

## **NCSA Old Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

Cincinnati, OH

March 27, 2008

**Attendance:** Lissa Yogan, Susan Alexander, Kevin Christiano, Paula Dubeck, Fayyaz Hussain, Anna Linders, Thomas Brignall, Dean Purdy, Bob Shelly, Shelly McGrath, Kent Schwirian, Jay Weinstein, Jay Howard, Deb Swanson, Lynn Ritchey, Kathy Feltey, Jessica Hoover, Mary Senter, Leslie Elrod, Steve Carlton-Ford, and Leslie Wang.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bob Shelly, President, at 7:24 pm. An introduction of council members followed.

#### **President: Bob Shelly**

There was a clarification of voting members: President, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, Vice President, Vice President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, At-Large Council Members, Membership Chair, and Student Chair.

Approval of Mid-Annual Meeting Minutes: Jay Weinstein moved to have the minutes approved. This was second by Lynn Ritchey. **Motion was passes (9-0-0).**

Committee reports were circulated by email.

#### **Teaching: Bob Shelly (for Kathy Rowell)**

(Refer to report.)

Suggestion of instituting a special due for members of the Teaching Session of either \$5.00 or \$10.00 was raised. The fee will allow us to track members committed to teaching. A discussion followed. A concern about charging only \$5.00 or \$10.00 is that breakfast typically cost \$15.00 per person. Teaching Section needs to discuss this further.

#### **Applied and Clinical: Mary Senter**

(Refer to Report.)

A part-day registration and registration fee was suggested as a way to bring people to participate in the Applied Sociology sections. This was supported by Jay Weinstein. It was suggested that the Program and Membership Committees consider the issue of part-day registration and fee and provide a report at the Mid-Annual Meeting. This was second by Anna Linders.

**Motion to consider the issue of part-day registration and fee at the October meeting was passed (9-0-0).**

Also suggested is to design a survey to gather information about participants' satisfaction with the NCSA conference through the use of surveymonkey..

**Vice President: Lissa Yogan**

(Refer to Report.)

The status and inclusion of the Midwest Student Sociology Conference needs to be discussed, including name of the conference and the role of faculty sponsors. Mssc is a good experience for students. The creation of a student portion of the conference was mentioned. A discussion followed.

**Treasurer: Anna Linders**

(Refer to Report.)

Graduate student registration for last year read \$25.00 instead of \$20.00 on the report, given the inclusion of a \$5.00 for registration by credit card. Steve Carlton-Ford supported that we keep the \$25.00 fee for graduate students. This was second by Leslie Wang.

**Motion to leave the graduate student registration at \$25.00 was passed (9-0-0).**

**Review of Executive Officer: Bob Shelly**

(Refer to Draft of the Report.)

The issue was raised that the description of the duties of the Executive Officer are outdated. The Executive Officer was requested to provide a draft of his current duties, so that the job description can be brought up-to-date. A discussion followed. This included a better NCSA website.

**NEW BUSINESS: Bob Shelly**

**Executive Officer: Dean Purdy**

(Refer to Report of the NCSA Budget.)

The future NCSA Conferences are listed on the back of the Program. The conferences will be held in the following cities: Dearborn, MI in 2009 with a hotel room rate of \$125, Chicago (with MSS) in 2010 with a hotel room rate of \$114, and Cleveland, OH in 2011 with a hotel room rate of \$142.

A discussion of on-line registration followed.

**Newsletter Editor: Susan Alexander**

(Refer to Report.)

A copy of the newsletter was passed around the table.

**Finance: Kevin Christiano**

(Refer to Report.)

Kevin acknowledged the fine work of Anna as Treasurer.

Bob Shelly announced that the reception will be held in Room 2338.

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Wang