

2013 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013

9:00AM – 10:10AM

ITEM #1 - CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Ricardo Dello Buono

ITEM #2 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

ITEM #3 – REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FOR LAST YEAR’S MEETING

Secretary, Glenn W. Muschert presented the action items from the 2012 Board meetings, as follows.

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

ACTION: The Board approved that the online nomination form include a line requesting information regarding who is submitting the nomination (i.e., whether candidate is self-nominated, or nominated by a third party).

ACTION: The Board approved the amended nominations list for the 2013 SSSP general election.

ACTION: The Board accepted the Nominations Committee report.

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

ACTION: The Board charged the BFA committee with considering an increase in funding for the Lee Scholar Support Fund, for the 2013 NYC meetings.

ACTION: The Board approved the 2013 budget as proposed.

ACTION: The approved that Tommy Horejes will continue service on the 2012-2013 Accessibility Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Committee on Committees and the slate of members for next year’s committees.

ACTION: The Board accepted the report of the Editorial and Publications Committee.

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

ACTION: The Board reaffirmed the policy that all advisory members are required to be members of the Society. The Secretary will contact all non-compliant members of the advisory editorial board to notify them of this policy. Those who continue to be non-compliant could be removed from the Advisory Board.

ACTION: The Board charged the Editorial and Publications Committee to consider the current policy for advisory editors for *Social Problems*, and to report back to the Board on best practices by 2013.

ACTION: The Board charged the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee to consider the Society's tax status, to consider whether the current 501(c)(3) or the 501(h) tax status, and that the BFA make a decision regarding how to proceed.

ACTION: The Board approved the Social Action Committee report.

ACTION: The Board approved the Revenue Generating Committee report.

ACTION: The Board charged the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee to reconsider the minimum number of members for a division (currently set at 150).

ACTION: The Board approved that a program participant can present a sole-authored paper and a critical dialogue paper for the 2013 meeting.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Chair of the Council of Special Problems Divisions.

ACTION: The Board approved the request of the Institutional Ethnography Division to use one meeting room on August 12, 2013.

ACTION: The Board approved a request from the International Coalition Against Sexual Harassment to use one meeting room on August 12, 2013.

ACTION: The Board approved the request for a post-meeting conference tentatively titled "Challenges Facing Organized Labor" to take place on August 12, 2013.

ACTION: The Board, based on Ricardo Dello Buono's and Anna Maria Santiago's observations, charged the 2012-13 By-Laws Committee to draft by-laws amendments for the membership to vote on in the 2013 General Election [Article VIII, Section 7 to move all dates back by one month – send out an e-mail on February 1, open voting February 15, close voting March 15, and Section 10 to notify elected candidates by April 1].

Action: The Board approved that the following section will be added to the Operations Manual:

"Presidential Fund Raising

The President-Elect/President is encouraged to raise additional funds in support of the Annual Meeting over which he or she presides and to consult with the Administrative Officer/Meeting

Manger regarding their use. The President-Elect/President, however, makes the final decision on the use of these funds in support of the Annual Meeting.”

ITEM #4 – REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY SUMMARIZING 2013 BOARD ACTIONS

Secretary, Glenn W. Muschert presented the action items from the 2013 Board meetings, as follows.

ACTION: The Board approved the results of the annual audit.

ACTION: THE Board approved the 2013 amended budget.

ACTION: The Board approved the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee Report

ACTION: The Board requests that the UTK Project Director submit a modified report.

ACTION: The Board approved the Executive Officer’s report.

ACTION: The Board approved the EO and AO to develop a proposal, subject to the consideration of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, for a membership survey which should be conducted and analyzed prior to the 2014 annual meetings. The target population for the survey would include both current and former members whose memberships have lapsed within the past 5 years.

ACTION: The Board approved the Revenue Generating Committee to explore the possibility of creating a Targeted Capital Campaign and a Legacy Campaign to generate capital.

ACTION: The Board approved the Program Committee Chair’s report, and tabled further discussion of the recommendations.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Local Arrangements Committee Chair.

ACTION: The Board approved that the following motion: The Administrative Office will process all qualified exemption requests for conference registration (under a-d in registration exemption rules) in the order that they are received. In addition, the Program Chair will notify the Administrative Officer when he or she approves a direct request (under e in registration exemption rules). All exemptions must be made by May 31.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Meeting Manager.

ACTION: The Board approved the *Social Problems* Budget and Circulation Report and the Sales, Marketing, and Circulation Report.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Editor of *Social Problems*.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Editor of *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter*.

ACTION: The Board approved a new policy that the President should provide handouts for annual Presidential Address in minimum 16-point font on double-sided paper.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Accessibility Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the C. Wright Mills Award Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Elections Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Erwin O. Smigel Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Joseph B. Gittler Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved that a detailed letter of nomination be a requirement for any nominee to be considered for the Lee Founders Award.

ACTION: The Board approved a motion that all backlogs for all Awards will be eliminated. Moving forward, all nominees for any award must be newly nominated each year, however there is no prohibition on re-nomination of viable candidates who did not win an award in previous years.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Lee Founders Award Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved that the application and advertisements for the Lee Student Support Fund need to state clearly that students must ensure that they have uploaded supporting materials.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Lee Student Support Fund Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Membership and Outreach Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved that the Standards and Freedom of Research and Publication and Teaching Committee be eliminated as a permanent committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved that the listserv can allow attachments, with the qualification that the listserv moderator and SSSP webmaster are empowered to assess the appropriateness of setting a maximum file size for attachments.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the listserv moderator.

ACTION: The Board approved the online system for membership would be revised to allow a member to join a Special Problems Division at any time (that is, not simply when becoming a member.)

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Chairperson of the Council of Special Problems Divisions.

ACTION: The Board accepted the recommendation of the Editorial and Publications Committee for Editor of *Social Problems*.

ACTION: The Board approved Pamela Quiroz and Nilda Flores-Gonzalez as the 2014-2017 Editors of *Social Problems*.

ACTION: The Board approved that the following wording would be eliminated from ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2 of the Society By-Laws, as follows: "Non-members may be nominated or appointed to such positions provided that they apply for membership, when they accept the nomination or appointment except as noted below in ARTICLE V, Section 1, requiring two years prior membership." In addition, the Board approved that "may be nominated" will be replaced with "may accept a nomination" in "No person may be nominated for or hold any office, serve on any standing or temporary committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems or on the Board of Editors of any periodical publication of the Society who is not a member of the Society." [Note: This change to the By-Laws must be approved by a vote of the Society membership.]

ITEM #5 – REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

Editor Becky Pettit offered the report for the journal *Social Problems*. Submissions are up 12%, with 328 new submissions. The journal is on-time and on-budget. The journal is now on-line in advance of print. Becky noted with gratitude the service of Society members in their role as reviewers. The journal publishes only 8% of papers submitted, and it is notable that the articles have won numerous awards in a variety of subject areas.

ITEM #6 – REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS FORUM: THE SSSP NEWSLETTER*

President Ricardo Dello Buono presented on behalf of the Editor. The Newsletter is being phased out, with its final edition being this fall. All functions of the newsletter will be handled by existing communications functions within the Society.

ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Héctor Delgado, Executive Officer, started with an expression of gratitude to the Administrative Office. There were two searches this year, one for *Social Problems* editor, and another for the publisher of the journal. The Society is becoming more international, including the global presence of the publisher of the journal. With Board approval, the Executive Officer is moving forward with the development of a

conflict of interest statement. The Society will conduct a membership survey. The Society is working on fund raising efforts, which has received support/training from the UTK development office. In particular, there are two capital campaigns in planning, one general, and one a legacy campaign. The future meetings are in San Francisco, Chicago, Seattle, and Montreal, in the years 2014-2017, respectively.

ITEM #8 – REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND MEETING MANAGER

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager reported that there are as of now a total of 1009 participants to this year's conference. Among these, 54% are professional, 43% are student/unemployed/emeritus, and 3% exempt registrants. Michele expressed gratitude for the teamwork of the staff in the Administrative Office and Executive Officer. The Society has worked hard on accessibility, and this year was able to provide requested wheelchair accessible facilities and rooms, a sign language interpreter, gender-neutral restroom, a comfort room, and a QR code to refer folks directly to accessibility resources.

ITEM #9 – REVIEW OF THE BY-LAWS CHANGES AND ANY PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CHANGE

Héctor Delgado, Executive Officer, reported on the one approved By-Laws change which has been approved in 2013.

The following wording will be eliminated from ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2 of the Society By-Laws, as follows: "Non-members may be nominated or appointed to such positions provided that they apply for membership, when they accept the nomination or appointment except as noted below in ARTICLE V, Section 1, requiring two years prior membership." In addition, the Board approved that "may be nominated" will be replaced with "may accept a nomination" in "No person may be nominated for or hold any office, serve on any standing or temporary committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems or on the Board of Editors of any periodical publication of the Society who is not a member of the Society." **[Note: This change to the By-Laws must be approved by a vote of the Society membership.]**

ITEM #10 – REPORT FROM THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Vice President Tracy Dietz presented this year's resolutions. Resolution 2 was tabled by the Council of the Special Problems Division Chairs, not because they disagreed with the sentiment of the resolution, but rather because some sections were ambiguous.

2013 APPROVED RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions were solicited via several calls sent out to the membership by the SSSP office as well as by emails sent to the Chairs of the 22 Divisions by the SSSP Vice President, Tracy Dietz. This year, a total of five potential resolutions were submitted, including the expression of gratitude.

The resolutions were provided both online prior to the meeting and in hardcopy format at registration at the annual meeting for the membership to review prior to the annual business meeting.

In an annual meeting of the Council of Division Chairs, the proposed resolutions were reviewed. Action taken at that meeting is shown below.

The revised resolutions were then reviewed and revised and voted on at the annual business meeting of the SSSP, held on Saturday, August 10, 2013.

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

Submitted by Eileen Moran and Barbara Katz Rothman, Sponsored by the Educational Problems Division

Whereas, Pathways, a top down revamping of CUNY's core curriculum, undermines both faculty governance and the quality of the education CUNY's 400,000 students will receive; and

Whereas, the CUNY administrators and Board of Trustees bypassed CUNY's Faculty Senates, the elected bodies charged with curriculum development, to impose Pathways in September of 2013 over the strong objection of these faculty bodies; and

Whereas, after years of declining public investment and growing enrollments, CUNY is pressed to graduate more students faster, to reduce costs and increase productivity, thus to impose an austerity education; and

Whereas, the college completion agenda is part of a national movement to corporatize and ration public higher education; and

Whereas, curricula comparable to Pathways, some even called Pathways, have already been implemented or proposed at other public colleges and universities (1); and

Whereas, well financed foundations, particularly the Lumina Foundation, are in the forefront of imposing austerity nationally, by lobbying public university Boards of Trustees as change agents (2); and

Whereas, the conservative American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) also has an agenda for higher education that furthers austerity by tying public funding to outcomes, including testing, graduation rates and employment after graduation;(3) and

Whereas, fourteen states have already passed legislation to implement ALEC's accountability measures, and Governor Cuomo has attempted to include such measures in his 2014 budget proposal in NYS (4); and

Whereas, under the guise of facilitating student transfers at CUNY, Pathways, with its three credit limits, offers diluted classes and reduced requirements such as basic science courses without laboratory hours and eliminates four-credit language and English composition courses, and

Whereas, austerity higher education seriously undermines the life chances of poor, working class, older adult students, and students of color who are most likely to attend public institutions; and

Whereas, states' disinvestment in public higher education has already reshaped public higher education policy, beginning with the presidents who have prioritized workforce development and accountability while paying only lip service to former goals of affordability and access; and

Whereas, in a confidential referendum, sponsored by the Professional Staff Congress, CUNY's faculty-staff union, 92% of faculty participants voted no confidence in Pathways; and

Whereas, public higher education's mission to develop students' critical thinking in order to promote participation in a democratic, diverse society is undermined by austerity measures; therefore

Be it resolved, that the Society for the Study of Social Problems communicate to CUNY's Acting Chancellor William Kelly and to CUNY's Board of Trustees its support for academic freedom and faculty governance at CUNY, and its support of the faculty's demand for a moratorium on Pathways; and

Be it Further Resolved, that SSSP communicate its opposition to the imposition of Pathways and austerity education to the NYC media and the national media addressing higher education issues (NYT, Daily News, Wall St. Journal, CHE, Inside Higher Education, and others); and

Be it Further Resolved, that SSSP provide information to its members on its website about this national movement to impose austerity higher education; and

Be it Further Resolved, that going forward SSSP make its opposition to the austerity agenda being advanced and support its members, confronting and resisting such processes on other campuses.

Notes

1. A Google search of Pathways and higher education curriculum produces pages of citations including Colorado's Pathways curriculum, SAS an online resource for K-16, and a mix of scholarly critiques as well as global patterns in higher education.
2. See Lumina foundation at www.luminafoundation.org and Jamie P. Merisotis, President and CEO of Lumina Foundation keynote address to The Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees (PACT), Harrisburg, PA, April 16, 2013.

3. See www.alec.org "Ten Questions Legislators Should Ask About Higher Education". Fourteen states currently tie funding to performance and many more require an assortment of measures of student engagement, efficacy or productivity.

4. In the budget for 2013-14 Governor Cuomo included funding tied to outcomes, but it was modified by the legislature due to the efforts of the PSC and other union affiliates of New York State United Teachers.

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RESOLUTION 2: Resolution Expressing Concern that Portions of the USA Patriot and Homeland Securities Acts Pose a Direct Threat to the Liberties and Civil Rights Protected by the United States Constitution and the Human Rights Protected by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Submitted by Luis Esparza

RESOLUTION 3: Racial Disparities in Drug Law Enforcement

Submitted by Joyce Bialik and Heather MacIndoe on behalf of the Sociology and Social Welfare Division, Sponsored by the Drinking and Drugs Division

Whereas racial disparities in incarceration have been documented for decades, the most problematic being for Black men currently imprisoned 6.4 times the rate of White men;

Whereas drug offending and discriminatory police and sentencing practices have been major factors in this racial disparity, while particular issues in New York City and State are police-stop-and-frisk practices and a loophole in state law that in 1977 decriminalized possession of marijuana;

Whereas this loophole criminalizes possession when marijuana is "open to public view." When someone complies with a police officer's directive to "empty your pockets," during a stop-and-frisk encounter (even though one is not legally required to do so), the individual is then charged with the crime of possessing marijuana "open to public view;"

Whereas because of this loophole and police stop-and-frisk practices more than 600,000 New Yorkers have been arrested for marijuana possession since 1996, including more than 45,000 people in 2012 alone;

Whereas these arrests predominantly affect young people with no prior criminal involvement;

Whereas more than 84 percent of those arrested for possession were people of color – even though young whites use marijuana at higher rates;

Whereas these arrests and imprisonments have significant consequences, such as creating barriers to employment, financial aid, housing, and civic participation; and

Whereas these arrests cost NYC taxpayers \$75 million last year and over \$600 million dollars during the last decade;

Whereas NYC's Mayor Bloomberg, NYC Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, and all five NY District Attorneys have supported legislation to fix the marijuana possession laws;

Be it resolved that Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) opposes the discriminatory application of "stop, question, and frisk" which affects more than a half a million New Yorkers each year and unfairly targets Black and Latino youth;

And it be further resolved that SSSP supports the Community Safety Act, a police reform legislative package aimed at ending discriminatory policing and bringing accountability to the NYC Police Department;

And be it further resolved that SSSP supports efforts to standardize the penalties for possessing a small amount of marijuana in New York so that possession in public view would be a violation punishable by a summons and fine, not arrest and jail;

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution with a cover letter be forwarded to the governor, legislative leaders in Albany, the Mayor of NYC, District Attorneys of NYC, and members of the NYC Council and any other individual or body that the Executive Officer of the SSSP determine.

Resources

Communities United Police Reform. Community Safety Act. <http://changethenypd.org/community-safety-act>

Drug Policy Alliance. Ending the Marijuana Arrest Crusade in NYC. <http://www.drugpolicy.org/departments-and-state-offices/new-york/ending-marijuana-arrest-crusade-nyc>

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

Submitted by Joyce Bialik and Heather MacIndoe on behalf of the Sociology and Social Welfare Division, Sponsored by the Educational Problems Division; Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division; Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division; Disabilities Division; and the Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division

Whereas more than one-half of Black men in low-income urban areas do not finish high school, which studies show greatly increases their risk of incarceration;

Whereas by the end of the 1990s a Black male who lacks a high school credential, born 1965-69, had nearly a 60 percent chance of serving time in prison;

Whereas research shows that current school discipline policies which rely on suspensions, widespread police presence, and other punitive practices do not reduce conflict, and instead increase the likelihood that students will fall behind, drop out and/or become incarcerated;

Whereas punitive policies disproportionately affect low-income students of color and students with disabilities, with Black male students impacted more than any other group;

Whereas youth with disabilities are over-represented among youth pushed out of the school system and funneled into the juvenile justice system and are not given the necessary services and supports to stay in school successfully.

Whereas these practices have a negative impact on school climate by undermining positive relationships between students and trusted adults and contributing to conflict on school campuses;

Be it resolved that the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) calls for New York City to support reducing suspensions and school-based arrests and implementing positive alternatives to protect students' human rights to education and dignity;

Be it further resolved that SSSP supports the creation of safe and supportive school climates in all New York City public schools without the need for school police or metal detectors, where young people are not suspended and removed from class, and where teachers and students have training and support to prevent and resolve conflicts in positive ways;

Be it further resolved that SSSP calls on the Mayor, the New York City Department of Education, the New York State Education Department, and City and State legislators to:

1. Implement and fund positive school-wide discipline policies in all schools by incorporating approaches such as restorative practices, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and peer mediation.
2. Begin implementation in the highest need schools by providing resources, training and technical assistance for schools. Highest need schools include schools that are heavily policed, schools with metal detectors, cameras, and large numbers of School Safety Officers, schools with high suspension, expulsion, and arrest rates, schools with a population of students at risk of dropping out, and Impact Schools. They also include schools in low income communities of color, where we see a correlation between the criminalization of students inside and outside of schools.
3. Fund, designate, and train a staff person in each school, beginning with the highest need schools, to serve as a Restorative Discipline Coordinator who will help develop and oversee implementation of a school-wide plan, and provide ongoing support and coordination for teachers and students.
4. Require training for all teachers, principals, counselors, school aides, and other support staff on how to implement positive interventions, and engage students, parents, and educators to help design and lead the trainings.
5. Consult regularly with students, parents, and other community members about the development of school discipline, climate, and safety practices to involve the entire school community.
6. Create and train a Restorative Discipline Team at the NYC Department of Education to ensure that schools are implementing and sustaining positive school-wide discipline policies, and to provide technical assistance and support.
7. Reduce suspensions by no less than 50% by the 2013 – 2014 school year, eliminate suspensions of more than 10 days, and reduce school-based arrests by revising the Discipline Code, Chancellor's Regulations, and other policies.
8. Require the use of positive interventions, such as mediation, counseling, restorative circles, or fairness committees, instead of suspensions except where suspensions are required by law.
9. Adopt a policy that schools must take certain steps before they can suspend a student, such as using positive interventions, or meeting with the student and/or the student's guardian to discuss disciplinary options.

10. When a student returns from a suspension, require that schools provide academic support and implement positive interventions to reintegrate the student into the school community.
11. Require schools to strictly uphold students' due process rights and provide remedies for violations of those rights.
12. Decriminalize students by minimizing police presence and arrests and giving schools control over school safety.
13. Continually monitor and evaluate the use of suspensions, removals, arrests, and positive interventions in all schools.
14. Hold schools accountable for reducing high suspension and arrest rates, not through punitive measures, but by providing technical assistance and support to implement positive approaches.
15. Ensure that schools do not use suspensions in cases prohibited by the Discipline Code, such as wearing a hat and other infractions under Level 1 of the Discipline Code.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution and cover letter shall be forwarded by the SSSP Executive Officer to the Mayor, the New York City Department of Education, the New York State Education Department, and City and State legislators

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RESOLUTION 5: Expression of Gratitude

Our sincere appreciation is expressed to all of the officers, committee chairs, and members who have made this program possible and whose efforts maintain the vitality of the SSSP. First, we thank President R.A. Dello Buono for his outstanding leadership in developing the 63rd Annual Meeting and its theme: Re-imagining Social Problems: Moving Beyond Social Constructionism. We also thank this year's Program Committee: Chair David Fasenfest and committee members Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Jeneve Brooks, Melanie E.L. Bush, Rodney D. Coates, Walda Katz-Fishman, Mary Romero, and George Sanders; and Local Arrangements Committee Chair Angie K. Beeman and committee members Carolle Charles, Francesca Degiuli, Rifat A. Salam, Karen Ivette Tejada, and Thomas Volscho. We thank the staff of the Westin New York at Times Square for fine accommodations, and we particularly want to recognize the efforts made by Marcus Timmons, Meeting and Event Manager, and Jenny Ahn, Account Director.

The Society wishes to express its gratitude to Past President Wendy Simonds for her years of leadership; Vice-President Tracy L. Dietz for managing the resolutions process; Glenn W. Muschert for his service as Secretary; and Susan M. Carlson for her service as Treasurer and Chair of the Ad Hoc Publisher Search Committee. The Society also thanks Anna Maria Santiago, President-Elect; Luis A. Fernandez, Vice-President Elect; Board of Directors: Marlese Durr, Stephani A. Williams, Lara J. Foley, Antwan Jones, Phoebe Morgan, outgoing members Valerie Leiter, Nancy J. Mezey, Patrick K. O'Brien (outgoing) and Sarah Hendricks, student representatives of the Board; Shannon M. Monnat, Chair of the Council of Special Problems Divisions; Becky Pettit, Editor of Social Problems; Brent Teasdale, outgoing Editor of Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter; Patrick Donnelly, outgoing Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee Chair and committee members: Paul D. Steele, Claire M. Renzetti, and Susan M. Carlson; David A. Smith, Editorial and Publications Committee Chair and committee members: Suzanne Vaughan, Nancy C. Jurik, John F. Galliher, Mary C. Bernstein, Paul C. Luken, Patrick Donnelly, Ted Chiricos, Becky Pettit, and Brent Teasdale; the University of Tennessee and the Department of Sociology for hosting the SSSP Administrative Office; Manhattan College and the Sage journal Critical Sociology for their financial contributions to program activities, and to the University of California Press for its financial contribution to the registration bags.

The Society wishes to thank Executive Officer Héctor L. Delgado, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager Michele Smith Koontz, Information Technology Specialist Sharon Shumaker, Administrative Assistant Marisa Stone, Graduate Research Associate & Webmaster Lisa East, and the chairpersons and co-chairpersons of the 22 Special Problems Divisions for continuing to make the organization run and do all that it does year in and year out.

ACTION: Resolutions 1, Resolution 3, Resolution, 4, and Resolution 5 were approved by an open vote of the members present.

ITEM #11 – REPORT FROM THE TREASURER ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE SOCIETY

Treasurer Susan Carlson presented on the Society's financial condition. Susan expressed gratitude to the Society for the opportunity to serve, and for the support of the Executive Officer, Administrative Office, and the cooperation of the Board. 2012 was an excellent year for the Society, with an increase in \$96K of the Society's investments.

The annual audit of the Society's finances indicates that the overall financial health of the Society is very good.

ITEM #12 – REPORT FROM THE BUDGET, FINANCE, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Patrick Donnelly, Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, presented on the financial issues of the Society. The Committee considered the possibility of moving the Society's tax status to a 501(h) status, but found that such a move would not be in the Society's interests.

ITEM #13 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was proposed.

ITEM #14 – INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT AND PASSING OF THE GAVEL

President Ricardo Dello Buono introduced the 2013-2014 President, Anna Maria Santiago.

ITEM #15 – NEW PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THE SITE, DATE, AND THEME OF THE 2014 MEETING

President Anna Maria Santiago announced that the 2014 Annual Meeting will take place August 15-17, in San Francisco, CA. The conference theme will be "Fifty Years Later: From a War on Poverty to a War on the Poor." Anna clarified the meaning and intention of her conference theme, and made a call for members to send her photos of poverty for possible inclusion in her presidential address.

ITEM #16 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting was adjourned by President Anna Maria Santiago.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary