

2021–2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022 12:00PM – 2:00PM (EDT)

VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM

ITEM #1. CALL TO ORDER

Because President Noreen Sugrue experienced connectivity challenges, Secretary Glenn Muschert called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Noreen joined the meeting at 12:10 pm.

ITEM #2. INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

Noreen M. Sugrue, President
Shirley A. Jackson, President-Elect
Corey Dolgon, Past President
Sarah Jane Brubaker, Vice President
Stephani Williams, Vice President-Elect
Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary
Alexis A. Bender, Board Member
Kristen Budd, Board Member
Ebonie Stringer Cunningham, Board Member
David Embrick, Board Member
Bhoomi Thakore, Board Member and Committee on Mentorship Chair
Tracy Peressini, Board Member
Shaonta' Allen, Student Representative
Giovanna Follo, Chairperson, Council of the Divisions
Annulla Linders, Editor, *Social Problems*
Tsedale M. Melaku, C. Wright Mills Award Committee Chair
Janelle M. Pham, Membership and Outreach Committee Chair
Teresa Irene Gonzales, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Graduate Fellowship Committee Chair
Héctor Delgado, Executive Officer
Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager

ITEM #3. ADOPT (REVISE) AGENDA

The Board adopted the agenda as presented.

ITEM #4. COMMITTEE REPORTS WITHOUT ACTION ITEMS

Part A. Report from the Anti-Harassment Committee Chair

Part B. Report from the Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Committee Chair

Part C. Report from the By-Laws Committee Chair

Part D. Report on the Committee on Social Action

Part E. Report from the Doris Wilkinson Faculty Leadership Award Committee Chair

Part F. Report from the Elections Committee Chair

Part G. Report from the Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee Chair

Part H. Report from the Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee Chair

Part I. Report from the Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award Committee Chair

Part J. Report from the Lee Founders Award Committee Chair

Part K. Report of the Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee Chair

Part L. Report of the Lee Student Support Fund Committee Chair

Part M. Report from the Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee Chair

Part N. Report of the Ad Hoc Justice 21 Committee Chair

Part O. Report of the Ad Hoc Kauffman Foundation Paper Awards Committee Chair

Part P. Report from the Listserv Moderator

ACTION: The Board approved the committee reports without action items in a single vote.

ITEM #5. REPORT FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE CHAIR-ELECT

Michele Koontz presented the details of the report of the Accessibility Committee. One unresolved issue involved an accessibility request for recording and transcription of sessions.

ACTION: The Board approved the Report of the Accessibility Committee.

ITEM #6. REPORT FROM THE C. WRIGHT MILLS AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee Chair Tsedale M. Melaku presented the report. A vital issue was including electronic copies of the nominated books, including PDFs.

ACTION: The Board approved the following change concerning the submission process: "While hard copies of the nominated book are preferred, if such is cost prohibitive, we will accept a confidential/not for circulation PDF and/or e-book of the book instead. This will be in consultation with the Chair."

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the C. Wright Mills Committee.

ITEM #7. REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MENTORSHIP CHAIR

Bhoomi K. Thakore presented the highlights of the committee report. A recommendation involved restructuring the committee. After discussion, the recommendation was withdrawn.

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

ITEM #8. REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee Chair Janelle M. Pham presented the highlight of the report.

Part A. Dues by Membership Year Report (as of July 25, 2022)

Part B. Divisions by Membership Year Report (as of July 25, 2022)

Part C. Promotion Report (as of July 25, 2022)

Part D. 2008–2022 Comparison Membership Report (as of July 25, 2022)

Part E. Membership and Outreach Committee’s Student Profile Updated Proposal (original proposal presented to Board during the 4/26 Zoom Board Meeting)

ACTION: The Board approved a one-year pilot of the graduate student spotlight.

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

ITEM #9. REPORT FROM THE PERMANENT ORGANIZATION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Board considered the report of the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee (POSPC). The Board tabled Item 3 from the POSPC report, for discussion under Unfinished Business from 2021/2022 at the August 7, 2022 Board meeting.

Item 3. We recommend that the relationships among the President, the Board, the Executive Officer, the Administrative Officer, and the Parliamentarian be reviewed, clarified and revised in relevant documents—e.g., By Laws, Operating Manual, and website as appropriate—to make clear responsibilities, authority, and communication among these five entities

ACTION: The Board approved the Report of the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee.

ITEM #10. REPORT FROM THE RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee Chair Teresa Gonzales presented the highlights of the report. One key point involved whether an awardee should accept another national fellowship for the same time period. The committee proposed adding language to the selection criteria, “Awardees who receive the SSSP Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship cannot accept any other national fellowships for the year awarded.” The Board considered the issue, and discussion ensued without arriving at a point of agreement.

ACTION: The Board approved the following amendments to the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Committee application process: 1. To limit the personal statement to 3 pages; 2. To limit the dissertation proposal to 10 pages; 3. To require a table of contents; and, 4. To accept unofficial transcripts.

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

ITEM #11. COMBINED REPORT FROM THE TRANSNATIONAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE CHAIR AND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TRANSNATIONAL VIRTUAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE CHAIR

Michele Koontz clarified the circumstances of the committee report. The Committee has not yet completed the report. Therefore, this item has been tabled for discussion under Unfinished Business from 2021/2022 at the August 7, 2022 Board meeting, pending receipt of the committee's report.

ITEM #12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM 2022

President Noreen Sugrue raised the items of unfinished business.

Part A. Action Item: Vote on Proposed 2022-2023 *Social Problems* Advisory Board

Part B. Action Item: Vote on Program Committee Chair's report

Part C. Action Item: Vote on Local Arrangement Committee Chair's report

Part D. Action Item: Vote on Program Committee Chair's report

Part E. Action Item: Vote on Meeting Manager's report

ACTION: In a single vote, the Board approved ITEM #12, Parts A. through E.

Part F. Discuss Membership & Outreach Issues and Guidance

Noreen Sugrue raised the issue of increasing Society membership and service. The Board tabled this for discussion at a single-issue "2-hour retreat" style Board meeting in the fall.

Part G. Action Item: Vote on the Annual Meeting Refund Policy

ACTION: The Board voted to issue a full refund of registration fees, regardless of the reason for cancellation, to those requesting one before the close of on-site registration (August 7, 2022), while offering the registrant an option to donate the funds to the SSSP General Fund.

ITEM #13. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ITEM #14. ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2021–2022 BOARD

There being a motion to adjourn, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. President Noreen Sugrue adjourned the meeting at 2:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary.