# SUMMARY OF 2024/2025 SSSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS

## 2024–2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024 - 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (EDT), LE CENTRE SHERATON MONTRÉAL HOTEL, MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC, CANADA MEETING CONDUCTED IN PERSON WITH SELECT ATTENDEES VIA ZOOM

ACTION: The Board approved migrating the Social Problems publication to the electronic format only, starting in 2025.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Editorial and Publications Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee's verbal report.

ACTION: The Board approved the 2025 proposed budget.

ACTION: The Board approved sending the membership dues changes to an electronic vote for the SSSP membership.

ACTION: The Board approved the report from the Board of Directors Student Representatives.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Council of the Divisions.

Action: The Board empowered the Council of Division Chairs to form a task force that will provide more precise parameters for social media. The Chairperson of the Council of Divisions will create a task force consisting of three Division Chairs to develop the document for review by the Board. The social media task force will consist of: Rafia Javaid Mallick (Chair–Elect, Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division), Michael O. Johnston (Chair, Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division), and Virginia Kuulei Berndt (Co–Chair, Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division).

Action: The Board empowered the Council of Division Chairs to begin the discussion of rebranding and division consolidation. This discussion will begin with Division Chairs giving questions to create a grounded informational foundation. Based on the information collected, the Division Chairs will create a structured questionnaire for their membership to understand the direction they would like to go. At this point, the Division Chairs will begin their deliberations. #3, which the Board amended as follows: The Board approved the incorporation of questions concerning the reorganization of Divisions within the next Membership Survey.

ACTION: The Board approved that the Council of Chairs ask the administrative office if there is any way to gather information regarding overlap division membership. The Division Chairs believe understanding the membership overlap can better guide the potential combination of divisions.

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ACTION: The Board approved changing the number of sessions per division to two (2) division-sponsored sessions and up to five (5) co-sponsored sessions starting with the 2025 annual meeting.

ACTION: The Board approved, starting with the 2025 annual meeting, sessions will consist of five (5) papers with a discussant OR six (6) papers without a discussant.

ACTION: The Board charged the Nominations Committee with submitting a revised and transparent slate of nominees and a report concerning vetting nominees and sharing details of nominees more openly.

ACTION: The Board tabled the report of the Chair of the Nominations Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved Glenn W. Muschert and Heather E. Dillaway as Society Secretary and Treasurer nominees, respectively.

ACTION: The Board approved Meghna Bhat's appointment to the Committee on Mentorship for the 2024-2026 term.

ACTION: The Board approved the Committee on Committees report.

ACTION: The Board approved Cameron T. Whitley and David J. Luke to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee to Search for a Society Financial Advisor.

ACTION: The Board approved adding to the EO’s job description that the EO cannot simultaneously serve as committee chair and an ex-officio or voting committee member on the same committee. Additionally, the EO should not be responsible for identifying the committee chair.

ACTION: The Board approved adding the Vice-President-Elect position to the Ad Hoc Annual Review Committee to evaluate the EO position’s workload and time commitment. The Board identified Vice-President-Elect Clare E. B. Cannon to serve in that position.

ACTION: The Board approved the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Annual Review of the Executive Officer.

ACTION: The Board approved the Community Research and Development Division's request for meeting space at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

ACTION: The Board approved the Institutional Ethnography Division's request for meeting space at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

ACTION: The Board approved the Teaching Social Problems Division’s request for meeting space at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

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**2024–2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM (EDT), VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

ACTION: The Board approved five (5) members for the Ad Hoc Development Committee, including Claire M. Renzetti, Erin E. Ruel, David G. Embrick, Stephani Williams, and Becky Pettit.

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Ad Hoc Meeting Format Committee for the 2028 Annual Meeting.

ACTION: The Board approved that the 2028 Annual Meeting will be in person.

ACTION: The Board approved that Meghna Bhat, Sarah Jane Brubaker, and Tamara Leech (Chair) will form an Ad Hoc Committee to take forward the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations to solidify details for the 2028 Annual Meeting.
ACTION: The Board approved the creation of an Instagram account for the SSSP.

ACTION: The Board approved a no refund policy for walking tours scheduled during the Annual Meeting.

**2024–2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM (EDT), VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

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

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

**2024–2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM (EST), VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

ACTION: The Board approved extending the policy of not covering meals to include the Council of Division Chairs.

ACTION: The Board approved providing the President with a complimentary hotel room during the annual meeting for a maximum of four nights.

ACTION: The Board approved that other SSSP officers may receive subsidized hotel rooms, contingent upon financial circumstances.

ACTION: The Board approved limiting awards to one primary recipient and one honorable mention for SSSP awards.

ACTION: The Board approved the replacement of physical plaques with electronic certificates for the Student Paper Competition winners and the Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship winner and honorable mention.

ACTION: The Board approved Alexis A. Bender to serve as By-Laws Committee Chair, starting in January 2025.

ACTION: Effective immediately, the Board approved Pattie Thomas to serve as Transnational Initiatives Committee Chair.

ACTION: Effective immediately, the Board approved Leping Wang to serve as Transnational Initiatives Committee Member.

ACTION: The Board authorized the Executive Officer and the Meeting Manager to solicit RFPs from hotels for the 2027 Annual Meeting in Chicago.

ACTION: The Board approved OUP's use of Social Problems content in AI training deals.

**2024–2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM (EST)VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

ACTION: The Board approved the Ad Hoc Meeting Format Committee for the 2028 Annual Meeting report. (Vote: 10-0-0).

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ACTION: The Board approved that the 2028 Annual Meeting will occur on August 10 (Board Meeting and Division-Sponsored Workshops, no sessions), 11 (sessions), and 12 (sessions), 2028 (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday). (Vote 9-0-1).

ACTION: The Board approved that each division will be entitled to a maximum of four (4) sessions, including at most two (2) solo-sponsored sessions at the 2028 Annual Meeting. (Vote 10-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved that the 2028 Annual Meeting should take place in Atlanta. (Vote 9-0-1).

ACTION: The Board approved using graphic 2 on SSSP merchandise. (Vote: 11-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved pricing for T-shirts at $22 and buttons at $3, with shipping charges for those not attending the annual meeting at $9.95 for USA, Canada, and Mexico, and $14.95 for other international. (Vote: 11-0-0).
ACTION: The Board approved the following refund policy for SSSP Merchandise: “All SSSP merchandise is non-refundable. This policy applies to all SSSP merchandise, regardless of circumstances.” (Vote: 11-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the accessibility statement proposed by the Accessibility Committee for the 2025 meeting. (Vote: 10-0-1).

**2024–2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM (EST), VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

ACTION: The Board approved the following members as candidates for Secretary: Felicia Arriaga, Waverly Duck, Amin Ghaziani, Michael Johnston, and Pedrom Nasiri (Vote: 11-0-1).

ACTION: The Board specified that the nominees will receive one week to submit their materials to stand toward the SSSP general election (Vote: 11-0-1).

ACTION: The Board approved that the Secretary position would be subject to the general nominations process, with at least 2 nominees running for election, and drawn from 4 to 6 names. (VOTE: 12-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved that Treasurer position would be subject to the general nominations process, with at least 2 nominees running for election, and drawn from 4 to 6 names. ( (VOTE: 10-2-0).

ACTION: The Board approved that the Nominations Committee position would be subject to the general nominations process, with at least 4 nominees running for election, and drawn from 8 to 10 names. ((VOTE 12-0-0).

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ACTION: The Board approved the addition of the following verbiage in the Operations Manual: “The Nominations Committee should use a democratic process to select nominees and consider nominees’ race, ethnicity, and gender identity to ensure a diverse slate of candidates.” (VOTE: 11-0-1)

ACTION: The Board approved opening a Blue Sky account for the SSSP (VOTE: 10-0-1).

**2024–2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES, MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (EDT), VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

ACTION: The Board approved the selection of Merrill Lynch as the financial adviser for the Society (8-3-2).

**2024–2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM (EDT), VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

ACTION: The Board empowered the Ad Hoc Search for a Society Financial Advisor Committee to arrange a meeting with Ellen Rapier with Oak Tree Group of Kovack Securities to assess suitability. (Vote: 13-0-0)

ACTION: The Board acknowledged the extraordinary circumstances affecting many members who are afraid to travel to the annual meetings. While the Board would like to approve virtual attendance, the SSSP is financially strained. The costs of providing options for virtual participation are exorbitant, and the Board regrets that it cannot approve these requests due to its current financial crisis. (Vote: 13-0-0)

ACTION: The Board decided not to change its current policy on virtual attendance. Those fearful of traveling to the annual meetings would be encouraged to submit a written copy of their papers to be distributed and read at the appropriate session at the annual meetings. The person must register for the Annual Meeting. Further, it shall be the individual’s responsibility to contact the session organizer or presider to request the distribution and reading of their paper. (Vote: 13-0-0)

**VOTES CONDUCTED BY EMAIL**

ACTION: 9/13/24 – The Board approved the following members to serve on the Nominations Committee. For the 2024–2025 term, Tia M. Dickerson. For the 2024–2026 term, Jamella N. Gow and Watoii Rabii.

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.

ACTION: 11/08/24 – The Board approved the 10/23/24 SSSP Board of Directors Meeting minutes (virtual meeting).

ACTION: 11/14/24 – The Board approved adding an additional criterion to the 2025 Erwin O. Smigel Award. The Board also approved an updated application form.

ACTION: 11/25/24 – The Board approved Dr. Jerome Krase to finish Dr. Jackie Krasas's term on the Board of Directors.

ACTION 11/25/24 – The Board approved Dr. Rahsaan Mahadeo (Accessibility Committee Chair) and Dr. Foroogh Mohammadi (Graduate Student Board Representative) to serve on the Ad Hoc Virtual Events Planning Committee for the 2024-2025 term.

ACTION: 12/10/24 – The Board approved proposed changes to the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship criteria.

ACTION: 12/20/25 – The Board approved the UWG Executive Office Unpaid Internship Proposal for Course Credit. (Vote: 15-0-0) 2.

ACTION: 1/02/25 – The Board approved the 12/11/24 SSSP Board of Directors Meeting minutes (virtual meeting). (Vote: 16-0-0) 1.

ACTION: 1/28/25 – The Board approved the minutes from the January 14, 2025, Zoom Board Meeting (Vote: 15-0-1) 1.

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ACTION 2/04/25 – The Board approved three (3) recommendations from the Anti-Harassment Committee as follows (Vote: 17-0-0) 0.:

1. Offer the position of legal adviser to the Anti-Harassment Committee to Dr. Beth Paris
2. Offer to compensate Dr. Beth Harris at $150/hour.
3. Work with Ms. Miriam Lopez regarding the SSSP's agreement with Dr. Paris.

ACTION: 2/14/25 – The Board approved seven (7) By-Laws amendments, which will appear on the ballot for the 20205 General Election. (Vote: 17-0-0) 0.

Proposed By-Laws Amendments Approved:
Article IV. Section 7. Secretary
Article IV. Section 8. Treasurer
Article V. Section 3. Quorum of Board
Article VI. Section 11. Nominations Committee
Article VI. Section 18. C. Wright Mills Award Committee
Article VIII. Section 2. Nominations of Student Board Members
Article VIII. Section 4. Nomination by Petition

ACTION: 2/18/25 – The Board approved the minutes from the February 3, 2025, Zoom Board Meeting (Vote: 13-0-4) 0. The minutes have been posted on the SSSP website.

ACTION: 3/19/25 – The Board approved the Transnational Initiatives Committee's Global South Travel Grant Evaluation. (Vote: 17-0-0) 0

ACTION 3/21/25 – The Board approved OUP's subscription and article processing charge pricing plan for the 2026 calendar year. (Vote: 16-0-0) 1

Proposed APCs:

| | Current | Proposed |
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| List Price APC | $4,073 | $4,277 |
| SSSP Member APC (20% discount) | $3,258 | $3,421 |

Proposed Institutional Subscription Prices:

| Subscription Type | 2025 | | | 2026 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | $ | € | £ | $ | € |
| Institutional Print | 266 | 507 | 399 | 285 | 543 | 427 |
| Institutional Online-only | 215 | 408 | 320 | 224 | 425 | 333 |
| Institutional Print + Online | 290 | 548 | 432 | 311 | 587 | 463 |

ACTION: 3/21/25 - The Board approved the Chi-Nations Youth Council as the recipient of the 2025 SSSP Indigenous Peoples' Social Justice Award. (Vote: 17-0-0) 0

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ACTION: 4/02/25 – The Board approved that Rin Ferraro will finish Dr. Felicia Arriaga's term on the Membership and Outreach Committee. (Vote: 17-0-0) 0

ACTION: 4/03/25 – The Board approved the revised minutes from the March 17, 2025, Zoom Board Meeting. (Vote: 16-0-1) 1

ACTION: 4/04/25 – The Board voted to rescind its earlier acceptance of the proposal from Merrill Lynch as the Society's financial advisor. (Vote: 16-0-1) 0

ACTION: 4/14/25 – The Board affirmed that Society funds will not cover meals for Division-Sponsored Events. As previously discussed, the Society will not be at risk of falling short of this minimum, as long as we continue to offer AM/PM breaks, receptions, and the New Member Breakfast. (Vote: 0-8*/9**-0) 0
* Society funds should not cover meals for Division-Sponsored Events: 8 votes
** Society funds should not cover meals for Division-Sponsored Events unless the expense is required to meet the food and beverage minimum threshold at the conference hotel: 9 votes

ACTION: 4/17/25 – The Board approved the motion to reopen the discussion about a financial advisor for SSSP -- including consideration of the new option, Ellen Rapier, an Advisor with The Oak Tree Group of Kovack Securities. (Vote: 14-0-1) 2

ACTION: 4/25/25 – The Board approved the following appointments for the Social Problems Social Media Committee positions: Carlos Gonzales (Social Media Coordinator), Jenny Rakota and Kajal Patel (Committee Members), along with the proposed stipends. (Vote: 15-0-1) 1

ACTION: 5/02/25 – The Board approved Dr. Beeman's request to contact the relevant nominees and nominators, providing them with a deadline to update their membership status so their nominations may be considered. (Vote: 14-1-1) 1

ACTION: 5/20/25 – The Board approved the revised minutes from the April 29, 2025, Zoom Board Meeting. (Vote: 15-0-1) 1

ACTION: 6/13/25 – The Board approved that Proposed Resolution 1 will advance and be posted to the Society's website for membership comment. (Vote: 16-0-0) 1

ACTION: 6/17/25 – The Board approved that Ellen Rapier, an Advisor with The Oak Tree Group, Ltd, has been officially approved to serve as the Society's Financial Advisor. (Vote: 15-0-1) 0

ACTION: 6/30/25 – The Board approved that SSSP will move forward with signing a contract with the Palmer House for our 2027 Annual Meeting, contingent on securing the 2025 attrition waiver. (Vote: 15-0-0) 2

ACTION: 7/25/25 – The Board approved the *Authorization for Financial and Investment Account Signers* language. (Vote: 16-0-0) 0

Respectfully submitted by Glenn Muschert, SSSP Secretary. Listings current as of 7/31/25.

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