

**2016 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016**  
**4:15PM – 5:25PM**

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President David A Smith

ITEM #2 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted as presented.

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

Secretary Glenn W. Muschert presented the action items from the 2015 business meeting.

**ACTION: BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT, BOTH RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED.**

**RESOLUTION 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.**

**RESOLUTION 2: Expression of Gratitude**

ITEM #4 – REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY SUMMARIZING 2016 BOARD ACTIONS

Secretary Glenn W. Muschert presented the action items from the 2016 Board meetings, as follows:

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

**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.**

**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.**

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

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

**ACTION: The Board approved the 2016 proposed budget.**

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

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

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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

**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.**

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

**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.

**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.

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

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**ACTION:** The Board approved the minutes of the 2014-15 Board Meetings, the 2015 Annual Business Meeting, and the 2015-16 Board Meeting.

**ACTION:** The Board approved the Treasurer's Report on the Financial Condition of the SSSP and the Annual Audit.

**ACTION:** THE Board approved the 2016 revised budget.

**ACTION:** The Board approved the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee's report.

**ACTION:** The Board approved the Executive Officer's report.

**ACTION:** The Board approved the report from the UTK Project Director.

**ACTION:** The Board requested that the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee, in consultation with the Administrative and Executive Officers, to explore the advantages, disadvantages, and options for alternative structures for affiliating with UTK or not. The Board requests a report by the 2017 annual meeting.

**ACTION:** The Board moved to request that the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee consider the feasibility of allocating \$2200 for invited speakers' dues and annual conference registration exemption to the Program Committee Chair.

**ACTION:** The Board approved the Program Committee Chair's report.

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

**ACTION:** The Board approved that the SSSP discontinue co-sponsored tours, in favor of returning the earlier practice of organizing our own tours.

**ACTION:** The Board approved that we continue to use conference bags for the 2017 annual meeting, sourcing from a fair trade and/or unionized company. The annual meeting survey will include a question regarding members' preferences regarding future distribution of bags or other souvenirs.

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

**ACTION:** The Board approved the *Social Problems* publisher's report.

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

**ACTION:** In a single vote, the Board approved the committee reports without action items.

- A. REPORT FROM THE C. WRIGHT MILLS AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR
- B. REPORT FROM THE DORIS WILKINSON FACULTY LEADERSHIP AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR
- C. REPORT FROM THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR
- D. REPORT FROM THE ERWIN O. SMIGEL AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR
- E. REPORT FROM THE JOSEPH B. GITTLER AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR
- F. REPORT FROM THE LEE FOUNDERS AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR
- G. REPORT FROM THE LEE SCHOLAR SUPPORT FUND COMMITTEE CHAIR
- H. REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIR
  - 1. JULY 2016 DUES BY MEMBERSHIP YEAR REPORT
  - 2. JULY 2016 DIVISIONS BY MEMBERSHIP YEAR REPORT
  - 3. 2016 PROMOTION REPORT
  - 4. 2016 SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP REPORT
  - 5. COMPARISON MEMBERSHIP REPORT, 2004-2016
- I. REPORT FROM THE THOMAS C. HOOD SOCIAL ACTION AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR
- J. REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: JUSTICE 21 COMMITTEE CHAIR
  - 1. REPORT FROM POLICY PRESS

**ACTION:** The Board approved the report from the Accessibility Committee Chair.

**ACTION:** The Board approved that eligibility for the Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award would be limited to papers that have appeared within the two calendar years prior to the award

**ACTION:** The Board approved the report from the Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Committee Chair.

**ACTION:** The Board approved that the proposed By-Laws Amendments be presented at the 2016 SSSP Business Meeting consideration of the membership.

**ACTION:** The Board approved the report from the By-Laws Committee Chair.

**ACTION:** The Board approved the report from the Committee on Social Action Chair.

**ACTION:** The Board approved that meeting mentors will be asked to indicate their willingness to being on a list that would be shared with the mentees.

**ACTION: The Board approved the report from the Lee Student Support Fund Committee Chair.**

**ACTION: The Board approved the report from the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee Chair and the Administrative Office Site Visit report.**

**ACTION: The Board approved the report from the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Committee Chair.**

**ACTION: The Board approved the appointment of Elizabeth A. East as Listserv Moderator for the 2016-2018 term.**

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

**ACTION: The Board approved the creation of a standing Transnational Initiatives Committee, and approved funding for the Committee for two years at \$4000 each year.**

**ACTION: The Board approved that the SSSP would join the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Human Rights Coalition for one year (2017), to send two members to this coming year's meetings of the AAAS-HRC meetings (January and July 2017), ultimately to report back to the Board regarding the potential contribution to the SSSP to AAAS-HRC and vice versa. The Board approved funding for this initiative not to exceed \$4000.**

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

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

Editor Pamela Anne Quiroz reported on the Society's journal. Pamela recognized the service of key figures for the journal functioning and social media aspects. The journal declined in impact factor from 1.729 to 1.291. Papers were in broad topic areas throughout the field of social problems. Acceptance rate is at 9%. There were 19 mentions/citations of our articles in national media, and papers for 2016 have won 8 awards from other professional associations, such as ASA and others. Pamela expressed gratitude to all who contribute to the functioning of the journal.

**ITEM #6 – REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Héctor L. Delgado, Executive Officer, spoke about the decline in civil discourse in the last two years, and especially in light of recent US Presidential campaigns. Héctor encouraged the memberships to explore efforts that the SSSP can support those in front-line activist positions/organizations in their social justice work. There were two resolutions, passed last year, and the SSSP continues to take an active role in connecting with organizations and individuals who will share the concerns expressed in SSSP resolutions. The EO expressed thanks to President David A. Smith and his program committee for an excellent meeting and program. In the last year, the SSSP renewed its contract with UTK. Héctor noted that the Tennessee State Legislature defunded the Office of Diversity at UTK, and the SSSP sent statements of grave concern regarding this situation. The EO pointed out the SSSP's cooperation with Policy Press. The EO expressed gratitude to the many people who contribute to the SSSP. The EO expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Society, and in particular to support provided by the Administrative Office.

#### ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND MEETING MANAGER

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager, reported that there are as of now a total of 929 participants to this year's conference. This will be either the second or third highest attendance in the history of the Society. Michele expressed gratitude for the teamwork of the staff in the Administrative Office and the Executive Officer. The Society has worked hard on accessibility, and this year was able to provide requested wheelchair accessible meeting space and guest rooms, a gender-neutral restroom, and a comfort zone room. Following the presidential address, there will be an awards ceremony, followed by the Division-sponsored reception. The AO noted that the Society was able to negotiate numerous discounts and concessions from the hotel. The AO expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Society.

#### ITEM #8 – REPORT FROM THE TREASURER ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE SOCIETY

Treasurer Patrick Donnelly expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Society this past year and in particular to those with whom he has worked closely. The Society realized an increase in net assets. The Society is in good financial health, and due to good stewardship of the AO and EO. The Treasurer predicted that the Society would experience approximately a \$15,000 budget surplus in 2016. The Treasurer discussed the results of the annual financial audit, which was positive. There was a single point that was identified for improvement, which relates the relatively small size our AO & EO. Steps are already in the works regarding addressing this potential risk to the SSSP, especially regarding cross-training regarding handling of financial procedures.

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

Valerie Leiter, Vice-President-Elect, discussed by-laws changes in the previous year. This year, there are two proposed changes: 1) to remove the requirement that the members of the election committee live in the same geographical area as the chair of the committee, and 2) to specify the composition of the Committee on Social Action (VP as chair) 2 members appointed by the chair of division chairs, and two others who are selected by the Committee on Committees in consultation with the Board of Directors.

#### ITEM #10 – REPORT FROM THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Vice-President Ronnie Steinberg presented this year's resolutions.

#### 2016 RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions were solicited via several calls sent out to the membership by the Administrative Office as well as by emails sent to the Chairs of the 22 Divisions by the SSSP Vice-President, Ronnie Steinberg. This year, a total of three 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.

Resolutions were compiled by Ronnie Steinberg, SSSP Vice-President.

1. "Call for SSSP to Stand in Solidarity with Muslims"  
*Submitted by Co-Chairs Omari Jackson (incoming), Matthew Hughey (ongoing), and Michelle Jacobs (outgoing) on behalf of the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division.*
2. "Call for SSSP to stand in solidarity with Trans and Gender-Nonconforming Children and Adults"

*Submitted by Cary Gabriel Costello (member) on behalf of the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division.*

3. "Expression of Gratitude"

**ACTION: BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT, RESOLUTION 1 "Call for SSSP to Stand in Solidarity with Muslims" WAS APPROVED.**

**ACTION: BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT, RESOLUTION 2 "Call for SSSP to stand in solidarity with Trans and Gender-Nonconforming Children and Adults" WAS APPROVED.**

**ACTION: BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT, RESOLUTION 3 "Expression of Gratitude" WAS APPROVED.**

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**RESOLUTION 1: Call for SSSP to stand in solidarity with Muslims**

*Submitted by Co-Chairs Omari Jackson (incoming), Matthew Hughey (ongoing), and Michelle Jacobs (outgoing) on behalf of the Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division.*

Whereas 2016 has seen calls by leading politicians and their supporters numbering in the millions to ban Muslims from entering the United States; and

Whereas polls indicate that half of U.S. voters support a ban on Muslims traveling to the U.S.; and

Whereas anti-Muslim rhetoric is fueling hate crimes against Muslims and people presumed to be Muslim, including 78 recorded incidents against mosques in 2015 and other incidents against individuals and communities, including "violent attacks, threats, assaults, protests, airport profiling, and instances of vandalism"; and

Whereas hate crimes against Muslims have proliferated since the attacks in Paris and Orlando; and

Whereas these hate crimes are occurring across the U.S., including Seattle, WA, where a man was taken into custody on 6/14/16 after threatening the Idris Mosque of North Seattle; and

Whereas an attack against one marginalized group is an attack against all marginalized groups, thus humanity; and

Whereas attacks on humanity are a result of systemic and historical forms of "othering"; and

Whereas U.S. history is partially rooted in misguided values and ethnocentric views that privilege Christians, whites, males, men, heterosexuals, and well-to-do classes; and

Whereas the Society for the Study of Social Problems believes that people – regardless of religious or ethnic affiliation are deserving of social and political inclusion and the full range of human rights; and

Whereas the Society for the Study of Social Problems stands with U.S. Muslims and Muslim people around the world who vociferously condemn the perversion of their faith and the promotion of violence, injustice, and inequality; and

Whereas the Society for the Study of Social Problems stands against the reactionary bigotry that calls for either the *de facto* or *de jure* marginalization of Muslims; and

Whereas the Society for the Study of Social Problems is taking place in Seattle;

Be it resolved, that the Society for the Study of Social Problems will pen a letter of support for the Muslim community to the mayor of Seattle and governor of Washington; and

Be it resolved, that the Society for the Study of Social Problems will pen a letter of support for the Muslim community to the Muslim Community Resource Center of Seattle; and

Be it resolved, that the Society for the Study of Social Problems will pen opinion letters in support of the Muslim community to the top three Washington state daily newspapers — *The Seattle Times*, *The News Tribune*, and *the Spokesman Review*; and

Be it resolved, that the Society for the Study of Social Problems will pen letters of support for the Muslim community to organizations representing the two major political parties in the United States, the Democratic National Committee and the Republican National Committee.

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## **RESOLUTION 2: Call for SSSP to stand in solidarity with Trans and Gender-Nonconforming Children and Adults**

*Submitted by Cary Gabriel Costello (member) on behalf of the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division.*

**AFFIRMING THE RIGHT OF TRANS PEOPLE TO BE PROTECTED FROM DISCRIMINATION IN ACCESS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES, EMPLOYMENT, SCHOOLING, AND HEALTH CARE**

WHEREAS respect for people of all gender identities and expressions has long been a precept of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, and

WHEREAS gender transition as a resolution of the experience of gender dysphoria is affirmed and supported by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health and numerous other professional groups who care for transgender people, AND

WHEREAS a vital part of gender transition and the health and safety of trans people is living in their authentic genders, with those genders being affirmed and respected in the various spaces and institutional settings where those individuals live, work, and go to school, AND

WHEREAS the federal government has issued guidance making it clear that discrimination against trans people violates federal law, to wit:



- a) Students at schools receiving federal funds must not face discrimination due to their gender identity or expression, which protection extends to freedom from harassment, bullying, or non-recognition of their identified genders, and the right to access facilities and activities open to those of their identified genders (“Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students,” interpreting Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, issued by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Education); and
- b) These same rights extend to federal employees who are transgender or gender-nonconforming (“Guidance Regarding the Employment of Transgender Individuals in the Federal Workplace,” issued by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, interpreting the 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the U.S. Constitution and the Privacy Act); and
- c) Patients are protected from discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression in health care under the Affordable Care Act (“Final Rule to Improve Health Equity under the Affordable Care Act,” issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services); and

WHEREAS a transphobic backlash against these civil rights protections is ongoing, taking the form of state and local legal initiatives and a federal lawsuit filed by eleven states and state officials opposing the guidance on the protection of trans and gender-nonconforming students listed as (a) above; AND

WHEREAS these anti-transgender initiatives focus centrally on access to bathrooms and locker rooms, claiming that laws protecting transgender people will enable men and boys to enter bathrooms and locker rooms designated for the use of women and girls, in order to commit voyeuristic harassment or sexual assault; AND

WHEREAS trans people have in fact been using bathrooms that match their identified genders for many decades without any such problem existing; AND

WHEREAS legal protection of gender identity does not in any way render harassment or assault legal, AND

WHEREAS it is in fact trans women who face substantial risk of becoming the victims of violence or persecution in accessing bathrooms; AND

WHEREAS claims of a fantasized risk to “innocents” have a long history in being deployed to justify discrimination and segregation, including claims that racial desegregation would put white women and girls at risk of rape and the transmission of STIs via toilet seats, claims that banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation would put children at risk of molestation, and claims that the Equal Rights Amendment banning sex discrimination would make sex-segregated facilities illegal, putting women and girls in danger in the same way now being claimed for legal protections for gender identity and expression; AND

WHEREAS the end of legal racial segregation and the introduction of protections on the bases of sex and sexual orientation did not lead to the fantasized onslaughts of sexual abuse; AND

WHEREAS so-called “bathroom bills” have a vastly greater negative impact on trans people than just limiting their ability to access toilets; to wit:

- a) These bills deny the reality of gender identity, often using the nonsense phrase “biological gender,” which conflates physical sex characteristics at birth with gender identity in order to delegitimize gender transition as delusional; and

- b) These bills encourage the general public to treat trans people, particularly trans women, with fear, and to see them as potential child molesters and inclined to sexual assault; and
- c) These bills encourage the general public to engage in gender policing, which is a practice of scrutinizing the appearance and behavior of others, framing trans people as deceptive in their gender presentations, and punishing gender-nonconformity—a practice that impacts cisgender individuals as well as trans people; AND

WHEREAS the goal of a just society should be that all of its members be treated with dignity and respect, rather than mocked, bullied, stigmatized, falsely accused, banned from equal access to facilities, or otherwise marginalized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) The SSSP reaffirms its longstanding support of the protection of people against discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression; AND
- 2) The SSSP is grateful for the federal guidance which has been issued from various agencies, making it clear that discrimination against trans and/or gender-nonconforming people in schooling, federal employment, and health care is against federal law; AND
- 3) The SSSP opposes the lawsuit by any state or states and state officials who claim a right to discriminate against transgender students; AND
- 4) The SSSP opposes all so-called “bathroom bills,” which institutionalize transphobia , delegitimize gender transition; and encourage public harassment of trans people; AND
- 5) The SSSP urges all public bodies considering so-called “bathroom bills” to recognize and acknowledge the reasons for our opposition, as enumerated in the body of this Resolution; AND
- 6) The SSSP urges all public entities charged with building and administering public facilities to make available single-stall, lockable, all-gender restrooms and locker rooms for those who wish greater privacy in using the facilities and/or those who do not identify with a binary gender; AND
- 7) The SSSP holds that in any building that has both men’s and women’s multistall facilities and single-stall, any-gender facilities, transgender individuals can never be required to use the non-gendered facilities, as this constitutes segregation, but rather that both trans and cisgender individuals have the choice of using either a multistall facility matching their gender identity, or a single-stall, all-gender facility; AND
- 8) The SSSP reminds all whom this Resolution reaches to enact rules and regulations which respect and protect the human rights of trans and gender-nonconforming people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be published on the website of the SSSP, and that copies of the resolution, accompanied by a cover letter, will be sent to Senator Patty Murray to place this resolution in the Congressional Record; and delivered to the Governors and Attorneys General of the states referenced in the resolution; to the heads of organizations and legislators on the front lines of these issues in these states; and to the National Transgender Advocacy Coalition, the Transgender Law and Policy Institute, GLAAD, and the Human Rights Campaign. Members of the SSSP are invited to distribute

copies of this Resolution to agencies and agents they know to be addressing the issue of protection of trans and gender-nonconforming children and adults.

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### **RESOLUTION 3: 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 David A. Smith for his outstanding leadership in developing the 66th Annual Meeting and its theme: *Globalizing Social Problems*. We also thank this year's Program Committee members R.A. Dello Buono, David Fasenfest, and Evelyn J. Patterson, but especially the committee's chair, Yvonne A. Braun, for putting together such an excellent program; and Local Arrangements Committee Chair Sarah Diefendorf and committee members Patrick A. Denice, Hedwig Lee, and Andrea Robin Reisman. We thank the staff of the Westin Seattle Hotel for fine accommodations, and we particularly want to recognize the efforts made by Stacey Browning, Meeting and Events Manager, prior to her departure.

The Society wishes to express its gratitude to Past President Marlese Durr for her years of leadership; Vice-President Ronnie Steinberg for managing the resolutions process; Glenn W. Muschert for his service as Secretary; and Patrick Donnelly for his service as Treasurer.

The Society also thanks Donileen R. Loseke, President-Elect; Valerie Leiter, Vice-President-Elect; Board of Directors: Cheryl A. Boudreaux, Keith M. Kilty, Louis Edgar Esparza, Saher Selod, Elroi Windsor, outgoing members John G. Dale, Heather Dalmage, student representatives of the Board Kathryn M. Nowotny (outgoing) and Kasey Henricks; Bhoomi K. Thakore, Chairperson of the Council of the Divisions; Pamela Anne Quiroz, Editor of *Social Problems*; Tracy L. Dietz, outgoing Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee Chair and committee members Stephani Williams, Nancy J. Mezey, Patrick Donnelly, and Susan M. Carlson; David Fasenfest, outgoing Editorial and Publications Committee Chair and committee members Nancy A. Naples, Corey Dolgon, Gregory D. Squires, Valerie Jenness, Anna Maria Santiago, Tracy L. Dietz, Becky Pettit, and Pamela Anne Quiroz; and the University of Tennessee and the Department of Sociology for hosting the SSSP Administrative Office. A special thanks to the University of California, Irvine School of Social Sciences, Department of Sociology, Center for the Study of Democracy, and the Blum Center for Poverty Alleviation and the University of Oregon College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Women's and Gender Studies for their financial contributions to program activities and to Oxford University Press for its financial contribution to the conference 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 Douglas Oeser, and the chairpersons and co-chairpersons of the 22 Divisions for continuing to make the organization run and do all that it does year in and year out. We especially want to thank Douglas, who will be leaving us, for his exceptional service over the past two years and to wish him our best in his future endeavors.

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#### **ITEM #11 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was proposed.

#### **ITEM #12 – INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT AND PASSING OF THE GAVEL**

President David A. Smith introduced the 2016-2017 SSSP President, Donileen R. Loseke.

ITEM #13 – NEW PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THE SITE, DATE, AND THEME OF THE 2016 MEETING

President Donileen R. Loseke announced that the 2017 Annual Meeting will take place August 11-13 in Montreal, Quebec. The conference theme selected by President Donileen R. Loseke will be “Narratives in the World of Social Problems: Power, Resistance, Transformation.” Donileen clarified the meaning and intention of the conference theme.

ITEM #14 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Donileen R. Loseke.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary