

2021–2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022
1:00PM–3:00PM (EST)
VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President Noreen M. Sugrue at 1:01 p.m.

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
Susan Carlson, Treasurer
Alexis A. Bender, Board Member
Kristen Budd, Board Member
Ebonie L. Cunningham Stringer, Board Member
Lauren Eastwood, Board Member
David Embrick, Board Member
Tracy L. Peressini, Board Member
Bhoomi Thakore, Board Member
Shaonta' Allen, Board Member, Student Representative
Giovanna Follo, Chairperson, Council of the Divisions
Annulla Linders, Editor, *Social Problems*
Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager

ITEM #3 – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Board adopted the agenda as presented.

ITEM #4 – REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

SUB-ITEM A. Update on the Membership Recruitment and Retention Issues (develop outreach toward key groups, specifically students, post-docs, new faculty members, and untenured faculty)

President Noreen M. Sugrue reported on these efforts. Discussion ensued regarding efforts to publicize the annual meetings and the competitiveness of SSSP membership dues. The Board will invite the Chair of the Membership & Outreach Committee to attend the next meeting to discuss the monthly student member profile proposal and the committee's initiatives for 2022.

ITEM #5 – REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUB-ITEM A. Update on the “Reimagining Our Worlds from Below: Transnational Conversations on Resistance, Movements, and Transformations” Virtual Conference

Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager Michele Koontz reported on behalf of Executive Officer Héctor Delgado. The free virtual conference is scheduled for May 18 to 21, 2022. The call for papers will be available on February 7, 2022.

SUB-ITEM B. Update on the 2024 Site Visit–Montreal

Meeting Manager Michele Koontz mentioned that the site visit had been delayed due to the recent COVID-19 Omicron surge. The site visit will be rescheduled as feasible.

SUB-ITEM C. Update on the Anti-Harassment Committee’s Survey/Work

Board Member and Anti-Harassment Committee Chair Sarah Jane Brubaker discussed the activities of the Anti-Harassment Committee.

ITEM #6 – ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

SUB-ITEM A. Discuss In-person Annual Meeting: Should Proof of Vaccine (Booster) be Required when Registering

President Noreen M. Sugrue clarified that the American Sociological Association (ASA) would require proof of full vaccination and booster, raising whether the SSSP would also require proof of full vaccination and booster. Discussion ensued. The Board noted the following verbiage on the ASA website: “ASA will be taking many steps to ensure the health and wellbeing of meeting attendees. These steps include requirements for registrants such as full vaccination with booster and wearing masks at all times onsite or when using shuttle service. Access to sessions, events, and shuttle service will be limited to registrants wearing meeting badges. Information on how to provide vaccination information will be sent directly to registered attendees closer to the meeting date. We recognize that the COVID-19 situation is fluid and would like to remind attendees that requirements may change in line with evolving conditions.” The Board asked Michele Koontz to check with the conference hotel and request information regarding their health/vaccine status and entry documentation.

ACTION: The Board confirmed that the SSSP would follow the health and wellness guidelines set by the American Sociological Association.

SUB-ITEM B. Update on Hotel Contract Revisions

Meeting Manager Michele Koontz reported that the hotel agreed to wait until after the Call for Papers submission deadline to have a conversation regarding hotel contract revisions. Therefore, the revised contract is still pending.

ITEM #7 – OLD BUSINESS

SUB-ITEM A. Update on the Search for the Next SSSP Executive Officer

Administrative Officer Michele Koontz indicated that the Administrative Office had received applications. The selection committee comprised of the Permanent Organization & Strategic Planning Committee and Treasurer Susan Carlson will meet shortly, as required by the SSSP Operations Manual.

SUB-ITEM B. Update on the Scholars Strategy Network (SSN) Op-Ed Training Sessions

Administrative Officer Michele Koontz indicated that the workshop scheduled for February has 40 (max) and 38 registrants for the March workshop. Several registrants were members with lapsed memberships. As participation requires 2022 membership, these participants are requested to renew or be removed from the event.

SUB-ITEM C. Discuss Kauffman Foundation Grant/Award Process/Next Steps

Board Members Ebonie Cunningham Stringer and Glenn Muschert clarified that the SSSP is endowed by the Kauffman Foundation for c. \$21,000 over three years to fund the best paper award and best student paper award for social entrepreneurship and innovation. The team presented a proposal and rationale for an Ad Hoc award committee, specifying its composition. Further details will go to the Board for consideration.

SUB-ITEM D. Discuss Those Serving in Elected/Appointed Positions Who Are in Violation of the Membership Requirement Despite Multiple Reminders

Secretary Glenn Muschert clarified that despite repeated reminders to renew or establish memberships, various persons serving in the elected or appointed positions violate the membership requirement. Discussion ensued.

ACTION: The Board approved that *Social Problems* Advisory Members and Members of the Board of Editors will have until March 1, 2022, to join/renew, after which they will be removed from the positions.

ACTION: The Board approved those serving on elected or appointed committees will have until March 1, 2022, to join/renew, after which they will be removed from the positions.

ITEM #8 – NEW BUSINESS

SUB-ITEM A. Discuss Proposal/By-Laws Amendment to Remove/Replace a Student Board Representative When They Graduate/Gain Employment

There being no additional time, this item moves to an immediate online discussion among Board members.

SUB-ITEM B. Discuss Proposal/By-Laws Amendment to Remove a Board Member

There being no additional time, this item moves to an immediate online discussion among Board members.

SUB-ITEM C. Discuss Creation of “SSSP Members in the Public Square” Webpage

With no time available, this item is tabled and moved to the subsequent Board meeting.

ITEM #9 – SCHEDULE AND REQUEST ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ZOOM BOARD MEETING

The Board agreed to schedule its next meeting for early March 2022.

ITEM #10 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2021-2022 BOARD

There being time remaining, President Noreen M. Sugrue adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary