

NCSA New Council Meeting

Minutes

Cincinnati, OH

March 30, 2008

Attendance: Lissa Yogan, Susan Alexander, Kevin Christiano, Anna Linders, Dean Purdy, Bob Shelly, Shelly McGrath, Kent Schwirian, Jay Weinstein, Deb Swanson, Lynn Ritchey, Kathy Feltey, Mary Senter, J.I. (Hans) Bakker, Mellisa Holtzman, Kathy Rowell, and Leslie Wang.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jay Weinstein, President, at 9:08 am.

President: Jay Weinstein

An informal approval of the agenda was requested and this was approved. An introduction of council members followed (refer to agenda). Thanks to Bob Shelly and Lissa Yogan and the Program Committee for a successful conference. We will try to end the meeting at 11:30 am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Anna Linders

Both membership and registration are similar to the past years.

Vice President: Lynn Ritchey

The 2009 conference theme is titled "Sociological Ways of Looking at the World: Teaching, Research, and Service. The Program Committee consists of Deb Swanson (Research Sessions), Lissa Yogan (Teaching Sessions), Leslie Elrod (Preparing Future Faculty and Professional Development), and Carrie Erlin (Undergraduate Student Papers).

At the conference, a round table conversation room will be available for graduate students. The posters will be displayed in the hallway after the Poster Session.

The conference dates will be April 15-16. The call for papers will take place in early September, and the paper titles will be submitted by mid-October.

The Student Award Committee Chair is currently unsettled. Fayyaz Hussain is willing to serve one more year. Alan McElvoy is also a possibility to serve since he has participated in reading papers and placing them into the appropriate sessions.

A Local Arrangements Chair is needed from the Dearborn, MI area.

An Awards Luncheon is also a possibility.

Teaching Section: Lissa Yogan

The Midwest Student Sociology Conference (MSSC) should not be under the Teaching Section. Carrie Erlin and Lissa, along with six members, will work on the inclusion of the MSSC.

A yellow comment and suggestion card was distributed around the room. A box for individuals to check whether they will become a member of the NCSA was suggested to be included.

Applied and Clinical: Mary Senter

A survey about membership will be constructed. The committee consists of Kathy Feltey, Lynn Ritchey and Anna Linders.

The possibility of a one-day conference for practitioners and people who do applied sociology was discussed.

Other Business: Jay Weinstein

Concern about Public Relations was discussed.

Kent Schwirian is serving as Chair of Publications Policy Committee for one more year. A draft of a new name and a new mission was discussed. A suggestion was made that the chair should be the Vice President and the Webmaster should be involved with the committee.

We are searching for a new member to take over *Sociological Focus*. This individual is needed by September. The Search Committee will consist of Steve Carlton-Ford, Paula Dubeck, Kathy Rowell, and Kathy Feltey.

Review of Executive Officer: Jay Weinstein

The status and role of the Executive Officer was discussed.

Motion was made to continue Dean Purdy for one year, and that the duties be redefined in terms of communication between the executive officer, public members, and council officers. All questions of policy, procedure, and the like to be referred from the Executive Officer to the President to the Council for one year. This was second by Kathy Feltey. Motion was passed (10-0-0).

Jay communicated the decision to Dean.

NEW BUSINESS: Jay Weinstein

Holding the mid-annual conference at the site of the upcoming conference was discussed. Dean Purdy has agreed to work out the logistics. Deb Swanson supported it. This was second by Mellisa Holtzman.

Motion that we hold a one-time trial to have the mid-year conference at the Hyatt Hotel in Dearborn, MI was passed (8-1-0).

An amendment to the motion hold the meeting on Saturday with a stay-over on Friday night was made by Shelly McGrath. This was second by Lynn Ritchey. A discussion followed.

Motion to amend the day of the mid-annual conference from Friday to Saturday was defeated (1-7-1).

Hans Bakker, who has continuous participated in the NCSA, will be serving as a member on Council, to help us out with increasing the membership from Canada. Suggestions included forming a Canadian Committee, holding a conference in Canada, and inviting a Canadian speaker.

NCSA needs more participation from both the community colleges and the large universities.

The second reception (Saturday) was not well-attended; holding this reception will need to be revisited.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Wang