

SUMMARY OF 2025/2026 SSSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS

2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (CDT), PALMER HOUSE HILTON HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, CHICAGO ROOM, 5th FLOOR, MEETING CONDUCTED IN-PERSON WITH SELECT ATTENDEES VIA ZOOM

ACTION: The Board voted to accept the report from the Editorial and Publications Committee without voting on the proposed action item. (Vote: 15-1-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the committee's recommendations for specific budget line adjustments. (Vote: 16-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the 2026 proposed budget. (Vote: 16-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the creation of a dedicated page on the SSSP website specifically for students. (Vote: 16-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the report from the Board of Directors Student Representatives. (Vote: 16-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the proposed edits concerning Division elections. (Vote: 16-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved revised language to the awards that includes: "The paper must be student authored or student co-authored and the paper cannot be co-authored with a faculty member." (Vote: 16-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved revised language to the awards that includes: "for award funding presenting at the annual meeting is expected and encouraged but is not required, membership dues will also be covered." (Vote: 14-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the revised calendar to April 1. (Vote: 15-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the proposed edits to the calendar. (Vote: 16-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved that division-sponsored sessions would be allocated based on division size. A friendly amendment was included that added, "determined by the task force." (Vote: 16-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved making division-sponsored newsletters an optional activity of each division, with an expectation for alternative forms of division outreach (e.g., social media; combined newsletters). (VOTE: 14-2-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Council of the Divisions. (VOTE: 16-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved removing the stipulation that nominees must have attended at least one annual meeting to be considered for an elected office. (Vote 16-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved that the Nominations Committee can include nominees that did not meet the criteria; contact nominees that were ineligible due to not attending at least one annual meeting; and distribute one last Call for Nominations that includes the updated criteria. (Vote 15-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved extending the term for Treasurer and Secretary from 1 year to 3 years. The positions should be staggered so that both do not start at the same time. This change now proceeds to the By-Laws Committee for consideration and approval by the Membership. (Vote: 15-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the report of the Nominations Committee. (Vote: 15-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved Claire M. Rezetti's appointment to the Committee on Mentorship for the 2025-2027 term. (Vote: 14-0-1).

ACTION: The Board approved the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee to Draft the Executive Officer Contract to include the: President (Chair), President-Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Administrative Officer. (Vote: 15-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the Committee on Committees report. (Vote: 15-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the assigned committee responsibilities for Items A-E. (Vote: 14-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved that dates for monthly "save the date" meetings will be decided for the Fall virtually and again in the Spring virtually. (Vote: 13-0-1).

ACTION: The Board approved the Teaching Social Problems Division's request for meeting space at the 2026 Annual Meeting. (Vote: 14-0-0).

**2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025,
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (EDT), VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

ACTION: The Board approved maintaining two years of necessary funds in the restricted racial and ethnic minority graduate fellowship accounts (e.g., the Walden and Parnassus Endeavor accounts) and move the remaining funds to more financially productive accounts that can be used to offset operating costs. Vote (12-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the BFA Committee's review and revision of the Society's Operations Manual to (a) develop a more productive investment strategy that will help the Society to not only weather this current financial crisis, but to foster long-term financial health, and (b) to be in compliance with our own internal policies. Vote (12-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved moving the funds generated from sustaining membership dues currently held in a donor-restricted account to a more productive investment vehicle. Vote (12-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved revising the percentage of the sustaining membership funds to remain untouched (currently 100%) to one-third of the total amount to be held for the payment of annual membership dues, with the remaining two-thirds available to support general operating expenses. The Board also approved the BFA Committee Chair consulting the 66 living sustaining members regarding this change, in the interest of transparency. Vote (12-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved asking the Council of Division Chairs to propose division budget amounts up to a maximum of \$600, using a sliding scale or tiered structure based on division size (utilizing the scale the Council of Divisions used to determine the number of sessions). A friendly amendment was approved specifying that Shannon K. Carter, Chairperson, Council of Divisions and the BFA Committee will meet to discuss the timeline, proposed amounts, and rollout. Vote (12-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved that complimentary membership dues and annual meeting registration for division student paper competition winners (one per division) be included as part of each division's budget. Vote (8-2-2).

ACTION: The Board approved suspending Division Sponsored Projects until the Society is more financially stable. Vote (12-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved moving forward with an open call for applications for a *Social Problems* Editorial team. Vote (13-0-0).

ACTION: The Board did not approve the recommendation to forgo an in-person annual meeting in 2028 in favor of year-long, division-centric, virtual activities. Vote (4-0-9).

ACTION: Following discussion, Kathryn Nowotny was moved to last in both sections where nominated and the Board approved this change. Vote (11-1-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the revised slate of ranked nominees for the 2026 SSSP General Election. Vote (12-0-0).

**2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING, MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025,
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM (EDT), VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

ACTION: The Board voted to stop pursuing Georgia State University as a possible location for the 2028 Annual Meeting. Vote (13-0-0).

ACTION: The Board voted to explore meeting options based on the city where ASA meets in 2028. Vote (12-0-1).

ACTION: The Board voted to list the request from the Occupational Information Network Data Collection Program on the SSSP website. Vote (11-1-1).

2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026, 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM (EDT), VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM

ACTION: The Board approved the revised 2026 Annual Meeting Accessibility Statement (15-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved merchandise items and pricing for Tote Bags (\$10), Magnets (\$5), and Stickers (\$3) (15-0-0).

2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026, 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM (EDT), VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM

ACTION: The Board voted to discontinue the Annual Meeting survey and absorb key questions into the membership survey every five years. Vote (13-0-0).

2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026, 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM (EDT), VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM

ACTION: The Board advised Elroi and Michele to continue exploring college/university campuses or community spaces for the 2028 Annual Meeting in the Baltimore area that allows for flexibility and compromises with some overlap with ASA dates. (12-0-0).

ACTION: The Board voted to approve the new tiered budget structure for Divisions effective January 1, 2027. (12-0-0).

2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026, 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM (EDT), VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM

ACTION: The Board approved extending the UTK contract through December 31, 2027; eliminating the IT Specialist line items effective July 2026; and eliminating the Graduate Research Associate line items effective December 31, 2027. Vote (15-0-0).

ACTION: The Board approved the BFA Committee's recommendation to request a reduction in the proposed *Social Problems* Editorial Team budget request. Vote: (15-0-0).

VOTES CONDUCTED BY EMAIL

ACTION: 9/2/25 – The Board approved the 8/7/25 Board of Directors Meeting minutes (in-person with some virtual via Zoom). (Vote: 15-0-0) 1

ACTION: 9/19/25 – The Board approved the following committee appointments:

- Leticia Morales (committee member) – Anti-Harassment Committee (2025-2026 term)
- Jason A. Smith (committee chair-elect/chair) – Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee (2025-2026 and 2026-2027 terms)
- Heather E. Dillaway (committee chair-elect/chair) – Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award Committee (2025-2026 and 2026-2027 terms) (Vote: 17-0-0) 0

ACTION: 9/26/25 – The Board approved all three Nominations Committee appointments:

- Joshua H. Stout's term extended by one year, from 2023-2025 to 2023-2026
- Tia Dickerson's term extended by one year, from 2024-2025 to 2024-2026
- Jamella N. Gow and Watoii Rabii's term extended by one year, from 2024-2026 to 2024-2027 (Vote: 14-0-0) 3

ACTION: 10/31/25 – The Board approved the 8/10/25 Board of Directors Meeting minutes (in-person with some virtual via Zoom). (Vote: 16-0-0) 1

ACTION: 11/1/25 – The Board approved the 8/8/25 Board of Directors Meeting minutes (in-person with some virtual via Zoom) and the 8/8/25 Business Meeting minutes (in-person). (Vote: 12-0-0) 4

ACTION: 11/18/25 – The Board approved the Nominations Committee's report and moving the nominations deadline from June 15 to September 1. (Vote: 14-0-0) 3

ACTION: 11/19/25 – The Board approved that second year members of the Membership & Outreach Committee may serve as Chair, should they wish to do so. (Vote: 17-0-0) 0

ACTION: 11/24/25 – The Board approved the 2025 proposed by-laws amendments with rationale. These will now be voted on by the membership. (Vote: 16-0-0) 1

ACTION: 12/4/25 – The Board approved the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee's recommendations:

- A one-time adjustment of \$2,215 to align the Executive Officer's salary with the adjustments provided to Administrative Office staff for 2023 and 2024.
- Establish the Executive Officer's new base salary at no less than \$32,215 beginning in 2026.

- Include language in the 2026-2028 contract stating that future salary adjustments will align with those provided to Administrative Office staff. (Vote: 16-0-1) 0

ACTION: 1/20/26 – The Board approved Laura Parson to serve on the Editorial and Publications Committee for the 2026-2028 term. (Vote: 15-0-1) 1

ACTION: 2/4/26 – The Board approved an annual \$1,200 course release price increase for Executive Officer Elroi J. Windsor, reflecting the increase from \$3,000 to \$3,600 per course release. (Vote: 13-0-0) 4

ACTION: 2/13/26 – The Board approved four (4) proposed by-laws amendments with rationale for submission to the membership in the 2026 General Election. (Vote: 15-0-0) 2

Proposed By-Laws Amendments Approved

- Article VI. Section 11. Nominations Committee
- Article VIII. Section 1. Annual Elections
- Article VIII. Section 3. Nominations Report
- Article VIII. Section 6. Elections Committee Activity

ACTION: 2/27/26 – The Board approved the 10/28/25 Board of Directors Meeting minutes (via Zoom). (Vote: 14-0-0) 3

ACTION: 2/27/26 – The Board approved the 12/8/25 Board of Directors Meeting minutes (via Zoom). (Vote: 11-0-3) 3

ACTION: 3/9/26 – The Board approved a \$5,000 per course release for Executive Officer Dr. Elroi J. Windsor, reflecting an increase from \$3,600. (Vote: 17-0-0) 0

ACTION 3/26/26 – The Board approved OUP's article processing charge pricing plan for the 2027 calendar year (Vote 11-3-0)3 and subscription pricing plan for the 2027 calendar year (Vote: 14-0-0) 3.

Proposed APCs:

	Current	Proposed
SOCPRO List APC	\$4,277	\$4, 448
SSSP Member APC (20% discount)	\$3,421	\$3,558

	2026			2027		
	£	\$	€	£	\$	€
Institutional Subscription - online only	224	424	333	233	441	347

ACTION 3/30/26 – The Board approved the Urban Indigenous Collective as the recipient of the 2026 SSSP Indigenous Peoples’ Social Justice Award. (Vote: 15-0-1) 1.

ACTION 4/16/26 – The Board approved that Dr. David Brunσμα (Virginia Tech) and Dr. David G. Embrick (University of Connecticut) will move forward as finalists for the editorship of *Social Problems*. (Vote: 15-1-1) 0.

ACTION: 5/7/26 – The Board approved the 1/22/26 Board of Directors Meeting minutes (via Zoom). (Vote: 16-0-1) 0

ACTION: 5/8/26 – The Board approved the 2/19/26 Board of Directors Meeting minutes (via Zoom). (Vote: 15-0-1) 1

ACTION: 6/5/26 – The Board approved the proposal to host the ASA Section on Community and Urban Sociology Mentoring Space at the 2026 Annual Meeting. (Vote: 14-1-2) 0

ACTION: 6/5/26 – The Board approved the proposal to host the ASA Section on Sex & Gender Session at the 2026 Annual Meeting. (Vote: 15-0-2) 0

ACTION: 6/5/26 – The Board approved the proposal to support granting future requests for 1 complimentary meeting space to any future requestors from ASA Sections for the same reason, with the same caveats around space availability and costs at the 2026 Annual Meeting. (Vote: 16-0-1) 0

ACTION: 6/15/26 – 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: 6/22/26 – The Board approved a proposal for accommodating multiple spaces for external groups at the 2026 Annual Meeting. (Vote: 16-0-1) 0

ACTION: 7/8/26 – The Board approved that the reception beverage service at the 2026 Annual Meeting would be non-alcoholic. (Vote: 10-3*/0**/4***-0) 0

* Name Brand Open Bar

** Consumption Bar (Hosted Bar)

***Complimentary Drink Tickets

ACTION: 7/15/26 – The Board approved to cancel the Thursday Arrival Meet and Greet Reception and offer a Beer, Wine, & Soda Open Bar at the Friday Welcoming Reception and the Saturday Division-Sponsored Reception at the 2026 Annual Meeting. (Vote: 7-6*/4**-0) 0

* Keep all three receptions as non-alcoholic, consistent with the Board's recent vote

** Cancel the Thursday Arrival Meet and Greet Reception and keep the Friday and Saturday reception non-alcoholic

ACTION: 7/16/26 – The Board approved the following action items concerning the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship (REMGF). (Vote: 17-0-0) 0

- 1) Grant the REMGF award, with funding, to the REMGF Committee's original two highest-ranked applicants.
- 2) Direct the current REMGF Committee to draft explicit language in the award criteria that clarifies policies and processes related to considering applicants' financial need and any responsibility to disclose comparable awards.
- 3) Request that revised language is presented to the Board for consideration by the close of the 2026 Annual Meeting so it can be implemented during the incoming REMGF Committee's term.

Respectfully submitted by Felicia Arriaga, SSSP Secretary. Listings current as of 7/30/26.

Vote reporting format: (Vote: XX-YY-ZZ) NN, where XX = Yes, YY = No, ZZ = abstain, and NN = no vote.