

2024–2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM (EDT)

VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

President Rose M. Brewer called the meeting to order at 11:32 am.

ITEM #2 – INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rose M. Brewer, President

Sarah Jane Brubaker, President-Elect

Mary Bernstein, Past President

Clare E. B. Cannon, Vice President-Elect

Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary

Heather E. Dillaway, Treasurer

Meghna Bhat, Board Member

Tamara G.J. Leech, Board Member

Janelle M. Pham, Board Member

Claire M. Renzetti, Board Member

Barbara Katz Rothman, Board Member

Cameron T. Whitley, Board Member

Rafia Javaid Mallick, Board Member, Student Representative

Forough Mohammadi, Board Member, Student Representative

Shannon K. Carter, *Ex-Officio*, Chairperson, Council of Division Chairs

Elroi J. Windsor, Executive Officer

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager

ITEM #3 – ADOPT (REVISE) AGENDA

The Board adopted the revised agenda with the addition of the following item.

ITEM 10, Sub-Item B. Vote Needed: Justice 21 Committee – Publicity and Outreach Position

ITEM #4 – REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sub-Item A. Update on the Ad Hoc Fundraising Campaign Committee for the SSSP 75th Anniversary Annual Meeting

President Rose M. Brewer shared the roster of the Ad Hoc Fundraising Campaign Committee, which includes Rose M. Brewer, Corey Dolgon, Shirley A. Jackson, and Anna Maria Santiago. The committee will elect its chair.

ACTION: The Board approved the composition of the 2024-2025 Ad Hoc Fundraising Campaign Committee for the SSSP 75th Anniversary Annual Meeting.

Sub-Item B. Update on Remaining Committee Appointments: By-Laws Committee Chair, Transnational Initiatives Committee Chair and Committee Member

Rose M. Brewer indicated that identifying members for the By-Laws Committee and the Transnational Initiatives Committee remain in progress.

ITEM #5 – UPDATE ON DIVISION REBRANDING AND CONSOLIDATION

Shannon K. Carter, Chairperson, Council of Division Chairs reported on efforts to merge and rebrand Divisions. Multiple sources of data are in process of collection, and these data may clarify the situation.

Sub-Item A. Discuss Revised Budget Request from the Gender, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

Shannon K. Carter, Chairperson, Council of Division Chairs, and Meghna Bhat, Division Co-Chair, Gender, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities reported on the rationale for supporting the revised proposal is that these were two of SSSP's larger divisions (Gender: 150; SBPC: 82) that have chosen to merge to support division rebranding and consolidation efforts. Their merger reduces costs to SSSP by reducing sessions and consolidating their newsletter and social media expenses. Their request for increased division funds is intended to support member awards/recognition.

ACTION: The Board approved allotting an additional \$300 budget for 2025 and 2026 to the newly-constituted Division on Gender, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities to fund an additional Graduate Student Paper Award.

ITEM #6 – Discussion and Vote to Approve the Slate of Nominees for the 2025 General Election

Sub-Item A. Nominations Committee Report Detailing Process of Ranking Nominees
Nominations Committee Chair Shannon K. Carter presented the highlights of the report.

ACTION: The Board approved the Nominations Committee report detailing process of ranking nominees.

Sub-Item B. Slate of Ranked Nominees

ACTION: The Board approved the slate of ranked nominees for the 2025 SSSP General Election.

ITEM #7 – ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES

Meeting Manager Michele Koontz provided updates on the Chicago Annual Meetings, noting that the Call for Papers was distributed on October 15, and some papers have been submitted. President Rose M. Brewer and Meeting Manager Michele Koontz will conduct the final site visit later this month to the Chicago venue, prioritizing accessibility.

ITEM #8 – REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Executive Officer Elroi J. Windsor reported on the following issues. Recently, Elroi attended the Oxford Journals Day event, which was also attended by many others in similar positions. The EO advised the Board that the long-term viability of the Society remains precarious.

Sub-Item A. Update on the Ad Hoc Development Committee

The Ad Hoc Development Committee will meet on October 24, 2024, for the first time, with the priority to identify new revenue streams.

Sub-Item B. Update on the 2024 Membership Survey

This survey historically takes place every five (5) years. The EO discussed the plans to conduct the survey. It will be distributed to current members and those who lapsed in the past five years.

Sub-Item C. Further Discussion and Clarification Needed on Item #7 – Report from the By-Laws Committee Chair from the 8/9/24 Board of Directors Meeting

Excerpt from 8/9/24 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Valerie Leiter, Chair of the By-Laws Committee brought forward that the By-laws Committee chose to table one amendment and send it to the Board for its consideration, after much discussion between members of the By-Laws Committee and the Society's Parliamentarian. That amendment is provided as follows:

Article V. Section 3. Quorum of Board

Nine voting members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary for a quorum; ~~provided however that no action shall be taken by the Board of Directors except upon the affirmative vote of at least nine directors.~~

Rationale: This statement is contrary to Robert's Rules. It is sufficient to define the quorum in the by-laws. The deleted statement implies that all nine members in the quorum must vote for a motion unanimously. Voting will now occur consistent with Robert's Rules.

ACTION: The Board approved increasing the Board quorum to 12. This change now proceeds to the By-Laws Committee for consideration and approval by the Membership.

The Board considered a proposed Revised Action, per the 10/4/24 Point of Information Email:

REVISED ACTION: The Board approved increasing the Board quorum to 12. The Board also approved the recommended striking of the language: "provided however that no action shall be taken by the Board of Directors except upon the affirmative vote of at least nine directors." Raising the quorum to 12 allows Robert's Rules to govern voting majorities needed for items to pass. This change now proceeds to the By-Laws Committee for consideration and approval by the Membership.

ACTION: The Board approved increasing the Board quorum to 12 and striking of the language: "provided however that no action shall be taken by the Board of Directors except upon the affirmative vote of at least nine directors." This change now proceeds to the By-Laws Committee for consideration and approval by the Membership.

ITEM #9 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sub-Item A. Request Approval of Sarah E. Castillo, Chair, Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee Report to the Board of Directors at the 8/11/24 Board Meeting

Administrative Officer Michele Koontz presented the Presentation to the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Board of Directors Budget, Finance, and Audit (BFA) Committee Report August 11, 2024. The purpose of the report is to clarify Sarah's verbal report during a previous Board meeting.

ACTION: The Board approved the Presentation to the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Board of Directors Budget, Finance, and Audit (BFA) Committee Report August 11, 2024.

ITEM #10 – NEW BUSINESS

Sub-Item A. Schedule and Request Items for the Next Zoom Board Meeting

President Rose M. Brewer and Executive Officer Elroi J. Windsor suggested the need for the Board to meet during the first two weeks of December. The Administrative Officer will contact the Board and ask them to complete a When2Meet Poll to identify the day/time of the December 2024 Board Meeting.

Sub-Item B. Vote Needed: Justice 21 Committee – Publicity and Outreach Position

The Justice 21 Committee has identified Lauren Danielowski (University of Connecticut) for the Graduate Student Publicity and Outreach position for the 2024-2026 term.

ACTION: The Board approved the appointment of Lauren Danielowski for the Justice 21 Committee Graduate Student Publicity and Outreach position for the 2024-2026 term.

ITEM #11 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2024–2025 BOARD

President Rose M. Brewer adjourned the Board Meeting at 12:43 pm without remaining agenda items.

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

ADDENDUM #1 – RECORD OF BOARD ACTIONS CONDUCTED VIA EMAIL SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 BOARD MEETING

ACTION: 9/27/24 – The Board approved the 8/8/24 Board of Directors Meeting minutes (in-person with some virtual via Zoom).

ACTION: 9/27/24 – The Board approved the 8/9/24 Board of Directors Meeting revised minutes (in-person with some virtual via Zoom).

ACTION: 9/27/24 – The Board approved the 8/9/24 SSSP Business Meeting minutes (in-person)

ACTION: 9/27/24 – The Board approved the 8/11/24 Board of Directors Meeting revised minutes (in-person with some virtual via Zoom).

ACTION: 10/07/24 – The Board approved the 9/24/24 Board Meeting minutes (via Zoom), including the amendment to Item #5.