

NCSA Mid-Annual Council Meeting
Minutes
Bowling Green, OH
October 6, 2006

Attendance: Jay Howard, Jay Weinstein, Amanda Shropshire, Katie Claussen Bell, Lissa Yogan, Kevin Christiano, J.I. (Hans) Bakker, Fayyaz Hussain, Paula Dubeck, Steve Carlton-Ford, Robert Shelly, Dean Purdy, Susan Alexander, Debra Swanson, Annulla Linders, Marty Jendrek, and Leslie Wang

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jay Howard, President, at 9:05 am. An introduction of council members followed.

I. OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President: Jay Howard

Only elected officers are permitted to vote, eight are present.

Approval of the Old Council Minutes: Jay Weinstein moved to have the minutes approved. This was second by Annulla Linders. **Motion was passed (8-0-0).** Two corrections were pointed out: On page 5 under Finance Committee, the name is Jerry Pankhurst instead of Jerry Prankston. On page 3 under Treasurer, the last sentence about Butler-Jones Award should be taken out. **Motion to accept the corrections of the Old Council Minutes was passed (8-0-0).**

Other Business:

Robert Shelly mentioned that Ohio University is looking for someone to teach a Research Methods course.

Hans Bakker mentioned that the University of Guelph will have three sociology positions to fill.

Vice President: Jay Weinstein

(Refer to Report.)

The joint meeting between NCSA and MSS is a collective effort with equal partnership. Jay W. is working with Helen Moore, Program Chair of MSS. Members of the organizing committee include Dean Purdy (ex-officio), Debra Swanson, Lissa Yogan, Dale Parent, Troy Adams, Jieli Li, Katie Claussen, Liza Weinstein, and Jay W.

The conference will be held April 4th-7th at the Marriott Hotel Downtown. The Old Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon. The New Council Meeting will be held on Saturday morning. An effort will be made to exclude council members from Saturday morning sessions; however, the names of the new council members will not be known before the program comes out.

The Call for Papers is out, with an October 31st deadline. It is on the website. MSS has an earlier planning schedule because of their membership size. There are over 200 sessions listed by category (refer to handout).

On Wednesday morning, there will be a session on quantitative literacy as part of the pre-conference. (Refer to letter from Carla Howery to Jay Weinstein and Helen Moore.)

Sally Hillman and Carla Howery are excited about the joint meeting.

Edna Bonacich and Saskia Sassen are the Keynote Speakers.

A discussion followed:

MSS meets in Chicago every four years so there should be packages available on local arrangements.

NCSA members need to be reminded of earlier deadline.

Hotel rate is \$114 per night.

President-Elect: Robert Shelly (No Report)

Vice-President-Elect: Lissa Yogan

(Refer to Report.)

The list of sessions is included with the report.

Discussion followed.

The combined sessions will be worked out between Jay Weinstein and Helen Moore.

The theme of the 2008 NCSA will be “Common Situations – Complex Realities”.

Past President: Jay Howard (for Kathy Feltey)

(Refer to email from Kathy as read by Jay)

1. “Should there be a separate “discussion list” listserv for talking about issues relevant to sociology, keeping the current listserv as the “business of the organization” only?”

2. “Should we allow people to post their books, job announcements, conferences other than NCSA, awards, etc. to the listserv?”

For question #1, have Kent Schwirian and the Publication Committee come up with a decision about it.

Executive Officer: Dean Purdy

The NCSA Conference will be in Cincinnati in 2008, from March 27th-30th. In December, the sites of the 2009 and 2010 conferences will be decided (possibilities include Dearborn, MI, Windsor, and Cleveland).

Discussion followed.

During lunch, a demonstration will be shown of the on-line registration process.

Secretary: Leslie Wang (No Report)

Treasurer: Annulla Linders

(Refer to Report.)

We filed the taxes late, so there is a penalty. We have appealed and are waiting to be reimbursed.

The statement is still sent to Marty Jendrek.

For the Vanguard Account, we want to reach \$10,000 so that we can withdraw from it. The membership is about 300 this year, similar to last year.

Discussion followed.

*** Jay Howard discussed the Public Policy Report (see Committee Reports) ***

(Refer to Report.)

Steve Carlton-Ford, Jay Howard, & Kent Schwirian had met with Paradigm Publishers. Dean Birkenkamp of Paradigm Publishers is interested in working with *Sociological Focus*.

Editors, Sociological Focus: Steve Carlton-Ford and Paula Dubeck (Paula was Not Present)

(Refer to Report.)

Paradigm Publishers want a niche for sociology and political science.

We need to find a way to have reasonable membership prices.

An Assistant Editor is needed to work closely with Paradigm. Paradigm will pay for this position.

Current level of subscription will bring in \$4,000-5,000 a year.

A proposal is to increase journal price.

Discussion followed.

The contract with Paradigm is for a five-year term beginning this February. They will become the publisher of *Sociological Focus* in 2007. The content and editorial control will stay with the NCSA. It may increase the profile of NCSA since Paradigm wants to market more internationally as a publisher.

Motion was made by Jay Howard in favor of NCSA to enter into an agreement with Paradigm. This was second by Han Bakker.

An amendment to the motion was made to begin work in February 2007 or asap.

Motion was passed (8-0-0).

Discussion followed.

Editor, Newsletter: Susan Alexander

(Refer to Report)

The black/white newsletter was circulated around the table.

Amanda Shropshire is to be complimented for her work with the newsletter.

Newsletter can be highlighted at the NCSA Conference.

If it is done in black/white, eight pages will cost \$.24

If it is done in color, eight pages will cost \$7.70

Need a name for the newsletter.

Discussion followed.

Jay Howard approved a budget of \$750.00 for Susan to spend on the newsletter for the upcoming meeting.

Discussion about name of newsletter followed and the *North Central Sociologist* was suggested. **Motion was made by Hans Bakker to change the name of our newsletter to the *North Central Sociologist*. This was second by Marty Jendrek. Motion was passed (8-0-0).**

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dean Purdy addressed the issue of on-line registration where payment by credit card is possible. A discussion followed about having a credit card fee as part of the registration fee. Having laptop computers at the conference so that participants can register on-line was mentioned; this will mean that those registering will have to bring a check.

Public Policy: Jay Howard (for Kent Schwirian) – addressed after Treasurer’s Report (see above)

Student Paper Awards: Fayyaz Hussain

(Refer to Report.)

Need to fill one more position on the committee to have four members each for undergraduate and graduate papers. Having an additional member will be helpful, in case he/she needs to replace one of the committee members who can not serve.

Faculty members can not be co-author of papers for the competition.

Students can send their papers to either MSS or NCSA for the competition.

Discussion followed.

Applied and Clinical: Tom Van Valey (Not Present & No Report)

Community Colleges: Jay Howard (for Michelle Smith)

(Refer to Report.)

Jay Howard had sent an email to Michelle asking for recommendation from their committee regarding a committee name change.

The committee wanted to host a continental breakfast at the NCSA-MSS Conference for faculty from other two-year colleges. The Council agreed that we can accommodate them for a get-together in a room, but having any type of food will be expensive.

Distinguished Service: Tom Brignall (Not Present)

(Refer to Report.)

Employment Exchange Program: Christopher Bradley (Not Present & No Report)

Finance: Kevin Christiano

(Refer to Report.)

Suggestions were given in the report. It is a report of this year, but also a report in predicting the following year. The by-laws allow for the presentation of finances, so that we can provide a forecast for future years.

Graduate Student Representative & Undergraduate Student Representative: Katie Claussen Bell & Amanda Shropshire

(Refer to Report.)

A student hospitality suite was discussed. A budget of \$200 was estimated. Students can stay at Hostel near the hotel.

Membership: Marty Jendrek

(Refer to Report.)

Marty is working with Bruce Keith.

Suggestion was made to create a new membership category called Departmental Membership. This may still not be affordable for institutions. Discussion followed.

Suggestion was made to create a resource center for our membership. An ad-hoc committee was suggested to define what to include in the center. An ad-hoc committee was created, and the members are Marty, Susan Alexander, Amanda Shropshire, Katie Claussen Bell, and Debra Swanson (ex-officio, representative from the Teaching Committee). Robert Shelly should be included in the discussion as the in-coming President. The ad-hoc committee will be report their work at the Old Council Meeting.

There is an ongoing Individual Membership Drive to get members to join the NCSA. They will focus on two states a year; Ontario is to be included. The ASA membership within the North Central region is 4,300.

Nominations: Jay Howard (for Kathy Feltey)

(Refer to Email.)

The committee will be put together by November.

Scholarly Achievement: Hans Bakker

Volunteers are needed to review books.

Having a name changed was discussed so that it carries more prestige. The committee will bring its recommendation to Council.

Teaching: Debra Swanson

(Refer to Report.)

The teaching sessions are included.

The film series has been dropped.

Leslie Wang will be giving the keynote presentation.

Webmaster: Jay Howard (for Cindy Sailor)

If there are things to be updated on the website, they should go through Kathy Feltey and Jay H.

Fayyaz Hussain compliments Jay Howard for doing a fine job as President. Jay Howard thanked everyone for their willingness to serve at NCSA.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Wang