

**2018 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018**  
**4:15PM – 5:25PM**

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Society President Luis A. Fernandez

ITEM 2 – ADOPT (REVISE) AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

ITEM 3 – REVIEW OF THE BY-LAWS CHANGES AND ANY PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CHANGE

By-Laws Chair Valerie Leiter presented the By-Laws changes from the past year, and there were four (4) proposed changes. All were voted into effect by the Society membership. There were no proposed future By-Laws changes.

ITEM 4 – REPORT FROM THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Vice-President David G. Embrick presented on the actions of the Resolutions Committee. There were four (4) resolutions proposed, and these were presented to the membership as follows. Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION 1: Just Transition to Renewable Energy with Justice for Workers and Frontline Communities

*Submitted by Todd Vachon on behalf of the Labor Studies Division*

**WHEREAS**, the SSSP has previously acknowledged the overwhelming scientific consensus that global climate change is due to human activities, primarily the burning of fossil fuels and deforestation that have caused a dramatic increase in the levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere; and

**WHEREAS**, the SSSP has resolved to stand in solidarity with the policies, targets, and practices established by the Paris Climate Accord; and

**WHEREAS**, national and global income and wealth inequality continues to rise to levels never before seen;

**WHEREAS**, moving rapidly toward a renewable energy economy can—with the right policies in place—be the source of large numbers of new, well-paying jobs that will reinvigorate local economies; and

**WHEREAS**, climate justice and economic justice can only be achieved when working people and frontline communities are at the center of the transition to renewable energy; and

**WHEREAS**, a variety of policy tools are available to move rapidly toward renewable energy while providing well-paying stable jobs, income protection, and retraining for workers and communities adversely affected; including, but not limited to: 1) a progressive tax on carbon pollution with the revenue used to support the income, retraining, and provision of new jobs for workers and communities hurt by the transition and those that have historically borne the brunt of pollution from these facilities;

and 2) policies referenced in the *Clean Energy Worker Just Transition Act*, and the “100 By 50” Act that seeks to move towards 100% renewable energy by 2050 while providing protection for workers and communities affected by the transition, and also lowering barriers that make it difficult to organize workers into unions in the new renewable energy jobs;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSSP reaffirms its support for the Paris Agreement as a contribution to driving a rapid and managed just transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the SSSP will support measures that provide strong protection for workers and communities that are adversely affected by the transition away from fossil fuels, such as those detailed in the *Clean Energy Worker Just Transition Act* and the “100 By 50” Act; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the SSSP supports the demands of frontline communities for environmental justice, including access to newly created jobs in the renewable energy sector; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the SSSP will utilize its communication resources and work to inform and mobilize members through actions and mechanisms, including, but not limited to, petition gathering, letters of support, organizational rallies, contacting elected officials, in support of a just transition to a renewable energy economy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the SSSP will communicate support for *Clean Energy Worker Just Transition Act* and the “100 By 50” Act, to leaders of both parties in the House of Representatives and the Senate, all members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, the House Committee of Natural Resources, the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the President of the United States of America.

**ACTION: By a vote of the membership present, Resolution 1 was approved.**

RESOLUTION 2: Resolution on Disarming Campus Police

*Submitted by Amara Miller and B.B. Buchanan*

**WHEREAS**, the history of policing in the United States is a history of racial terror; one which grows directly out of runaway slave patrols<sup>1</sup>, the black codes<sup>2</sup>, and anti-immigrant border patrols<sup>3</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, the history of policing is also a history of class oppression and violence against union organizing<sup>4</sup>, including roots in capitalist systems that frame disabled populations as “demographic threats”<sup>5</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, police have also historically targeted gender and sexual minorities in support of a heteropatriarchal legal system<sup>6</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, campus police greatly increased their presence and power on university and college campuses in the 1960s and 70s to quell student protest<sup>7</sup>, especially those led by marginalized populations<sup>8</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, many campuses have a long history of activist suppression<sup>9</sup>, including but not limited to the use of pepper spray<sup>10</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, university and college campuses continue to exhibit incidents of racialized violence by police forces<sup>11</sup>, and in which their access to weapons increases their threat to the students and university and college workers<sup>12</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, police violence on university and college campuses continues to disproportionately affect and endanger those who are not only people of color, but also those who are disabled<sup>13</sup>, LGBTQ+<sup>14</sup>, and/or lower-income student and worker populations<sup>15</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, police forces have increasing access to military-grade weaponry and vehicles<sup>16</sup>. Although a temporary ban was placed on this by then President Obama, our president has promised to reinstate the transfer of military grade weapons to police departments<sup>17</sup>.

**WHEREAS**, despite not needing deadly weapons in the course of their job<sup>18</sup>, campus police continue to utilize a culture of fear around school shootings to justify their increasing armory of military grade hardware,

**WHEREAS**, there is evidence that campus police rarely intervene in school shootings until after the events are resolved<sup>19</sup>, when they mostly serve to provide secondary support. Despite not demonstrating need<sup>20</sup>, we still see a move towards increased militarization and armament,

**WHEREAS**, the majority of SSSP members have as their workplace university or college campuses, which have long served as central places for education, organizing, and activism, making the police a health and safety issue and marking these campuses as important spaces of influence and change,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) will post a public statement calling for higher education systems to disarm their campus police of all lethal and military-grade hardware.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in this statement the SSSP will also endorse harm reduction strategies such as additional trainings for campus police (e.g., anti-racism training, de-escalation, and crisis management), ending military and police collaborations (e.g., 1033 program, Urban Shield), and additional transparency and community accountability measures for police accused of excessive force.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that SSSP calls on universities to provide guidelines for non-police, community-based responses to issues such as mental health crises, policing of smoking in non-smoking areas, or people calling police as a response to the presence of Black and Brown bodies. These alternatives will make it so that even the possibility of unnecessary stop and frisk, search, threat of violence or other escalation is removed from everyday life on campus for all members of the community.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Executive Officer of the SSSP will pen a letter to the editor of The New York Times, with duplicates sent to the Los Angeles Times, the Chicago Tribune, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Huffington Post, the National Public Radio (NPR), the Chronicle of Higher Education, the Washington Post, universities considering founding or expanding armed police forces, and the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) on the dangers presented by an increasingly militarized and

armed campus police force, and which outlines the dangers police have posed to the student body in the past, based in rigorous and empirical data drawn from historical and social research.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the SSSP will reassert in the public statement our commitment to fairness, equity, and equality by standing in solidarity with marginalized and hyper-policed students and communities, and calling for the development of skilled alternative student services that are not dependent on police intervention.

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**ACTION: By a vote of the membership present, Resolution 2 was approved as amended.**

RESOLUTION 3: Thanking Outgoing *Social Problems* Editor Pamela Anne Quiroz and the *Social Problems* Community of Scholars

*Submitted by Anna Maria Santiago (Chair) on behalf of the Editorial and Publications Committee*

**WHEREAS** during the past four years (2014-2018), Pamela Anne Quiroz has served as Editor of *Social Problems*, the official journal of the Society for the Study of Social Problems; and

**WHEREAS** Nilda Flores-González served as Co-Editor of *Social Problems* during 2014-2015; and

**WHEREAS** Pamela Anne Quiroz and the Editorial Office Team of Brandi Vigil, Lydia Hou and Deana Lewis at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Maira Álvarez and Devon Jones at the University of Houston have served *Social Problems* and the Society with integrity, professionalism and passion; and

**WHEREAS** Amy Jo Woodruff has served as Production Editor for the journal for multiple editors of *Social Problems*; and

**WHEREAS** Associate Editors Amanda Baumle, Hector Carillo, Sharon Collins, Heather Dalmage, David Embrick, Roberto Gonzalez, Cedric Herring, Moon Kie Jung, Tracy Xavia Karner, Maria Krysan, Maria Monserud, and Rogelio Saenz have provided substantive and methodological expertise and commitment to scholarly excellence; and

**WHEREAS** 75 Advisory Board members have provided expertise to *Social Problems* in their substantive and methodological areas of specialization during this editorship; and

**WHEREAS** under the leadership of Pamela Anne Quiroz, a Student Advisory Board comprised of more than two dozen students across the country made substantial contributions to *Social Problems*; and

**WHEREAS** under the leadership of Pamela Anne Quiroz and co-chairs Kasey Henricks and Devon Goss, the journal created the Social Media Committee whose work has expanded the outreach of *Social Problems*, increased the visibility of the journal's authors and the recognition given to scholarship in the pursuit of social justice; and

**WHEREAS** Pamela Anne Quiroz and her Editorial Team have prepared an Editorial User Guide to support future Editors.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Society for the Study of Social Problems, meeting in convention in Philadelphia, PA, praises and thanks Pamela Anne Quiroz, the Editorial Team for *Social Problems*, and the Community of Scholars who have supported the work of the journal.

#### RESOLUTION 4: 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 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP). First, we thank President Luis A. Fernandez for his outstanding leadership in developing the 68th Annual Meeting and its theme: *Abolitionist Approaches to Social Problems*. We also thank this year's Program Committee members Michelle A. Harris, Meghan G. McDowell, and Ana Muñiz, but especially the committee's chair, A. Javier Treviño, for putting together such an excellent program; and Local Arrangements Committee Chair Adriana Leela Bohm and her committee Raquel Kennedy Bergen, William Cabin, CiAuna Heard, and Cameron T. Whitley. We thank the staff of the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel for our accommodations, and we particularly want to recognize the efforts made by Stefanie Mattera, Associate Director of Sales; Brittany Caserta, Director of Convention Services; and Chelsea Cioppi, Group Rooms Coordinator.

The Society wishes to express its gratitude to Past President Donileen R. Loseke for her years of leadership; Vice-President David G. Embrick for managing the resolutions process; Glenn W. Muschert for his service as Secretary; and Patrick Donnelly (outgoing) for his extraordinary service over the last three years as Treasurer.

The Society also thanks Nancy J. Mezey, President-Elect; William Cabin, Vice-President-Elect; Board of Directors: Sarah Jane Brubaker, Claire M. Renzetti, Maralee Mayberry, Fernando I. Rivera outgoing members Louis Edgar Esparza, Saher Selod, Elroi J. Windsor, student representatives of the Board Sarah A. St. John (outgoing) and Maria D. Duenas; Bhoomi K. Thakore (outgoing), Chairperson of the Council of the Divisions; Kristen M. Budd, Chair-Elect of the Council of the Divisions; Pamela Anne Quiroz, outgoing Editor of *Social Problems*; Lauren Eastwood, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee Chair and committee members, Susan M. Carlson (outgoing), Heather Dillaway, and Patrick Donnelly; Anna Maria Santiago, outgoing Editorial and Publications Committee Chair and committee members Valerie Jenness, Jackie Krasas, Heather MacIndoe, Loretta E. Bass, Valerie Leiter, Lauren Eastwood, Becky Pettit, and Pamela Anne Quiroz; Chair of the Department of Sociology and SSSP Project Director Jon Shefner, the University of Tennessee, and the Department of Sociology for hosting the SSSP Administrative Office. A

special thanks to Northern Arizona University, Office of the Provost, Department of Sociology and Social Work, and the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice for their financial contributions to program activities and to Oxford University Press for subsidizing the purchase of the conference bags.

We are extremely pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has selected Dr. Annulla Linders and Dr. Earl Wright II of the University of Cincinnati as the 2019-2021 Editors of *Social Problems*. We are as excited to have Annulla and Earl as our new editors, as they are to take on this critical responsibility for the SSSP. As we welcome them, we want to thank our current editor, Dr. Pamela Anne Quiroz, and the *Social Problems* editorial staff for their hard work over the past four years.

In addition to selecting Annulla and Earl as our new editors, the Board also voted to amend our contract with Oxford University Press for another five years (January 1, 2020-December 31, 2024). This is an exciting time for the Society and *Social Problems*, and as always, we are open to your ideas for ways to improve our superb journal.

The Society wishes to thank Executive Officer Héctor L. Delgado, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager Michele Smith Koontz, Information Technology Specialist Rachel Cogburn, Administrative Assistant Marisa Stone, Graduate Research Associate & Webmaster Caitlin Mize and the leaders of the 22 Divisions for continuing to make the organization run and do all that it does year in and year out.

**ACTION: By separate votes of the membership present, resolutions 3 and 4 were approved.**

ITEM 5 – REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM LAST YEAR’S MEETING

Secretary Glenn Muschert presented the minutes of the 2017 Society Business Meeting.

ITEM 6 – REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY SUMMARIZING 2018 BOARD ACTIONS

Secretary Glenn Muschert summarized the 2018 Board Actions.

ITEM 7 – REPORT FROM THE OUTGOING EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

Kasey Henricks presented on behalf of *Social Problems* editor Pamela Anne Quiroz on the state of the Society’s journal over the past year. This was an end to a four-year term. There were 291 submissions, with an acceptance rate of 5%. Impact factor and ranking have hit its highest point under Pamela’s leadership. There were eight (8) awards given for articles published in the journal in 2017. There has been a transition to the University of Cincinnati editorial team Annulla Linders and Earl Wright II.

ITEM 8 – PRESENTATION BY THE EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Anna Maria Santiago presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Kasey Henricks for contribution to the Society via work on the *Social Problems* social media presence.

ITEM 9 – REPORT FROM THE INCOMING EDITORS OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

Incoming Editor of *Social Problems*, Annulla Linders presented the state of the new Editorial Office of *Social Problems*. The journal is now located at the University of Cincinnati, and things are moving forward.

ITEM 10 – REPORT FROM THE TREASURER ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE SOCIETY

Susan M. Carlson, Incoming Treasurer, reported on behalf of Patrick Donnelly, Outgoing Treasurer. The financial state of the Society is strong. Net assets exceeded expenses by c. \$90K. In various revenue categories, there was an increase in revenue. Investments in our socially responsible mutual funds

increased due to market conditions, for an approximate current value of \$1,055,000. The Society received a clean financial and organizational audit. The Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee will continue to monitor the Society's investments.

#### PART A - PROPOSAL FOR 2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

Incoming Treasurer Susan M. Carlson proposed a 10% increase in annual membership dues starting in 2019, as requested by the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee, and approved by the Board at the Thursday, August 9, 2018 Board meeting.

**ACTION: By a vote of the membership present, the 10% annual dues increase for 2019 was approved.**

#### ITEM 11 – REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Héctor L. Delgado presented the report from the Executive Officer (EO). The EO started with a note of appreciation to those who contribute to the Society. Changes in the Administrative Office are happening, specifically Administrative Assistant Marisa Stone will be leaving the position, and the position will be converted into a full-time position, which is much needed in the Office. Transition of *Social Problems* editorial office was smooth. The Society is working on an anti-harassment statement via the formation of an Ad Hoc Anti-Harassment Committee. The EO thanks the staff in the Administrative Office. The EO described the Society's work in pursuit of social justice.

#### ITEM 12 – REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND MEETING MANAGER

Michele Koontz presented the report from the Administrative Officer (AO) and Meeting Manager (MM). The AO announced the 2018 meetings have 923 registrants. Of these, 44% are professionals, and 53% are students, unemployed, or retired. The other 3% fit the exempt category. The AO/MM described efforts undertaken to control costs at annual meetings, and efforts to make the meetings as welcoming and rewarding as possible.

#### ITEM 13 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was proposed.

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

Society President Luis A. Fernandez (2017-2018) introduced rising President Nancy J. Mezey (2018-2019), and passed the gavel.

#### ITEM 15 – NEW PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THE SITE, DATE, AND THEME FOR THE 2019 MEETING

Society President Nancy J. Mezey announced that the 2019 Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting will take place in New York City, August 9-11, 2019. The theme for the meeting will be "Illuminating the SOCIAL in Social Problems."

#### ITEM 16 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

There being no further business, the 2018 business meeting was adjourned by Society President Nancy J. Mezey.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary