on Social Action.

ITEM #14 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE ON RACE AND RACISM CHAIR

Executive Officer Héctor Delgado verbally presented on the activities of the Committee on Race and Racism.

ACTION: The Board approved the verbal report of the Committee on Race and Racism Chair.

ITEM #15 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS COMMITTEE

Shannon Monnat presented on committee actions. The committee is very active, and should continue.

ACTION: The Board approved the continued existence of the Information Technology Options Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Information Technology Options Committee Chair.

ITEM #16 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: JUSTICE 21 COMMITTEE CHAIR

Glenn Muschert, Secretary and Chair of the Justice 21 Committee presented on the activities of the Justice 21 Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Justice 21 Committee Chair.

ITEM #17 - REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: REVENUE GENERATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Executive Officer Héctor Delgado verbally presented on the activities of the Revenue Generating Committee. In the previous year, the Committee looked into foundation funding, and determined that most foundations will not fund operating expenses, but prefer to fund special initiatives. The Committee also discussed the possibility of running capital campaigns for general operation and legacy campaigns. Another suggestion is the possibility of forming a loosely related foundation to generate capital for social justice oriented scholarship and action. Finally, the Committee may consider hiring a commission-based capital campaigner.

ACTION: The Board approved the continuing existence of the Revenue Generating Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the verbal report of the Revenue Generating Committee Chair.

ITEM #18– REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: TRANSNATIONAL INITIATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

John Dale, Board Member and Chair of the Transnational Initiative Committee, presented on the activities of the committee. The Committee organized a 1-day mini-conference on human rights and globalization, to take place August 12, 2013, which was supported in part by outside donations. Via this mini-conference, significant connections are being built with various scholars in various locations around the globe.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Transnational Initiative Committee Chair.

ITEM #19 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM #19.A - Unfinished Item #18 from the August 9, 2013 Board meeting

Chair of the Council of Division Chairs Shannon Monnat presented on unfinished business related to Council issues raised in the August 9, 2013 Board meeting. Discussion was tabled, with the provision that it would be discussed via email.

ITEM #20 NEW BUSINESS

Item #20.A – Request from Institutional Ethnography Division

ACTION: The Board approved the request of the Institutional Ethnography Division for meeting space at the 2014 meetings.

Item #20.B – Request from *Critical Sociology*

ACTION: The Board approved the request of *Critical Sociology* for meeting space at the 2014 meetings.

Item #20.C – Request from Association of Black Sociologists

ITEM CANCELLED

Item #20.D – Request of the Transnational Initiative Committee

ITEM CANCELLED

Item #20.E - Request of the Program Committee

ACTION: The Board approved the request of the Program Committee to hold a cross-disciplinary poverty summit to coincide with the 2014 meetings.

Item #20.F - Discussion of Society Collaboration with the Association of Black Sociologists

President Anna Maria Santiago discussed ways to collaborate and partner with the Association of Black Sociologists.

Item #20.G – Discussion of the use of the term “sociologist” rather than “social scientist” in Society documents and publications.

President Anna Maria Santiago discussed the need to use the more inclusive term “social scientist,” rather than “sociologist” in Society documents and publications. This could be a concern for future Board discussion.

ITEM #21 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2013-2014 BOARD

There being no further business, the Board was adjourned by President Anna Maria Santiago.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary