

**2022–2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING AGENDA**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023**  
**12:00 PM–2:00 PM (EDT)**

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Shirley A. Jackson called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

ITEM #2 – INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Shirley A. Jackson, President  
Mary Bernstein, President-Elect  
Stephani Williams, Vice-President  
Anthony A. Peguero, Vice-President Elect  
Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary  
Heather E. Dillaway, Treasurer  
Kristen M. Budd, Board Member  
Lauren Eastwood, Board Member  
Tracy Peressini, Board Member  
Barbara Katz Rothman, Board Member  
Shiv Issar, Board Member, Student Representative  
Annulla Linders, Editor, *Social Problems*  
Elroi J. Windsor, Executive Officer  
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

President Shirley A. Jackson thanked Michele Koontz, the Board, and the 2023 Program Committee for support along the way. The President raised the topic of how the SSSP issues a statement in response to public issues that arise in the news. Discussion ensued. The Board entertained the idea that the SSSP may consider hiring a media consultant, with suggestions to return to this topic for future discussion.

SSSP & ABS (Association of Black Sociologists) will host a joint session entitled, “The Relevance of W. E. B. Du Bois to the Racial Problematics of Modern Times: A Symposium on The Oxford Handbook of W.E.B. Du Bois,” and Shirley urged the Board members to spread the word.

## ITEM #5 – REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Executive Officer (EO) Elroi J. Windsor reported on their transition to learning about the roles and responsibilities of the position, especially in making connections with SSSP staff. They are also working on an executive coaching program. Elroi is working with Lauren Eastwood to improve the SSSP mentoring programs/activities, which will include two sessions at the 2023 meetings, “What Do You Want in Mentoring?: Guided Discussions of SSSP Mentoring Activities and Opportunities” and “Evidence-based Mentoring: Exploring Resources for Structured and Formal Mentoring Models”. They have been working on membership outreach activities, and asked the Board for suggestions about how to gather more information/further engage in membership outreach.

Shirley mentioned a session held at the PSA Annual Meeting where select leaders met in an open forum. Discussion ensued. It was decided that a Town Hall: Open Forum session would be added to the SSSP program in Philadelphia. The panelists will include (if their schedule permits): Shirley A. Jackson (President), Mary Bernstein (President-Elect), Stephani Williams (Vice-President), Anthony A. Peguero (Vice-President Elect), Elroi J. Windsor (EO), and Michele Koontz (AO/MM). Finally, the EO has done continued outreach to other EO’s at related professional associations.

### SUB-ITEM A. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE VIRTUAL SOCIAL HOUR WITH ABS AND SWS (Sociologists for Women in Society)

The EO spoke about organizing a Virtual Social Hour with ABS and SWS, scheduled on Wednesday, July 12 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm (EDT).

## ITEM #6 – ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES

Administrative Officer/Meeting Manager (AO/MM) Michele Koontz raised the following issues.

### SUB-ITEM A. PERSONNEL CHANGE-GRA & WEBMASTER POSITION

The GRA & Webmaster position is shifting (on a trial basis) from a 12-month position to a 9-month position. Jeremy Booth, current GRA & Webmaster’s last day is April 28. Helen Wilds, incoming GRA & Webmaster will start on August 1. The AO/MM and Kelsey Whitaker, Assistant to the Administrative Officer, will absorb the GRA & Webmaster’s duties during the interim.

### SUB-ITEM B. UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP

Currently, the SSSP has 1524 2022+ members, which is down 17% from a year ago, when there were 1845 members.

#### SUB-ITEM C. UPDATE ON THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2023 program has 116 sessions scheduled, including 443 papers, which is precisely the same number of papers as 2022 program. Currently 129 people have registered for the 2023 meeting, which is roughly the same as a year ago.

#### SUB-ITEM D. HEAD'S UP: 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

The AO/MM mentioned that the 2025 American Sociological Association meeting is scheduled for San Francisco. The AO/MM wanted to make the Board aware that typically the SSSP signs hotel contracts up to 2½ years in advance. The AO will move forward with searching for a suitable venue in San Francisco.

**ACTION: The Board approved the EO and the AO/MM to start the process of planning a site visit with assistance from HelmsBriscoe for the 2025 Annual Meeting in San Francisco.**

#### ITEM 7. – REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, COUNCIL OF THE DIVISION CHAIRS

##### SUB-ITEM A. DISCUSS THE COUNCIL OF DIVISION CHAIRS 4/10/23 MEETING

EO Elroi J. Windsor presented on behalf of Giovanna Follo, to follow up on the meeting of the Council of Division Chairs to discuss division consolidation and the creation of a membership questionnaire. The meeting was productive, and resulted in some enthusiasm regarding the endeavor.

#### ITEM #8 – OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### ITEM #9 – NEW BUSINESS

##### SUB-ITEM A. FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL DRUG POLICY REFORM CONFERENCE

EO Elroi J. Windsor clarified a request received for funding, namely a request for the SSSP to sponsor the upcoming 2023 Drug Policy Reform Conference. Discussion ensued. As the Board no longer had quorum, the conversation was tabled, to be moved into an online conversation via email.

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

President Shirley A. Jackson encouraged Board members to submit items for discussion during the next Board meeting. The next Board meeting will take place via Zoom on July 17, 2023, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada).

ITEM #11 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2022-2023 BOARD

There being no further business, President Shirley A. Jackson adjourned the meeting at 1:44 pm.

**ADDENDUM #1 – RECORD OF BOARD ACTIONS CONDUCTED VIA EMAIL SINCE THE FEBRUARY 6, 2023, ZOOM BOARD MEETING.**

**ACTION: 2/22/2023 – The Board approved the Minutes from the 2/06/23 Zoom Board Meeting.**

**ACTION: 3/02/2023 – The Board approved Jamilla Gow to serve as Elroi J. Windsor's replacement on the Committee on Committees for the 2022-2023 term and Ebonie Cunningham Stringer to serve as Elroi J. Windsor's replacement on the Permanent, Organization, and Strategic Planning Committee for the 2022-2023 term.**

**ACTION: 3/21/2023 – The Board approved partial funding for a request submitted by the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division; Law and Society Division; and Teaching Social Problems Division. The board approved partial funding of \$1,200 with stipulation (specifying that funds to activist organizations are approved for their value added to our meetings/sessions, but funds for academic individuals/organizations are not approved).**

**ACTION: 3/21/2023 – The Board declined a funding request submitted by the Critical Race and Ethnic Study Division (formerly Racial and Ethnic Minorities).**

**ACTION: 3/26/2023 – The Board authorized the Ad Hoc Publisher Search Committee to take the lead and make the recommendation to the Board to renew the contract or seek bids from alternative publishers before the contract expires has been approved.**

**ACTION: 3/29/2023 – The Board approved the Native American House Alliance (NAHA) for the 2023 SSSP Indigenous Peoples' Social Justice Award.**

**ACTION: 4/10/2023 – The Board approved the virtual social hour with the Association of Black Sociologists (ABS) and Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS).**