

NCSA Business Meeting 2005

Pittsburgh, PA

April 8, 2005

- 1. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Kent Schwirian, President, at 4:10 p.m.

Kent thanked all the people who helped in making this NCSA meeting a success. In particular, Kent thanked Dean Purdy, Executive Officer, and Barbara Denison, Chair of the Local Arrangements.

- 2. Secretary's Report:** Susan Alexander distributed minutes from the 2004 NCSA Business meeting in Cleveland, OH. Motion to approve the minutes (Harry Potter/Barbara Denison). *Motion approved.*

Susan announced the results of the election of NCSA officers: President-elect Jay Howard, Vice-President elect Jay Weinstein, Treasurer Annulla Linders, and the two new council members at large are Hans Bakker and Joe Yenerall. Susan also reported that all the proposed changes to the NCSA Constitution and By-Laws were approved by the NCSA voting members.

- 3. Treasurer's Comments:** Marty Jendrek announced that 248 people have pre-registered and 155 people are currently members as of April 1, 2005. The NCSA continues to operate with a surplus. The new Treasurer's, Annulla Linders, term will begin with the new fiscal year on September 1, 2005.
- 4. Resolution:** Kent Schwirian, President, read a resolution on behalf of the NCSA. *"Whereas, the NCSA received considerable support, service, and commitment from many individuals and organizations in the preparation of its annual meeting held in Pittsburgh, PA from April 7-10, 2005, be it resolved that the NCSA extend its profound appreciation and sincere gratitude to the following:*

Dana Lucot and the staff at the Marriot City Center; the Pittsburgh Visitor's Bureau; Jay Howard for organizing the Preparing Future Faculty Program; Prentice Hall and their Cleveland representative Cheryl Stevens for organizing the NCSWS luncheon and the other book publishers with displays; Barbara Denison and the Local Arrangements Committee members especially the registration desk staff including William P. Connor and Victoria Thompson of Shippensburg University; members of the Program Committee including Kathy Rowell, Rebecca Bordt, Debra Swanson, Susan Warner and Linda Dortson; Linda Shock for her assistance in typing the program; Linda Siler for her design for the program cover; Keith Roberts, Kathleen Piker-King, Diane Bryan and Joe Yenerall for organizing and leading the High School Sociology Teacher's Workshop; Allison Bianch and Bob Shelly for organizing the Group Process Mini Conference; Robert Prus and William Shaffir for organizing the Symbolic Interaction Mini-Conference; Dean Purdy, Marty Jendrek, and Susan Alexander without which there would be no conference." Motion to approve (Tom Van Valey/Marty Schmidt.) **Motion unanimously approved.**

- 5. Executive Officer's Comments:** Dean Purdy announced that the next two NCSA meetings have been set: Indianapolis 2006, and Chicago 2007. The Chicago meeting will be held jointly with the Midwest Sociological Society on Easter weekend, Wednesday through Saturday. The site of the 2008 meeting is still in process.
- 6. Vice President's Comments:** Kathy Rowell noted that this meeting was very successful. She thanked the Program Committee members for their work. The increased attendance at the NCSA may indicate that regional meetings are generally experiencing increased participation.
- 8. President Elect's Comments:** Kathy Feltey announced the theme for the 2006 NCSA meeting will be "Making a Difference: Sociology as Social Activism." The 2006 Ruth and John Useem Plenary address will be given by Dr. Walda Katz-Fishman from Howard University.
- 9. Passing of the President's Gavel:** Kent Schwirian passed the gavel to Kathy Feltey.
- 10. Adjournment:** Call for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.