

2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL BUSINESS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021
3:30PM to 4:30PM (EDT)

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Society President Corey Dolgon called the meeting to order.

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 was one (1) change proposed, which expanded the functioning of the SSSP Mentorship Committee. The change in the By-Laws, which was approved by the membership in the 2021 election. No proposed future By-Laws changes are pending.

ITEM 4 – DISCUSSION IN FAVOR OF OR OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Hector L. Delgado presented the resolution brought forward through the Society's Committee on Social Action. There is one resolution, which is an expression of gratitude. On 7/14/21 the resolutions were posted to the SSSP website, and members were able to make electronic comments until 7/25/21. The details of the resolution presented to the membership are as follows.

Resolution: Expression of Gratitude

Submitted by: SSSP Administrative Office

We wish to express our sincerest appreciation to all of the officers, committee chairs, staff, and members who have made this virtual program possible, and whose efforts help maintain the vitality of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP). First, we thank President Corey Dolgon for his excellent leadership in organizing the 71st Virtual Annual Meeting: Revolutionary Sociology: Truth, Healing, Reparations and Restructuring, and also in navigating uncharted waters as we moved from an in-person meeting to a full virtual meeting because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We also thank this year's Program Committee members -- Michelle Christian, Saida Grundy, Kasey Henricks, Andrea D. Miller, and Raul Perez -- and especially the Program Committee Co-Chairs, Woody Doane and Saher Selod, for putting together an outstanding program. We wish to express our gratitude as well to the Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs, Steven H. Corey and David G. Embrick, and their committee, Kathryn Albrecht, Sharon M. Collins, Meghan Daniel, Lara Janson, and Cristian L. Paredes. Our thanks as well to the Swissôtel Chicago Hotel for working with us up to our cancellation and for handling the cancellation in such a professional manner.

The Society wishes to express its gratitude to Past President Heather M. Dalmage for her years of leadership; Executive Officer Héctor L. Delgado for managing the resolutions process; Glenn W. Muschert for his service as Secretary; and Susan M. Carlson for her service as Treasurer.

The Society also thanks Noreen M. Sugrue, President-Elect; Pamela Anne Quiroz, Vice-President (outgoing); Sarah Jane Brubaker, Vice-President-Elect; Board of Directors: Giovanna Follo, Bhoomi K. Thakore, Lauren E. Eastwood, Shirley A. Jackson, outgoing members Yvonne A. Braun, Matthew W. Hughey, Debbie A. Potter, student representatives of the Board Melissa R. Maxey (outgoing) and Lydia Hou, Kristen M. Budd, outgoing Chairperson of the Council of the Divisions; Annulla Linders and Earl

Wright II, Co-Editors of *Social Problems*; David J. Luke, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee Chair and committee members Susan M. Carlson, Stephani Williams (outgoing), and Becky Pettit; A. Javier Treviño, outgoing Editorial and Publications Committee Chair and committee members Rogelio Saenz (outgoing), David G. Embrick, Paul Joosse, Louis Edgar Esparza, Jean-Pierre Reed, David J. Luke, Pamela Anne Quiroz (outgoing), Annulla Linders, and Earl Wright II; and the University of Tennessee and the Department of Sociology for hosting the SSSP Administrative Office. A special thanks to the Association for Humanist Sociology; Bristol University Press | Home of Policy Press; *Critical Sociology*; Oxford University Press; and Stonehill College, Tom & Donna May School of Arts & Sciences for their financial contributions to program activities.

Finally, the Society wishes to thank Executive Officer Héctor L. Delgado, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager Michele Smith Koontz, Assistant to the Administrative Officer Kelsey Whitaker, Information Technology Specialist Rachel Cogburn, Graduate Research Associate & Webmaster Zaina Shams and the leaders of the 23 Divisions for their work on behalf of the SSSP and its members.

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

Secretary Glenn Muschert presented the minutes of the 2020 Society Business Meeting.

ITEM 6 – REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY SUMMARIZING 2020-2021 BOARD ACTIONS

Secretary Glenn Muschert summarized the 2020-2021 Board Actions.

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

Annulla Linders, Editor of *Social Problems*, reported on the state of the Society’s journal over the past year. The journal is running fine, with thanks to various persons who make the journal operate. Time from submission to a decision has declined from c. 6 months on average to c. 3.5 months. Submissions are up approximately 30% since the editorial team assumed the office.

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

Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer, reported that the financial state of the Society is strong. The year 2020 was a much better year for the Society’s finances than we had initially anticipated. There was a budget surplus of c. \$65K, which is an unrealized paper gain. Expenses exceeded revenue by more than \$53.4K, and the Society’s investments covered this shortfall. The Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee projects a budget deficit of \$77.7K for 2021.

The Society has substantial reserve funds of c. \$1.4 million, which is available to sustain the society. Over 75% of the Society’s investments are in ESG/sustainable investments mutual funds. In 2020, the Society’s investments yielded a \$114.4K increase in net asset value. The annual audit gave the Society a clean bill of health, with no unusual findings. The auditors indicated that the SSSP is in much better shape financially than other non-profit organizations they work with. The Treasurer thanked those present for the honor of serving in such a capacity.

ITEM 9 – REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Héctor L. Delgado presented the report from the Executive Officer (EO), beginning with a statement of gratitude for the opportunity to serve. The EO offered appreciation to those who contribute to the Society and the staff in the Administrative Office. The EO described the Society’s work in pursuit of social justice and recognized the new scholars participating in the Society and the annual meeting. The most significant development was the transference of the SSSP annual meeting to the virtual format. The EO noted that the conference this year is crucial for its focus and the relevance of the SSSP in the

contemporary social environment. The EO commented that the journal, *Social Problems* was running well and thanked the editors. The EO also encouraged interested candidates to apply for editorship in the future. The EO mentioned that he will be stepping down at the end of the 2022 annual meetings in Los Angeles and encourages interested candidates to apply for the position. The EO indicated it has been an honor to serve this position.

ITEM 10 – REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND MEETING MANAGER

Michele Koontz presented the report from the Administrative Officer (AO) and Meeting Manager (MM). The AO mentioned the valuable work of those involved in developing the program for the 2021 virtual annual meeting. Society membership this year has declined by 7.62%, as many members did not renew. The annual meeting attendance has exceeded predictions, with a robust 790 attendees, 390 (49.4%) professionals, 372 (47.1%) students, and 28 (3.5%) exempt registrants. The AO mentioned with gratitude the work of those who assist in the operation of the SSSP.

ITEM 11 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ITEM 12 – INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT AND VIRTUALLY PASSING OF THE GAVEL

Society President Corey Dolgon (2020-2021) introduced rising President Noreen Sugrue (2021-2022) and passed the gavel.

ITEM 13 – INCOMING PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THE SITE, DATE, AND THEME FOR THE 2022 MEETING

Society President Noreen Sugrue announced that the 2022 Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting will take place in Los Angeles from August 5 to 7, 2022. The theme for the conference will be “The Sociological Reimagination: from Moments to Momentum.” The President introduced Jackie Krasas, the 2022 Program Committee Chair, and clarified the intention of bringing researchers to the policy/solution discussion. This intention involves informing decision-makers who can benefit from the work conducted by SSSP members as they work for a more just world.

ITEM 14 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

There being no further business, President Noreen Sugrue adjourned the 2021 business meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary