

**Family, Aging, and Youth (FAY)**  
**Division Meeting Minutes**  
**September 24, 2025**

- I. Attendees
  - A. Rin Ferraro
  - B. Alicia Gomez
  - C. Christopher Wallin
  - D. Ami Frost
  - E. Allison Jendry James
- II. Agenda
  - A. Organization updates
    - 1. Financial
    - 2. Bylaws and rules
    - 3. Conference changes
    - 4. How FAY can help
  - B. Division updates
    - 1. Co-chair election for next year (starting August 2026)- any volunteers?
    - 2. Combining and renaming of our division
    - 3. 2026 conference planning- any volunteers?
  - C. We want to hear from you!
    - 1. Factors that shape your conference/meeting attendance
    - 2. What YOU want to see in the division
    - 3. How FAY can best support you
    - 4. Newsletter preferences
    - 5. Announcements/job updates/awards/opportunities to share with division
- III. Minutes
  - A. Organization updates
    - 1. Financial
      - a) SSSP is financially struggling due to increased costs, primarily regarding the annual conference.
      - b) Efforts to mitigate these issues include exploring virtual options for conferences, reducing the number of sessions at the conference, and conducting a more targeted membership drive.
      - c) It was suggested that we consider hosting virtual seminars that are made available to the public, such as providing continuing education units (CEUs) for professionals. These seminars would require approval from both SSSP and CEU-approving bodies (e.g., NASW, AAMFT). For low overhead costs, seminars could provide revenue for SSSP by charging a fee for participating professionals and offering free or reduced fees for SSSP members.
    - 2. Bylaws and rules
      - a) These will be shared with division members

3. Conference changes
  4. How FAY can help
- B. Division Updates
1. Co-chair election for next year (starting August 2026)
    - a) Nominations are due October 15
    - b) Co-chair responsibilities will be shared with division members
  2. Combining and renaming our division
    - a) FAY led the way in combining early and cooperatively
  3. 2026 Conference planning
    - a) Several attendees volunteered as session organizers and discussants at the proposed division-sponsored sessions. Thank you!
- C. We want to hear from you!
1. Fostering more cohesion and better communication
    - a) Utilizing the division newsletter to promote upcoming sessions as well as provide a catalog of past sessions and research.
    - b) The newsletter can be a great resource for both networking and providing valuable information, especially to preserve the critical ethos that has characterized SSSP since its founding.
    - c) We can create opportunities for more camaraderie at conferences by scheduling more frequent Zoom meetings throughout the year, or by encouraging meeting together in person at specific events during the annual conference.
    - d) We can better recognize that SSSP members comprise more than academics and graduate students; the contributions and insights of professionals and activists are part of what makes SSSP valuable.
    - e) Identifying place-based opportunities for conferences, forming local ties and experts to participate and present at conferences will make the experience more meaningful for all.