

**NCSA Business Meeting
Minutes**

Cincinnati, OH

March 28, 2008

President Robert Shelly welcomed everyone to the NCSA Business Meeting.

Secretary: Leslie Wang reported the election results of the new NCSA officers for 2008: President-Elect Kathy Rowell, Sinclair Community College; Vice-President-Elect Deb Swanson, Hope College; Treasurer Annulla Linders, University of Cincinnati; Membership Chair Kathy Feltey, University of Akron; and Council-at-Large Representative Mellisa Holtzman, Ball State University. Leslie thanked all the candidate who participated in the election.

Treasurer: Anna Linders reported that the NCSA finances are in good order. Our attendance is similar to past years, even after the joint NCSA-MSS Conference.

Vice President: Lissa Yogan reported that there are 86 sessions consisting of 330 presenters and organizers at this year's meeting. The sessions are slightly lengthier, which translates to one less time slot; this allowed for a lunch break in between sessions. Thanks to the following members: Vice President-Elect Lynn Ritchey, University of Cincinnati-Raymond Walters College; Teaching Session Chair Kathy Rowell, Sinclair Community College; Workshop Organizer Susan Warner, Cedarville University; Panel Session Organizers Jacqueline Bergdahl and Michael Norris, Wright State University; Roundtable Organizer Sean Frost, Sinclair Community College; Teaching Poster Session Organizer Kathleen Piker-King, Mount Union College; Local Arrangements Organizer Leslie Elrod, University of Cincinnati-Raymond Walters College; and High School Teacher's Workshop Organizers Keith Roberts, Hanover College and Diane Bryant, Sandusky High School.

Resolution: *"Whereas, the North Central Sociological Association has received considerable support, service, and commitment from many individuals and organizations in the preparation of its annual meeting held in Cincinnati, OH, March 27-30, be it resolved that the NCSA extends its profound appreciation and gratitude to the following:*

The program committee chaired by Vice President Lissa Yogan, and including Lynn Ritchey, Kathy Rowell, Susan Warner, Jacqueline Bergdahl and Michael Norris, Sean Frost, Kathleen Piker-King; the staff of the Netherlands Hilton Hotel Mary Keys, Penny Key, Lisa Willer, Ned Softic, Jorge Martinez, and, the local arrangements committee chaired by Leslie Elrod; Keith Roberts, Diane Bryant, and Kathleen Piker-King for organizing the effective High School Sociology Teacher's Workshop; and Dean Purdy and Annulla Linders who provide invaluable support and without whom there would be no conference."

The resolution was moved by Jay Weinstein and second by Hans Bakker. All were in favored.

Robert Shelly announced that there will be a separate Awards Ceremony.

Passing of the President's Gavel: Robert Shelly passed the gavel to the new NCSA President Jay Weinstein. Jay Weinstein thanked Robert for his service to the NCSA.

Executive Officer: Dean Purdy announced that if there were any problems with the conference to contact him. The 2009 conference will be held in Dearborn, MI, with a hotel room rate of \$125.00, the 2010 conference will be held with the MSS in Chicago, IL, with a hotel room rate of \$114.00, and the 2011 conference will be held in Cleveland, OH, with a hotel room rate of \$142.00.