

**2021–2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022
2:00PM–4:00PM (EDT)
VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President Noreen M. Sugrue at 2:01 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
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
Giovanna Follo, Chairperson, Council of the Divisions
Annulla Linders, Editor, *Social Problems*
Janelle M. Pham, Membership and Outreach Committee Chair
Héctor Delgado, Executive Officer
Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager

ITEM #3 – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Board adopted the agenda as presented.

ITEM #4 – REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

SUB-ITEM A. Interviews with the EO Candidates Have Concluded–Report Forthcoming

President Noreen M. Sugrue indicated the interviews with the candidates for Executive Officer are concluded. The Board can expect a report from the subcommittee shortly. The subcommittee includes Gillian “Jill” Niebrugge-Brantley, Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee Chair; Susan Carlson, Treasurer; and Stephani Williams, Vice President-Elect.

SUB-ITEM B. SSN Op-ed Workshops are Ongoing

President Noreen M. Sugrue indicated the SSN Op-ed workshops are moving forward. The Board will receive feedback from participants, after which the Board can decide whether to continue the initiative.

SUB-ITEM C. Kauffman Foundation Paper Awards: Outreach, Submissions, and Committee Members

President Noreen M. Sugrue reported on the progress of the Kauffman Foundation Paper Awards. The committee is in place, with members serving three-year terms. Submissions are arriving in modest numbers. The April 30th submission deadline may need to be extended.

ITEM #5 – REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

Executive Officer Héctor Delgado reported on the free virtual conference scheduled for May 18 to 21, 2022. All is moving forward, and an engaging schedule is planned.

ITEM #6 – ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES

SUB-ITEM A. Personnel Change-GRA & Webmaster Position

Administrative Officer Michele Koontz clarified that Zaina Shams, SSSP GRA & Webmaster, is resigning as of 7/31/22. The AO has already posted a job position. Two applications have already come in, and an offer has gone out to the top candidate. The role will be changed from a 50% time 12-month position to a 50% time 9-month assignment.

SUB-ITEM B. Update on the 2022 Annual Meeting

Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager Michele Koontz updated the Board on the 2022 Annual Meeting. There are 1855 current members (1029 are 2022 members, and an additional 826 are 2021-members), which is a lower level of renewal than the previous year. Among those on the 2022 program, currently, 140 are registered. The registration is modest to date for the workshops, as is the enrollment for local tours in Los Angeles. All meeting space will be on one level. However, the lactation room will be on a separate floor. The program includes 443 papers, and a minimum of 428 must register for the conference to stay on the agenda. In all, the process moves forward and is closely monitored.

SUB-ITEM C. Discuss the SSSP Annual Meeting COVID-19 Protocol

President Noreen M. Sugrue and Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager Michele Koontz referred to the SSSP COVID-19 Protocol, an adaptation of the ASA’s well-constructed protocol. The ASA has further clarified the masking requirements and the vaccination requirements for children. The SSSP does not provide any exemptions. However, the ASA will allow exemptions from vaccination requirements for those with MD-verified documentation.

ACTION: The Board affirmed that the SSSP would not allow exemptions for COVID-19 immunization requirements.

SUB-ITEM D. Update on the 2024 Hotel Contract Review–Montréal

Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager Michele Koontz reported on the virtual tours of the potential hotels in Montréal. The contract offers are arriving from the possible hotel venues. The AO & MM is reviewing the contract offers and asked the Board to comment on the priorities for the 2024 Annual Meeting. The Board discussed various meeting models. The consensus of the Board is that they support an in-person-only meeting for 2022 and beyond.

ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM VICE PRESIDENT

SUB-ITEM A. Discuss the Executive Officer Input Survey

Vice President Sarah Jane Brubaker discussed the results of the survey. The Board and other members shared what they believe are crucial skills and talents essential for potential EOs. These results have been helpful for those conducting the interviews for candidates for the EO position. Also, the results can be shared with future EOs to help them understand their role.

ITEM #8 – MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ISSUES

SUB-ITEM A. Discuss the Committee's Initiatives for 2022

SUB-ITEM B. Discuss the Monthly Student Membership Profile Proposal

Membership and Outreach Committee Chair Janelle M. Pham discussed creating a social media and Internet campaign to profile SSSP student members. Discussion ensued, especially regarding details of the process. The Board requested a more detailed proposal, including details about project scope, roles and responsibilities of those in charge, and an indication of how student members will be selected to be highlighted.

ITEM #9 – ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS RECOMMENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

President Noreen M. Sugrue requested that the Board members suggest issues and concerns for future Board meetings.

ITEM #10 – SCHEDULE AND REQUEST ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ZOOM BOARD MEETING

The Board indicated there is no need to meet before July 2022, but members would be willing to meet if pressing business arises.

ITEM #11 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2021-2022 BOARD

There being no remaining business, President Noreen M. Sugrue adjourned the meeting at 3:58 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary