

2015-2016 SSSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President David A. Smith

ITEM #2 – INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

David A. Smith, President
Donileen Loseke, President-Elect
Marlese Durr, Past President
Ronnie Steinberg, Vice President
Valerie Leiter, Vice President-Elect
Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary
Patrick Donnelly, Treasurer
Cheryl Boudreaux, Board Member
John Dale, Board Member
Heather Dalmage, Board Member
Louis Esparza, Board Member
Keith Kilty, Board Member
Saher Selod, Board Member
Elroi Windsor, Board Member
Bhoomi Thakore, Chair, Council of Division Chairs
Kasey Henricks, Board Member, Student Representative
Kathryn Nowotny, Board Member, Student Representative
Pamela Anne Quiroz, Editor, *Social Problems*
Héctor L. Delgado, Executive Officer
Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager

ITEM #3 – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda adopted with the following items added to ITEM #15 UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM 2015:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS CARRIED OVER FROM 2014-2015 Board.

The following items were tabled from the 8/21/15 Board meeting.

ITEM #9 REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIR

- A. JULY 2015 DUES BY MEMBERSHIP YEAR REPORT
- B. JULY 2015 DIVISIONS BY MEMBERSHIP YEAR REPORT
- C. 2015 PROMOTION REPORT
- D. 2015 SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP REPORT
- E. COMPARISON MEMBERSHIP REPORT, 2003-2015

ITEM #11 REPORT FROM THE RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

ITEM #12 REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: JUSTICE 21 COMMITTEE CHAIR

ITEM #13 REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: REVENUE GENERATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

ITEM #14 REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: TRANSNATIONAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE CHAIR

ITEM #15 Proposal for Two New SSSP Awards Highlighting Women

1. Doris Wilkinson Faculty Leadership Award
2. Arlene Kaplan Daniels Article Award

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 THE EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Mary C. Bernstein presented the committee report. The committee found the report from Oxford University Press very encouraging. The Editorial and Publications Committee recommended that the Board annually allocate \$5000 to support the social media aspect of *Social Problems*. This proposal was supported by the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee. In the Operations Manual, it states that “bi-yearly” evaluations be conducted of the editor of *Social Problems*. The committee recommended changing this to “Conduct an annual evaluation of the editor of *Social Problems* in conjunction with the annual report of the editor.” The committee suggested that the term for the editor be extended to four years, rather than the current three.

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

ACTION: The Board approved the annual allocation of \$5000 to support the social media aspect of *Social Problems*.

ACTION: The Board referred the issue of evaluation of the editor of *Social Problems* and the term of the editor for further elaboration and specification of the criteria that would be used for the evaluation, as well as clarify how the by-laws would be changed with respect to the possible reappointment of the editor of *Social Problems* back to the Editorial and Publications Committee.

ITEM #5.A. – DISCUSS THE 2016 *SOCIAL PROBLEMS* EDITOR SEARCH: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Mary C. Bernstein presented the text of the call for applications for the next editor of *Social Problems*.

ACTION: The Board approved the call for applications for the next editor of *Social Problems*, with the amendment that it includes the promotion of the journal.

ITEM #5.B. – PROPOSED 2015-2016 ADVISORY EDITORS

Editor Pamela Anne Quiroz presented the proposed list of 2015-2016 advisory editors. Michelle Janning (Whitman College) was also added to the list as presented.

ACTION: The Board approved the proposed amended list of 2015-2016 advisory editors for *Social Problems*.

ITEM #5.C – REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Kasey Henricks presented the committee report, and explained the journal's social media presence.

ACTION: The Board approved the report from the Chair of the Committee on Social Media.

ITEM #6 – PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

Tracy L. Dietz presented the 2016 proposed budget for the Society.

ACTION: The Board approved the 2016 proposed budget.

ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Student Board Representative Kathryn Nowotny presented the report.

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

ITEM #8 – REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES CHAIR

Lloyd Klein presented the content of the committee report.

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

ITEM #9 – REPORT FROM THE OUTGOING CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL OF THE DIVISIONS

PART A. SUMMARY OF DIVISION ACTIVITIES, 2014-2015

PART B. CONCERNS OF THE DIVISIONS

Shannon Monnat presented the report of the Council of Division Chairs. A topic of discussion involved the challenges associated with finding folks to serve as chair of Divisions. The Board took the concerns raised under advisement, and will move forward with some possible strategies to improve the situation. The Council of Division Chairs then raised the issue of adjusting the minimum number of members needed for a Division to continue in existence. The Board will continue to discuss issues of timing raised for the awards ceremony and division-sponsored reception.

ACTION: The Board requested that the By-Laws Committee reconsider the appropriateness of limiting Society service to a single elected position.

ACTION: The Board requested that the By-Laws Committee reconsider revising Section III.A.3 dealing with Divisions, to reflect that the Executive Officer initiate efforts to review the viability and/or elimination of Divisions, and to consider changing the minimum number of Division viability from 150 to 50 members.

ACTION: The Board approved a By-Laws amendment as follows: 1) Create a position of Chairperson-Elect of the Council of Divisions that would be elected into the role the year before the current Chairperson's final year of service, and that this position would be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors. 2) The SSSP will cover the cost of the 3 night conference hotel stay for the Chairperson-Elect. 3) Change the Operations Manual to indicate that the Chairperson-Elect is appointed as a member of the Nominations Committee in the year that the person serves as Chairperson-Elect.

ACTION: The Board approved the Report of the Chairperson of the Council of Divisions.

ITEM #10 – REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (INCLUDING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2016 GENERAL ELECTION)

Shannon Monnat presented the proposed slate of nominations for the 2016 general election. Discussion ensued regarding the merits of various proposed candidates.

ACTION: The Board approved the nominations list for the 2016 SSSP general election as listed.

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

ITEM #11 – APPOINT FOUR MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE 2015-2016 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

ACTION: The Board approved the members of the 2015-2016 Nominations Committee as follows: Bhoomi Thakore (chair), Tamara Leach, Shannon Monnat, Cary Costello, and Bhavani Arabandi.

ITEM #12 – DISCUSS ANY BUSINESS MEETING REFERRALS OR MOTIONS

There was no business referred from the 2015 Business Meeting.

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

Past Vice President Nancy Mezey presented the resolutions that were approved, as follows:

1. Call for SSSP to stand in solidarity with colleagues who have suffered extreme attacks from known White supremacist and other hate groups seeking to silence the voices of activist scholars as members of civil society and campus communities.
2. Expression of Gratitude.

ACTION: The Board acknowledged the Resolutions passed by the membership at the 2015 Business Meeting.

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

Past Vice President Nancy Mezey and Vice President Ronnie Steinberg reported on the committee activities. The recommendations are as follows: 1) requesting the board to clarify the mandate of the committee; and, 2) to turn the current ad-hoc committee into a permanent committee.

ACTION: The Board approved making the Ad Hoc Committee on Social Action into a permanent committee.

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

ITEM #15 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS CARRIED OVER FROM 2014-2015 BOARD MEETINGS

The following items were tabled from the 2014-2015 Board meetings.

PART A – REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Michele Koontz presented the report on behalf of the Membership and Outreach Committee.

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

PART B – REPORT FROM THE RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Michele Koontz presented the report on behalf of the committee.

There were a number of suggestions: 1. Clarify the criteria for evaluating the applicants. 2. Require all applicants to provide a proposed budget. 3. Include a line on the application form for a category for dependent family members, not just dependent minors. 4. That applicants would explicitly specify their SSSP involvement.

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

ACTION: The Board accepted the changes to the application materials for the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee, as follows: 1. Clarify the criteria for evaluating the applicants. 2. Require all applicants to provide a proposed budget. 3. Include a line on the application form for a category for dependent family members, not just dependent minors. 4. That applicants would explicitly specify their SSSP involvement.

PART C – Proposal for Two New SSSP Awards Highlighting Women

1. Doris Wilkinson Faculty Leadership Award
2. Arlene Kaplan Daniels Article Award

Past President Marlese Durr presented the possibility of establishing two new awards named in honor of women, as there currently are no such awards. Discussion ensued regarding the finer points and wording of the awards.

ACTION: The Board approved the creation of the Doris Wilkinson Faculty Leadership Award, as was clarified during the meeting, including the first award committee (three members) as follows, Claire Renzetti (chair), Ray Michalowski, and Barbara Katz Rothman.

ACTION: The Board approved the creation of the Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award, as was clarified during the meeting, including the first award committee (five members) as follows, Marlese Durr (chair), Keith Kilty, Shannon Monnat, Kathryn Nowotny, and Ronnie Steinberg.

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

Lacking sufficient time, this item will be handled via electronic media.

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

There were no developments to report at this time.

PART F – REPORT FROM THE TRANSNATIONAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE CHAIR

John Dale presented the report of the Transnational Initiatives Committee. Lacking sufficient time, this item will be handled via electronic media.

ITEM #16 – NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A – REQUEST FROM INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY DIVISION

ACTION: The Board approved the request of the Institutional Ethnography Division for meeting space at the 2016 meetings.

ITEM B – INTRODUCE SSSP TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION

Lacking sufficient time, this item will be handled via electronic media.

ITEM #17 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2015-2016 BOARD

There being no further time, the Board was adjourned by President David A. Smith.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary