

2022 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Friday, August 5, 2022
10:30AM to 11:45AM (PDT)
Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza
Room: Watercourt A

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Society President Noreen Sugrue 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 five (5) changes were proposed. Two (2) changes were referred by the Board and involved membership requirements for those serving in SSSP positions and the C. Wright Mills Award criteria. Three (3) By-Laws changes were referred by the Ad Hoc Justice 21 Committee concerning the formation of a permanent Justice 21 Committee, bringing the Justice 21 Committee under the oversight of the Editorial and Publications Committee. No proposed future By-Laws changes are pending.

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

Vice President Sarah Jane Brubaker presented the resolution brought forward through the Society's Committee on Social Action. There is one (1) resolution, which is an expression of gratitude. On 8/05/22, the resolutions will be posted to the SSSP website for voting by the SSSP membership.

The details of the resolution presented to the membership are as follows.

RESOLUTION 1: Expression of Gratitude

Submitted by: SSSP Administrative Office

Our sincere appreciation is expressed to all of the officers, committee chairs, staff, and members who have made this program possible, and whose efforts maintain the vitality of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP). First, we thank President Noreen M. Sugrue for her exceptional leadership in developing the 72nd Annual Meeting and its theme: The Sociological Reimagination: From Moments to Momentum.

We also thank this year's Program Committee Chair – Jackie Krasas – and her committee member, Heather M. Dalmage, for putting together such an excellent program; and Local Arrangements Committee Chair, Carlos Royal, and his committee, Levi Didley, Yael Findler, Luis F. Nuño, and Benjamin R. Weiss. We thank the staff of the Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza for our fine accommodations, and we particularly want to recognize the efforts made by Elaine Morales, Convention Services Manager and Mark J. Schwabenbauer, Associate Director of Sales.

The Society wishes to express its gratitude to Past President Corey Dolgon for his years of leadership; Vice-President Sarah Jane Brubaker for managing the resolutions process; Glenn W. Muschert for his service as Secretary; and Susan M. Carlson (outgoing) for her service as Treasurer.

Without efforts by the Board of Directors, and prudent oversight by our Treasurer Susan M. Carlson and the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, the Society would not be in such a favorable position, especially in light of the havoc that the pandemic has wreaked on so many organizations.

The Society also thanks Shirley A. Jackson, President-Elect; Stephani Williams, Vice-President-Elect; Board of Directors: Alexis A. Bender (outgoing), Kristen M. Budd, Ebonie L. Cunningham Stringer, Lauren E. Eastwood, David G. Embrick, Tracy L. Peressini, Bhoomi K. Thakore (outgoing), Student Representatives of the Board Shaonta' Allen and Lydia Hou (outgoing), Giovanna Follo, Chairperson of the Council of the Divisions; Annulla Linders, Earl Wright II, and Derrick R. Brooms, Co-Editors of *Social Problems*; David J. Luke, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee Chair (outgoing) and committee members Susan M. Carlson (outgoing), Nancy J. Mezey, and Becky Pettit; Louis Edgar Esparza, Editorial and Publications Committee Chair and committee members Yvonne A. Braun, Derrick R. Brooms, Paul Joosse (outgoing), Annulla Linders, David J. Luke (outgoing), Claire Renzetti, Sanjay Tewari (outgoing), Tracy L. Vargas, and Earl Wright II; and the University of Tennessee and the Department of Sociology for hosting the SSSP Administrative Office. A special thanks to our sponsors for their financial contributions to program activities: Bristol University Press | Home of Policy Press, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, and the Oxford University Press.

The Society wishes to thank 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 (outgoing) and the leaders of the 23 Divisions for their work on behalf of the SSSP and its members.

Finally, the Society wishes to thank Executive Officer Héctor L. Delgado, who will be retiring at the conclusion of the meetings, for his faithful service, hard work and commitment, and numerous contributions to SSSP's success for the past thirteen years. His stewardship of SSSP has been characterized by innovative ideas, strategic thinking, and most valuable, his tireless efforts to make this world a more just and humane one. Words can't express our gratitude for the countless ways in which he has given of his time and energy. SSSP is forever indebted to him.

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

Secretary Glenn Muschert presented the minutes of the 2021 Society Business Meeting.

ITEM 6 – REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY SUMMARIZING 2021-2022 BOARD ACTIONS

Secretary Glenn Muschert summarized the 2021-2022 Board Actions.

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

Annulla Linders, Editor of *Social Problems*, reported on the state of the Society's journal over the past year. The Editors thank all who make the journal possible, including authors, managing editors, and editorial advisors. The journal is running fine, thanks to various persons who make the journal operate.

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

Héctor L. Delgado, Executive Officer, on behalf of Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer, reported that the financial state of the Society is strong. The year 2021 was a much better year for the Society's finances than we had initially anticipated. The Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee projected a budget deficit of \$77.7K for 2021 however, the Society finished the year with an increase in net assets of \$183K. This increase was due to unrealized (paper) gains on investments of \$148K as well as investment income of \$97.5K. However, holding aside the paper gains on investments, revenue exceeded expenses by \$34.9K in 2021. This is an improvement over 2019 and 2020 when, without paper gains on investments, expenses exceeded revenues. The annual audit showed an increase in revenue of about 29%. The Society has substantial reserve funds available to sustain the society. Over 75% of the Society's investments are in ESG/sustainable investments mutual funds. The auditors gave the Society a clean bill of health, with no unusual findings. The auditors indicated that the SSSP is financially better than many other non-profit organizations.

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. This being Héctor's final business meeting as EO, he mentioned the opportunity to serve as Society EO as one of the highlights of his career. 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 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 after the 2022 annual meetings in Los Angeles. Susan M. Carlson will assume the role of Interim Executive Officer. The SSSP is searching for a new EO, and Héctor encourages interested candidates to apply. The EO indicated it has been an honor to serve in this position. The membership present offered its heartfelt appreciation to Héctor for his thirteen years of service as EO of the Society.

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 2022 annual meeting. This is the first in-person meeting since 2019, and the AO has worked closely with the conference hotel to keep costs contained while offering benefits to the attendees. While the attendance at this meeting is thus far lower than in pre-pandemic days, this is nonetheless a success for the first meeting back in face-to-face mode. The annual meeting attendance has c. 470 attendees. 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 PASSING OF THE GAVEL

Society President Noreen Sugrue (2021-2022) introduced rising President Shirley A. Jackson (2022-2023) and passed the gavel.

ITEM 13 – INCOMING PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THE SITE, DATE, AND THEME FOR THE 2023 MEETING

Society President Shirley A. Jackson announced that the 2023 Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting will take place in Philadelphia from August 18 to 20, 2023. The theme for the conference will be "Same Problem Different Day: Recognizing and Responding to Recurring Social Problems." The President introduced Mary Romero as Program Chair and Committee Members Angus Nurse, Ranita Ray, Mangala Subramaniam, and A. Javier Treviño.

ITEM 14 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

There being no further business, President Shirley A. Jackson adjourned the 2022 business meeting.

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