

**NCSA New Council Meeting**  
**April 3, 2010**  
**Chicago, IL**  
**8:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Present: Art Jipson, Barbara Denison, Susan Alexander, Jay Howard, Kevin Christiano, Hans Bakker, Carrie Erlin, Annulla Linders, Gustavo Mesch, Joyce Lucke, Beckett Broh, Leslie Elrod, Melinda Messineo, Betsy Ross, Robert Newby, Caroletta Norwood, Kathy Rowell, Mellisa Holtzman, Daysha Lawrence, Mary Senter

President Hans Bakker presiding.

Rowell called the meeting to order at 8:10 am.

Motion made by Anna Linders, second by Melinda Messineo to approve the agenda. Motion carried, no nay votes or abstentions recorded. Additional agenda items as noted.

Hans Bakker asked for the report on the meetings from Art Jipson who asked Anna Linders and Joyce Lucke to comment. Both said things had gone well, no major problems had occurred and most issues with the hotel had been resolved satisfactorily.

Motion made by Hans Bakker, second by Art Jipson that the NCSA recognizes the hardworking efforts of Deb Swanson, Anna Linders and Joyce Lucke in organizing the conference. Motion carried, no nay votes and one abstention recorded. Hans Bakker noted in the approval of the motion that the conference had gone very well indeed.

President Bakker next turned to the operations of NCSA, asking Jay Howard to report from the Strategic Planning Task Force. Jay Howard summarized the strategic planning process over the past two years, stating it was the task at this Council to affirm who would be responsible for which recommendation. First, items dealing with membership (items 1 and 2) should be handled by the Membership Committee, items 3, 5, and 9 logically are the responsibility of Kevin Christiano and the Finance Committee, item 4 needs further consideration to find the most appropriate person or committee, and item 6 requires a motion: Jay Howard moves that the Executive Committee of the NCSA Council choose the plenary speaker with the Officer in charge of the program chairing the selection committee beginning with the 2011 meeting. Hans Bakker seconded the motion; motion carried with no nay votes or abstentions recorded. The next item, 7, recommends we limit the rotation of meeting locations between Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Chicago with a recommendation to investigate possible meeting facilities in downtown Detroit. Barbara Denison moved and Anna Linders seconded the rotation of meeting locations as described. Discussion ensued, noting this is in part a consideration of the negative financial impact of moving to other meeting sites. Motion carried with no nay votes or abstentions recorded. Item 8 spoke to continuing the high school teachers' workshop with the retirement of Keith Roberts in the near future. Kathy Rowell, Deb Swanson and Lissa Yogan will be working with Keith Roberts in the coming year to take that over. Recommendation 10 seems to have been accomplished with creating the Public Relations coordinator position.

Returning to item 4, Kathy Rowell has been appointed to chair, Hans Bakker and Leslie Elrod will be the remaining members of a sub committee to consider the changes in president and program chair structure. Hans Bakker thanked Jay Howard for

The agenda moved to Art Jipson and a report on next year's meeting, March 31 – April 3, 2011 at the Hyatt in Cleveland. Call for organizers will go out by April 15, titles will be due on August 15, paper titles and abstracts will be due December 1 and complete sessions due by January 1, 2011. He hopes to get acceptances out by January 15<sup>th</sup>; the hotel has a February 15 registration deadline. Betsy Ross will be Local Arrangements chair. Hans Bakker moved and Art Jipson seconded the motion, with a friendly amendment, that we have Jack Goldstone as our plenary keynote speaker, and remain in negotiation with Lynn MacDonald to be included in the program if the schedule and other issues can be resolved in a timely fashion. Discussion followed. Motion carried with no nay votes or abstentions recorded.

Leslie Elrod requested on behalf of community college sociologists whether some sort of housing match ups

Hans Bakker moved on to discuss the alcohol policy and whether we had insurance to cover the meetings. Anna Linders and Joyce Lucke will follow up on our level of insurance coverage.

Motion made by Barbara Denison, second by Carrie Erlin for Joyce Lucke to begin investigating possible meeting locations for 2013 in Indianapolis. Motion carried with no nay votes or abstentions recorded. A consensus that Executive Council make a decision within the next 2 months using electronic communication and dependent on the MSS's willingness whether we have a joint meeting in 2013 in Chicago or not.

Hans Bakker thanks everyone for the dialogue and moved on to committee reports. Anna Linders discussed the treasurer's report, moving we suspend the by-laws for next year to eliminate the \$15 student membership without journal category and make all student memberships be \$25 with journal. Motion seconded by Betsy Ross. Motion carried with no nay or abstention votes recorded. Anna Linders moved, with second by, to eliminate the no-fee registration at the meetings for retirees and charge the same as students for retirees. Motion seconded by Barbara Denison. Motion carried with no nay votes or abstentions recorded.

Editor Gustavo Mesch spoke next on the activities of the journal. He reported most people are using the online submission and online review process with few problems. Our publisher, Paragon Press, Gustavo Mesch reported, is moving towards online publishing and we should see that in 2011. Institutional subscriptions are down 10% this year so this move should help us increase library subscriptions. Gustavo Mesch is working to increase the circulation of the journal outside the US and Canada. He wishes thank the previous editors for all their hard work, and thank his university for all of their support. In response to a query he estimates about 450 print copies of the journal are distributed each issue. Hans Bakker thanked him for his leadership of the journal.

Susan Alexander reported on Public Relations. She noted the domain name and software issues she mentioned at the Old Council; the latter is already in the resolution process. She pointed out to Council the thematic nature of each newsletter. Susa Alexander also solicited anyone to submit anything of interest to her for the newsletter. She noted she needs to have the newsletter out in May because after

that she loses her assistant. Susan reiterated she cannot resolve the domain name issue. (Hans Bakker clarified that there has been a domain name issue and it needs to be resolved.)

Art Jipson contributed that he utilizes technology (such as Facebook and Twitter) and he is wondering if we have an interest to utilize these mediums more formally. The consensus of the Council was to empower Art Jipson as vice president to coordinate with Susan Alexander to do this.

We skipped in the agenda to the Race, Ethnicity and Gender Committee and Bob Newby reported that the name be changed to Committee on Equality and Inclusion. Carrie Erlin moved, second by Art Jipson, motion amended. Discussion followed on the charge to that committee. Motion carried, no nay votes or abstentions were recorded. This will need to go to the general membership as a change in the constitution and by-laws.

Daysha Lawrence reported as the Student Representative, saying they are still working on some sort of handbook on student funding. There is also work being done on the Facebook site and on a listserv for students.

Mary Senter had joined us to report from the Applied and Clinical Committee, asking if she could be empowered to contact all the applied and clinical sociologists in the region, sending them membership information as a recruitment tool. Hans Bakker will write the communication if Mary Senter will supply him with the names and email addresses. She also raised the question of how sessions are solicited or added to the program from these sub groups within the discipline.

Melissa Holtzman reported that she has been chair of Membership for 24 hours and so she has no new report.

Beckett Broh reported for the committee on the Profession, Freedom, and Responsibility of the profession. She is still trying to recreate the history of this committee so if anyone knows about information prior to Anna Linders' chairing the committee please contact Beckett Broh. She then asked about past practices when anyone violated the NCSA code of ethics? Do we have any guidelines? It was suggested to check with Margaret Vitullo at the ASA on their code of ethics; also Tom VanValey may be a resource with some past expertise in this area. Beckett Broh asked for this to be on the fall Mid Annual Council meeting for further discussion.

Carrie Erlin spoke to the NCSSC making a motion that the NCSSC become a standing committee with the chair of the NCSSC having a seat on Council. Betsy Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried with no nay votes or abstentions recorded. Gail McGuire at IUSB did agree to take over as chair of the NCSSC.

Kathy Rowell reported that we have voted and approved at the Old Council meeting to renew the contracts for the conference coordinator and public relations coordinator for a one year term each, with a 6 months' review in each contract to assess each coordinator's performance. Art Jipson stated he has already spoken with Joyce Lucke about the 2011 Cleveland meeting and he will be working closely with her.

Hans Bakker moved to the last agenda item, expressing our appreciation for the efforts of Joyce Lucke and Susan Alexander, for all the hard work of Kathy Rowell and Deb Swanson as president and vice-

president this past year. Motion from Hans Bakker, second from Art Jipson thanking our past president and vice president for their outstanding service, affirmed by a hearty round of applause.

Finally, Hans Bakker asked for anyone who wished to make a final comment or addition to the meeting. Beckett Broh thanked Kathy Rowell for all the sacrifices she made in her presidential year to help us financially. Hans ended with an enthusiastic discussion about the shape his presidency will take.

Art Jipson moved adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara J. Denison