

Report from the Social Action Committee Met Friday 8/9/13 at SSSP

In attendance: Tracy L. Dietz, 2012-13 Chair; Luis Fernandez, 2013-14 Chair; Kristen Budd

Prior to the meeting, an email was sent by the chair to the members to gauge what suggestions from last year's meeting were areas of most crucial concern to be addressed at this year's meeting. The survey results are as follows:

- Outreach to get graduate students involved in social action – Received 4 votes
- Free workshop on social activism at annual meeting – Received 3 votes
- Assist with identifying policy-related issues SSSP might want to get involved in – Received 1 vote
- Forge ties with other like-minded organizations/parties to collaborate on social action efforts – Received 1 vote
- Provide visibility for Social Action on social media (e.g. through SSSP's Facebook page) – received 1 vote

Members of the committee were instructed to come to the meeting with concrete ideas on how to proceed to address the top two items and if time permitted the last item in the list.

Unfortunately, we did not have enough members at the actual meeting to conduct a meeting according to Robert's Rules. But, we decided to move the items forward to the committee for consideration with Chair for 2013-14 (Luis Fernandez, 2013-14 SSSP VP) taking the lead on the workshop on social activism in particular. He also indicated that he would explore with the 2013-14 committee opportunities to expand graduate student involvement in social action.