

2014-2015 SSSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2014

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President Marlese Durr

ITEM #2 – INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

Marlese Durr, President

David Smith, President-Elect

Anna Maria Santiago, Past President

Nancy Mezey, Vice President

Ronnie Steinberg, Vice President-Elect

Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary

Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer

Cheryl Boudreaux, Board Member

John Dale, Board Member

Heather Dalmage, Board Member

Antwan Jones, Board Member

Keith Kilty, Board Member

Ray Michalowski, Board Member

Phoebe Morgan, Board Member

Margaret Austin Smith, Board Member, Student Representative

Kathryn Nowotny, Board Member, Student Representative

Shannon Monnat, Chair, Council of Special Problems Divisions

Pamela Quiroz, Co-Editor, *Social Problems*

Nilda Flores-González, Co-Editor, *Social Problems*

Claire Renzetti, Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee

Nancy Jurik, Chair of the Editorial and Publications Committee

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 #15 - Unfinished Items from the August 15, 2014 Board meeting

Part A - REPORT FROM THE THOMAS C. HOOD SOCIAL ACTION AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

Part B – REPORT FROM THE LISTSERV MODERATOR

Part C – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Part D – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: JUSTICE 21 COMMITTEE CHAIR

Part E: – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: REVENUE GENERATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Part F: – REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS DIVISIONS

Part G: – REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE TRANSNATIONAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE CHAIR

Part H - ISSUE REGARDING REGISTRATION FEE WAIVERS. MOVED FORWARD FROM THE THURSDAY BOARD MEETING.

Part I - THE COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE SSSP CHANGE ITS CURRENT POLICY RELATIVE TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS TO MAKE THE NUMBER OF SESSIONS OFFERED TO EACH SPECIAL PROBLEMS DIVISION PROPORTIONAL TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF EACH DIVISION.

ITEM #16 NEW BUSINESS

Part A – REQUEST FROM *CRITICAL SOCIOLOGY*

Part B – REQUEST FROM INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY DIVISION

Part C – REQUEST FROM ICASH

Part D - ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

ACTION: The agenda was adopted as revised.

ITEM #4 – NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY AND TREASURER

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

ITEM #5 – REPORT FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

Laura Bannon, Editor, and Allison Ferguson, Assistant Marketing Manager at Oxford University Press spoke about the report submitted to the Society. Discussion ensued as the OUP representatives clarified questions from the Board.

ACTION: The Board approved the report from Oxford University Press.

ITEM #6 – REPORT FROM THE EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Nancy Jurik presented the committee report. One item of discussion involved the development of strategies to internationalize *Social Problems*. The committee recommended that the submission fee remain the same for members and non-members. The committee altered the board to the declining nature of institutional support for journal publication. The committee recommended changes to the Operations Manual regarding the Publisher and Search Process. Recommendations 1 through 6 in the report will be forwarded to the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee for their consideration.

ACTION: Proposed changes to the Operations Manual were approved, as follows:

“The Ad Hoc Committee to solicit and review applications for publisher will include the following: The Executive Officer, Chair of the Editorial and Publications Committee, the current Editor of *Social Problems*, the Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, the Treasurer, and one at-large member of the Editorial and Publications Committee. This ad hoc committee will review all bids, provide frequent updates to the E&P Committee, select finalists, and make a recommendation to the E&P Committee as a whole. The E&P Committee will vote on the recommendation of a new publisher and then forward their recommendation to the Board of Directors. (The E&P Committee should also be included in any interviews with publisher finalists conducted at the annual society meetings.)

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

ITEM #6.A. – REPORT FROM THE INCOMING CO-EDITORS OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

Co-Editors Pamela Quiroz and Nilda Flores-González presented their report. In particular, the Co-Editors spoke about the efforts to internationalize the journal.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Incoming Co-Editors of *Social Problems*.

Item #6.B – Proposed 2014-2015 Advisory Editors

Social Problems Co-Editors Pamela Quiroz and Nilda Flores-González presented the proposed 2014-2015 Advisory Editors for *Social Problems*. Four of the members on the list declined for various reasons, however there are some new members proposed five replacement members, bringing the list to 66. The five replacements are Anna Maria Santiago, Luis Fernandez, Glenn W. Muschert, Bassam Banat, and Monica Segovia-Perez.

ACTION: The Board approved revised the 2014-2015 list of Advisory Editors for *Social Problems*.

ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES CHAIR

Kathleen A. Asbury presented the content of the committee report.

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

ITEM #8 – REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (INCLUDING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2015 GENERAL ELECTION)

Shannon Monnat presented the proposed slate of nominations for the 2015 general election. Discussion ensued regarding the merits of various proposed candidates.

ACTION: The Board approved the amended nominations list for the 2015 SSSP general election.

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

ITEM #9 – APPOINTMENT OF FOUR MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE 2014-2015 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

ACTION: The Board developed a list of appointees for the 2014-2015 Nominations Committee: Antwan Jones, Tamara Leech, Valerie Leiter, and Stephani Williams.

ITEM #10 – REPORT FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Margaret Austin Smith and Kathryn Nowotny, Student Representatives of the Board, presented on the student activities and concerns among the membership. The By-Laws changes proposed at the August 14, 2014 meeting, which were tabled pending input from the graduate student members, was discussed. The graduate students recommended that student members of the Board and the Membership and Outreach Committees should be allowed to serve out their appointed term, even if they graduate before the term expires. Thus, the proposed changes to

the By-Laws from August 14, 2014, will be referred back to the By-Laws Committee for their further consideration, given the feedback received from the graduate students.

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

ITEM #11 – PRESENTATION OF THE 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

Claire Renzetti, Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee presented the 2015 proposed budget. One innovation proposed was that monies received from Division membership dues could be distributed to Divisions for special projects or other Division-specific purposes. Discussion ensued, including the proposal to standardize the awards given to for Divisional student-awards. SSSP will provide each student paper competition winner with a plaque and complimentary membership (\$30) and student registration (\$60).

ACTION: The Board approved the 2015 budget as proposed.

ITEM #12 – DISCUSS ANY BUSINESS MEETING REFERRALS OR MOTIONS

There were no referrals or motions referred to the Board from the 2014 Business Meeting.

ITEM #13 – DISCUSS RESOLUTIONS APPROVED AT THE BUSINESS MEETING, INCLUDING DISPOSITION

Shannon Monnat, presented to the Board on the 2014 Society resolutions. In all, there were 2 considered with 2 approved, as follows:

RESOLUTION 1: Resolution Regarding the Death of Connor Sparrowhawk While in Institutional Care

RESOLUTION 2: Expression of Gratitude

ACTION: The Board acknowledged the Resolutions passed by the membership at the Business Meeting.

ITEM #14 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION CHAIR

Vice President Nancy Mezey, reported on the committee activities. The committee organized a social action/activism session at this year's meeting. The Board clarified the committee's mandate.

ACTION: The Board approved that the Vice President-Elect be added as a member of the committee.

ACTION: The Board empowered the committee to review its mandate, and to return to the Board next year.

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

ITEM #15 – Unfinished Item #18 from the August 15, 2014 Board meeting

Part A – REPORT OF THE THOMAS C. HOOD SOCIAL ACTION AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

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

Part B – REPORT FROM THE LISTSERV MODERATOR

Nancy Mezey presented on the functioning of the listserv.

ACTION: The Board appointed Lisa East as the Society Listserv Moderator for the 2014-2016 term.

ACTION: The Board approved that the Listserv Moderator will serve a two-year term.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Listserv Moderator.

Part C – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Board reviewed the report of the committee.

ACTION: The Board voted to disband the Information Technology Options Committee.

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

Part D – 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.

Part E: – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: REVENUE GENERATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Executive Officer Héctor L. Delgado presented on the activities of the Revenue Generating Committee.

ACTION: The Board empowered the committee to explore the possibility of endowing the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship.

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

Part F - REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: TRANSNATIONAL INITIATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

John Dale, Board Member, presented on the activities of the Transnational Initiative Committee. In 2013, the committee organized a 1-day mini-conference on human rights and globalization. Via this mini-conference, significant connections are being built with various scholars in various locations around the globe. There were participants from all over the world. For 2015, the committee proposes to bring in four international graduate students from four continents for a special panel for critical global dialogues.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Transnational Initiative Committee Chair, and the recommendation to request \$5K from the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee.

Part G – REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS DIVISIONS

Shannon Monnat reported on the committee activities, including a number of recommendations contained in the report. Many recommendations and action items were tabled, pending electronic discussion by the Board.

ACTION: The Board approved that moving forward, the Chairperson of the Council of Special Problems Divisions report will be considered as the first substantive item of the Sunday Board meeting.

ACTION: The Board approved renaming “Special Problem Divisions” to “Divisions.”

ACTION: The Board approved the addition to the conference registration, that members can donate varying funds toward a ticket to future banquets/awards ceremonies.

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

Part H - ISSUE REGARDING REGISTRATION FEE WAIVERS

ACTION: The Board reaffirmed that the Society's Annual Meeting Fee Waiver Exemption Policy with the following modifications.

1. Move and revise the last sentence from Exemption category e. to the beginning of the listing:

“All exemption requests must be submitted by May 15 (new date approved by the BOD). Exemptions from paying registration fees will be considered for:”

2. The BOD did not change the current budget allocation for up to 20 exemptions per year. Exemptions beyond this amount must be requested for and approved by the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee.

Part I – THE COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE SSSP CHANGE ITS CURRENT POLICY RELATIVE TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS TO MAKE THE NUMBER OF SESSIONS OFFERED TO EACH SPECIAL PROBLEMS DIVISION PROPORTIONAL TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF EACH DIVISION.

The issue was tabled, and will be addressed electronically as part of the issues raised in the Report of the Chair of Special Problems Divisions.

PART J – PROPOSAL TO COMBINE THE AWARDS CEREMONY WITH THE DIVISION-SPONSORED RECEPTION, AND TO ELIMINATE THE BANQUET.

ACTION: The Board approved the combination of the Awards Ceremony with the Division-Sponsored reception, and to eliminate the Banquet.

ITEM #16 - NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A – REQUEST FROM *CRITICAL SOCIOLOGY*

ACTION: The Board approved the request of *Critical Sociology* for meeting space at the 2015 meetings.

ITEM B – REQUEST FROM INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY DIVISION

ACTION: The Board approved the request of the Institutional Ethnography Division for meeting space at the 2015 meetings.

ITEM C – REQUEST FROM ICASH

ACTION: The Board approved the request from ICASH for meeting space at the 2015 meetings.

ITEM D - REQUEST FROM PRESIDENT MARLESE DURR

ACTION: The Board approved the request of President Marlese Durr to hold a workshop tentatively called "Lifting the Veil: A Workshop for Faculty Diversity Practice for meeting space at the 2015 meetings.

ITEM #17 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2014-2015 BOARD

There being no further business, the Board was adjourned by President Marlese Durr.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary