

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY  
OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC.**

**Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2020 and 2019**

**(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors of  
The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc., which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Auditors' Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

*Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc. as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*LBMC, PC*

Knoxville, Tennessee  
May 13, 2021

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC.

Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2020 and 2019

<u>Assets</u>		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 203,799	\$ 248,263
Investments	81,982	57,663
Accounts receivable	51,951	37,641
Prepaid expenses	<u>3,530</u>	<u>6,363</u>
Total current assets	341,262	349,930
Cash and cash equivalents - board designated	23,412	23,650
Investments - board designated	766,986	677,319
Investments - sustaining members	75,280	71,773
Investments - awards	50,165	50,163
Equipment, net	5,898	5,170
Deposits	<u>5,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,268,003</u>	<u>\$ 1,187,005</u>
 <u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 63,108	\$ 57,897
Accrued expenses	11,802	12,288
Deferred revenue	<u>62,263</u>	<u>50,985</u>
Total liabilities	<u>137,173</u>	<u>121,170</u>
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions:		
Designated by the board (Note 8)	790,398	700,969
Undesignated	<u>212,281</u>	<u>240,641</u>
Total without donor restrictions	1,002,679	941,610
With donor restrictions:		
Purpose restricted	2,706	2,290
Perpetual in nature	<u>125,445</u>	<u>121,935</u>
Total with donor restrictions	<u>128,151</u>	<u>124,225</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,130,830</u>	<u>1,065,835</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 1,268,003</u>	<u>\$ 1,187,005</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statements of Activities

Years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Changes in net assets without donor restrictions:</b>		
<b>Revenues, gains and other support:</b>		
Contributions	\$ 6,363	\$ 5,857
Annual meeting	3,000	138,692
Journals and publications	297,606	295,582
Membership dues	114,932	160,400
Dividends and interest income	36,236	38,626
Net unrealized gain on investments	114,455	154,284
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>568</u>	<u>514</u>
<b>Total revenues, gains and other support</b>	<u>573,160</u>	<u>793,955</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Annual meeting and awards	64,649	211,391
Journals and publications	99,151	102,004
General and administrative expenses	<u>348,291</u>	<u>385,859</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>512,091</u>	<u>699,254</u>
<b>Increase in net assets without donor restrictions</b>	<u>61,069</u>	<u>94,701</u>
<b>Changes in net assets with donor restrictions:</b>		
Earnings on funds restricted for use	952	929
Contributions - sustaining memberships	3,540	1,770
Contributions - Joseph B. Gittler award	2	2
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(568)</u>	<u>(514)</u>
<b>Increase in net assets with donor restrictions</b>	<u>3,926</u>	<u>2,187</u>
<b>Increase in net assets</b>	64,995	96,888
<b>Net assets at beginning of year</b>	<u>1,065,835</u>	<u>968,947</u>
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<u>\$ 1,130,830</u>	<u>\$ 1,065,835</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statements of Cash Flows

Years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Increase in net assets	\$ 64,995	\$ 96,888
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to cash flows used by operating activities:		
Depreciation	3,556	3,659
Net gain on investments	(114,455)	(154,284)
Permanently restricted contributions received	(3,542)	(1,772)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(14,310)	7,064
Prepaid expenses	2,833	(2,846)
Deposits	4,000	(4,000)
Accounts payable	5,211	(17,077)
Accrued expenses	(486)	880
Deferred revenue	<u>11,278</u>	<u>(11,745)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(40,920)</u>	<u>(83,233)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchases of equipment	(4,284)	(4,327)
Proceeds from sale of investments	30,000	302,769
Purchases of investments	<u>(33,040)</u>	<u>(204,699)</u>
Net cash (used) provided by investing activities	<u>(7,324)</u>	<u>93,743</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Collection of restricted contributions	<u>3,542</u>	<u>1,772</u>
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(44,702)	12,282
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>271,913</u>	<u>259,631</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ <u><u>227,211</u></u>	\$ <u><u>271,913</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents to the Statements of Financial Position:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 203,799	\$ 248,263
Cash and cash equivalents - board designated	<u>23,412</u>	<u>23,650</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ <u><u>227,211</u></u>	\$ <u><u>271,913</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INC.

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year ended December 31, 2020

	<u>Annual Meeting and Awards</u>	<u>Journals and Publications</u>	<u>Total Program Services</u>	<u>General and Administration</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>
Salaries and related expenses	\$ 5,031	\$ 94,151	\$ 99,182	\$ 297,614	\$ 396,796
Board-related expenses	-	-	-	2,153	2,153
Awards and scholarships	38,098	-	38,098	-	38,098
Insurance	-	-	-	611	611
Depreciation and amortization	781	-	781	2,775	3,556
Printing and publications	-	-	-	54	54
Postage	-	-	-	453	453
Mobile application fees	1,602	-	1,602	-	1,602
Professional fees	-	-	-	23,169	23,169
Annual meeting	18,912	-	18,912	-	18,912
Supplies	-	-	-	4,191	4,191
Taxes, licenses and fees	-	-	-	260	260
Telephone and Internet	-	-	-	875	875
Committees	-	5,000	5,000	10,595	15,595
Bank and credit service charges	-	-	-	5,134	5,134
Miscellaneous	<u>225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>632</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 64,649</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 99,151</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 163,800</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 348,291</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 512,091</u></b>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.



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Statement of Functional Expenses

Year ended December 31, 2019

	<u>Annual Meeting and Awards</u>	<u>Journals and Publications</u>	<u>Total Program Services</u>	<u>General and Administration</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>
Salaries and related expenses	\$ 3,678	\$ 92,288	\$ 95,966	\$ 290,184	\$ 386,150
Advertising and promotion	5,841	-	5,841	-	5,841
Board-related expenses	-	-	-	13,166	13,166
Awards and scholarships	59,597	-	59,597	-	59,597
Insurance	-	-	-	657	657
Depreciation and amortization	801	-	801	2,858	3,659
Printing and publications	6,562	-	6,562	54	6,616
Postage	1,982	-	1,982	117	2,099
Mobile application fees	3,725	-	3,725	-	3,725
Professional fees	-	-	-	23,123	23,123
Equipment rental	32,336	-	32,336	-	32,336
Annual meeting	89,177	-	89,177	-	89,177
Supplies	-	-	-	4,034	4,034
Taxes, licenses and fees	-	-	-	265	265
Travel and entertainment	4,429	3,081	7,510	-	7,510
Telephone and Internet	2,157	-	2,157	1,029	3,186
Committees	-	5,800	5,800	38,105	43,905
Bank and credit service charges	-	-	-	11,739	11,739
Miscellaneous	<u>1,106</u>	<u>835</u>	<u>1,941</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>2,469</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ <u>211,391</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>102,004</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>313,395</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>385,859</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>699,254</u></b>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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(1) Nature of operations

Founded in 1951, The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Inc. (the "Society") promotes research on and serious examination of problems of social life. The Society works to find solutions to these problems and to recommend social policy based on the knowledge generated by its members. The Society is primarily supported through membership dues and subscriptions from its journal.

(2) Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements of the Society are presented on the accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The significant accounting policies followed are described below.

(a) Basis of presentation

The Society reports information regarding its financial position and activities based on the existence or absence of donor or grantor imposed restrictions. Net assets of the Society are presented as follows:

*Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions* - Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor or grantor imposed restrictions. The Society's board of directors has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for particular purposes (Note 8).

*Net Assets With Donor Restrictions* - Net assets subject to donor or grantor imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

Contributions received are recorded as without donor restrictions or with donor restrictions depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year in which the contributions are recognized.

(b) Cash equivalents

The Society considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of less than three months to be cash equivalents.

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(c) Investments

Investments consist primarily of mutual funds with readily determinable fair values and certificates of deposit, which are shown at their cost, which approximates fair value, in the statements of financial position. Investment income consists of interest, dividends and realized and unrealized gains and losses, net of investment expenses. Investment income is reported in the period earned as an increase in unrestricted net assets, unless the use of the assets received is limited by donor-imposed restrictions.

(d) Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable relate primarily to amounts due from the Oxford University Press ("OUP") and are uncollateralized obligations due under the terms as set forth in the OUP agreement (Note 7), in which OUP collects subscription fees related to the Society's journal *Social Problems* and remits royalty payments of 50% of gross revenues to the Society twice annually in April and October, with a final accounting and settlement payout performed annually. Late or interest charges on delinquent accounts are not recorded until collected. The carrying amount of accounts receivable is reduced by a valuation allowance, if necessary, which reflects management's best estimate of the amounts that will not be collected. It is the Society's policy to charge off uncollectible accounts receivable when management determines the receivable will not be collected. Management has not recorded an allowance for doubtful accounts as of December 31, 2020 or 2019.

(e) Equipment

Equipment is stated at cost, and includes office equipment, computer software and web design costs. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method, generally three to five years.

Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed when incurred. Expenditures for renewals or betterments are capitalized. When equipment is retired or sold, the cost and the related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is included in operations.

(f) Income taxes

The Society is exempt from federal income taxes under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and, accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the financial statements.

An uncertain tax position is recognized as a benefit only if it is "more likely than not" that the tax position would be sustained in a tax examination, with a tax examination being presumed to occur. The amount recognized is the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized on examination. For tax positions not meeting the "more likely than not" test, no tax benefit is recorded. The Society has no material uncertain tax positions that qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

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As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Society has accrued no interest and no penalties related to uncertain tax positions. It is the Society's policy to recognize interest and/or penalties related to income tax matters in income tax expense.

The Society files a U.S. Federal information tax return annually.

(g) Revenue recognition

Amounts charged by the Society to members for general rights of membership includes various membership benefits. Although the Society does not execute a contract with its members, management considers payment of annual dues, based on prices determined by the Society to constitute member acceptance of the offered benefits. Revenues from membership dues are recognized ratably throughout the membership period as performance obligations are satisfied. Membership dues received in advance are recorded as deferred revenues and recognized as income over the membership period. Sustaining membership dues are recognized when paid, as the benefits the sustaining members will receive in future years is for an indeterminate period of time, and the annual benefits received are not considered material.

The Society holds an annual meeting each year that requires the purchase of registration fees. Performance obligations are satisfied at the time of the annual meeting, when the services are transferred. Revenues from the annual meeting are recognized at the time of the event.

As described in Note (7), the Society entered into an agreement with Oxford University Press to serve as the exclusive publisher of *Social Problems*, a quarterly journal sponsored by the Society. Royalty income from the journal is recognized ratably over the subscription period.

Contributions and other revenues are recognized as earned, which is generally when received.

(h) Advertising and promotion costs

Advertising and promotion costs are expensed as incurred.

(i) Long-lived assets

Management evaluates the recoverability of the investment in long-lived assets on an ongoing basis and recognizes any impairment in the year of determination. It is reasonably possible that relevant conditions could change in the near term and necessitate a change in management's estimate of the recoverability of these assets.

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(j) Allocated expenses

For purposes of the statements of functional expenses, certain expenses have been allocated between program and supporting services based on estimates made by management. The expenses that are allocated include salaries and benefits and travel costs, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort.

(k) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(l) Events occurring after reporting date

The Society has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2020 and May 13, 2021, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

(3) Liquidity

A summary of the Society's financial assets as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of donor-imposed restrictions, within one year of the statement of financial position date is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - undesignated	\$ 203,799	\$ 248,263
Investments - undesignated	81,982	57,663
Accounts receivable	<u>51,951</u>	<u>37,641</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	337,732	343,567
Less: assets unavailable for general expenditures within one year:		
Restricted by donors - purpose restrictions	<u>(2,706)</u>	<u>(2,290)</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	\$ <u>335,026</u>	\$ <u>341,277</u>

Board designated cash and investments of \$790,398 as of December 31, 2020 are designated for long-term purposes. The Society does not intend to use these investments for operating purposes and has excluded these investments from financial assets available in the table above. However, these amounts could be made available for operations, if necessary.

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(4) Concentrations

The Society occasionally maintains cash on deposit at banks in excess of federally insured amounts. The Society has not experienced any losses in such accounts and management believes the Society is not exposed to any significant credit risk related to cash.

(5) Investments and fair value measurements

The Society has an established process for determining fair values. Fair values are based upon quoted market prices, where available. If quotes or market prices are not available, fair values are based upon market-based or independently-sourced market data. Valuation adjustments may be made to ensure that financial instruments are recorded at fair value. Furthermore, while the Society believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies, or assumptions, to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market participant assumptions based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity including quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1), or significant other observable inputs (Level 2) and the reporting entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions (Level 3). A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Society does not have any fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) as of December 31, 2020 or 2019.

Investments are stated at fair value, with fair value determined based upon quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1), and consist of the following as of December 31, 2020 and 2019:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Investments:		
Certificates of deposit	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Mutual funds	<u>924,413</u>	<u>806,918</u>
Total investments	<u>\$ 974,413</u>	<u>\$ 856,918</u>

Investments are classified in the accompanying statements of financial position as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Investments - current	\$ 81,982	\$ 57,663
Investments - sustaining members	75,280	71,773
Investments - awards	50,165	50,163
Investments - board designated as long-term investments	<u>766,986</u>	<u>677,319</u>
Total investments	<u>\$ 974,413</u>	<u>\$ 856,918</u>

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(6) Equipment

A summary of equipment as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Equipment	\$ 65,308	\$ 63,103
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(59,410)</u>	<u>(57,933)</u>
	<u>\$ 5,898</u>	<u>\$ 5,170</u>

(7) Contractual agreements

The Society entered into an agreement with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Department of Sociology of the College of Arts and Sciences (the "University"), whereby the Society agrees to serve as an intellectual and professional resource in exchange for access to the University's resources, use of office space and overhead expenses for the Society's administrative office. The current agreement expires on December 31, 2021, but may be terminated early by either party giving sixty days written notification. No in-kind revenue or expense is recorded as the amount was not considered material to the Society during 2020 or 2019.

The Society uses the University's purchasing and disbursing services. Unreimbursed expenses owed to the University from the Society were \$25,186 and \$37,710 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. These amounts are included in accounts payable.

The Society entered into an agreement with Oxford University Press. Under this agreement, Oxford University Press will serve as the exclusive publisher of *Social Problems*, a quarterly journal sponsored by the Society, beginning January 1, 2015 for a minimum of 5 years. This agreement is automatically extended for subsequent periods of five years unless terminated by either party, by giving the other party no less than 12 months written notice of termination to expire at the end of the initial period or at the end of any successive 5 year period. Management believes that, if necessary, an alternate publisher could be obtained. However, unexpected events could cause a delay in publication, and accordingly, a possible loss of revenues.

Under the Oxford University Press agreement, *Social Problems* is distributed to library subscribers and Society members. Society memberships, which include a one-year subscription to *Social Problems*, are remitted directly to the Society. Library subscriptions to *Social Problems* are charged on an annual basis and are administered and collected by the publisher who incurs all costs of production and risk of loss each year. The publisher will pay the Society royalty payments of 50% of gross revenues collected and will remit an estimate of those amounts twice annually in April and October, with a final accounting and settlement payout performed annually. The final accounting and settlement payout for 2020 of \$51,944 is included in accounts receivable at December 31, 2020. Subscription revenues collected in the current year for the following year are deferred and recognized as earned. In addition to these amounts, the publisher will make a \$100,000 annual payment to the Society to support the editorial office, which adjusts annually under the terms of the agreement. The Publisher will also make a \$3,000 sponsorship of the Society's annual meeting registration bags.

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**(8) Board designated assets**

The Erwin O. Smigel Award Fund was established in 1975 to expand employment opportunities in the field of sociology. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to develop information for unemployed and underemployed colleagues in their efforts to find work and to enable such colleagues to attend the annual meeting.

The Lee Founders Award Fund was established in 1981. This annual award recognizes significant achievements that consistently promote the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially the humanistic tradition, as exemplified in the contributions of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to pay a stipend to the winner.

The Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Fund was established in 1990. This award is given annually to an organization in the area where the Society holds their annual meeting. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to pay an award to the organization selected that has a history of challenging social inequalities, promoting social change or working toward the empowerment of marginalized people.

The Lee Student Support Fund was established in 1992. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to help defray the cost of conference participation for student members.

The Lee Scholar Support Fund was established in 1992. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to emphasize support for scholars from economically disadvantaged countries, where access to foreign exchange is often more limited to attend the annual meeting.

The C. Wright Mills Award Fund was established in 1964. This annual award is given to the author of a book published in the past year that best exemplifies outstanding social science research and an understanding of the individual and Society in the tradition of the distinguished sociologist, C. Wright Mills. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to pay a stipend to the author.

The Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Fund was established in 1995. This annual fund is given for support of graduate study and commitment to a career of scholarly activism. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to provide fellowships to the winners.

The Social Equity Fund was designed to preserve the Society in pursuit of its goal of social equity. The Social Equity Fund monies are from the Society and are not attached to a particular award or scholarship.

The Lee Legacy Fund was designed to preserve the Society in pursuit of its goals. The Lee Legacy Fund monies were contributed by Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee and are not attached to a particular award or scholarship.



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The Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Fund was established in 2015. This annual award is given to the author of the best paper on Women and Social Justice. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to pay a stipend to the author.

The Doris Wilkinson Faculty Leadership Award Fund was established in 2015. This annual award is given to an outstanding faculty member who has exercised an extensive leadership role within the Society and other professional societies and within the larger community. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to pay a stipend to the winner.

The Accessibility Services Fund was established in 2010. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to help meet accessibility needs at the annual meeting.

The Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award was established in 2016. This annual award is given to an outstanding faculty member or community activist who recognizes the value of quality mentoring relationships between mentor and mentee and/or mentoring programs especially those for undergraduate or graduate students and/or for social activists, particularly for younger scholars and activists. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to provide up to three of the award winner's mentees with a one year Society membership and annual meeting registration for the year the award is presented.

The Anti-Harassment Work Fund was established in 2019. This fund supports the work of the Anti-Harassment Committee to prevent and respond to harassment of Society's members and conference participants.

The Indigenous People's Social Justice Award Fund was established in 2020. This award is given annually to an organization doing social justice work on behalf of Native Americans in the area where the Society holds their annual meeting.

The Transnational Initiatives Fund was established in 2020 with a minimum of \$4,000 from the Society's funds. The designated funds and future contributions will be used to help defray the cost of conference participation for scholars located in those regions that fall under the definition of Global South. This includes economically disadvantaged countries and nation-states, as well as politically, economically, and culturally subjugated regions of all countries.

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The Board has designated assets as of December 31, 2020 as follows:

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Erwin O. Smigel Award Fund	\$ 590	\$ -	\$ 590
Lee Founders Award Fund and Social			
Action Award Fund	1,667	-	1,667
Lee Student Support Fund	7,391	-	7,391
Lee Scholar Support Fund	2,581	-	2,581
C. Wright Mills Award Fund	1,175	-	1,175
Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate			
Scholarship Fund	-	458,412	458,412
Social Equity Fund	-	283,453	283,453
Lee Legacy Fund	-	25,121	25,121
Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Fund	564	-	564
Doris Wilkinson Faculty Leadership			
Award Fund	678	-	678
Accessibility Services Fund	8,486	-	8,486
Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award	204	-	204
Anti-Harassment Work	59	-	59
Indigenous Peoples' Social Justice			
Award Fund	5	-	5
Transnational Initiatives Fund	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>
	<u>\$ 23,412</u>	<u>\$ 766,986</u>	<u>\$ 790,398</u>

The Board has designated assets as of December 31, 2019 as follows:

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Total</u>
Erwin O. Smigel Award Fund	\$ 588	\$ -	\$ 588
Lee Founders Award Fund and Social			
Action Award Fund	1,161	-	1,161
Lee Student Support Fund	7,001	-	7,001
Lee Scholar Support Fund	2,539	-	2,539
C. Wright Mills Award Fund	2,066	-	2,066
Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate			
Scholarship Fund	-	421,184	421,184
Social Equity Fund	-	235,407	235,407
Lee Legacy Fund	-	20,728	20,728
Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Fund	476	-	476
Doris Wilkinson Faculty Leadership			
Award Fund	1,125	-	1,125
Accessibility Services Fund	8,429	-	8,429
Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award	213	-	213
Anti-Harassment Work	<u>52</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52</u>
	<u>\$ 23,650</u>	<u>\$ 677,319</u>	<u>\$ 700,969</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

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All of the above Board designated amounts are included in net assets without donor restrictions on the statements of financial position for each respective year.

(9) Net assets with donor restrictions

In 2000, the Society established the Sustaining Membership Fund. This fund allows members the opportunity to pay \$1,870 for a sustaining membership. One hundred dollars of the membership is recorded as a payment of dues in the year that the individual becomes a sustaining member. The remaining funds are placed in an interest and/or dividend bearing account and are not refundable or transferable to another person. The yearly dues of sustaining members will be paid from the account's earnings.

Assets with donor restrictions that are perpetual in nature at December 31, 2020 and 2019 consist of cumulative contributions to the Sustaining Membership Fund of \$75,713 and \$71,773. The restricted and unrestricted investments held in the Sustaining Membership Fund have a fair market value of \$157,427 and \$129,599 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Unrealized gains in fair market value for those funds amounted to \$18,820 and \$20,382, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. The unrealized gains and losses have been recorded in the statement of activities in unrestricted revenues, gains and other support as a portion of investment income.

Interest and/or dividend income from the Sustaining Membership Fund for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$9,008 and \$9,906, respectively, and is included in unrestricted revenue since the Society's policy is to record income as unrestricted if any restrictions related to it are met in the same year as the income is earned.

The Society has received restricted contributions to the Joseph B. Gittler Award in the amount of \$50,165 and \$50,163 through December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The earnings from this restricted contribution will be used to fund an annual Joseph B. Gittler Award for a most scholarly contribution in the area of ethical components in the resolution of social problems. The investment is made in a certificate of deposit, which earned \$952 and \$929 in interest for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Interest earned on this and other restricted contributions to the Joseph B. Gittler Award are recorded in net assets with donor restrictions until used for the award and total \$2,706 and \$2,290 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

(10) Contingencies

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) a pandemic. To date, the pandemic has negatively impacted membership, and the 2020 annual meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19. While management continues to closely monitor the situation and has implemented strategies designed to mitigate potential negative impacts, management believes the Organization has mitigated the majority of the risk currently associated with the outbreak.