

NCSA New Council Meeting
Minutes
Indianapolis, IN
March 26, 2006

Attendance: Jay Howard, Bob Shelly, Lissa Yogan, Kevin Christiano, Steve Carlton-Ford, Jay Weinstein, Dale Parent (guest), Kathy Feltey, Susan Alexander, Fayyaz Hussain, J. I. "Hans" Bakker, Katie Claussen, Anna Linders, Debra Swanson, Tom Brignall, Dean Purdy, and Leslie Wang.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jay Howard, President, at 9:07 am. An introduction of council members followed.

I. OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President: Jay Howard

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.

The Mid-Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, October 6th.

The NCSA-MSS Meeting will be held from on April 4th-7th, Wednesday noon to Saturday noon. It is the only time that the hotel will offer affordable rates. The Old Council Meeting will be held either Wednesday afternoon/evening, and the New Council Meeting (Bob Shelly as President) will be held probably on Saturday morning.

The scheduling (call for organizers, presenters, etc.) for NCSA will be the same as for MSS.

On behalf of the Council, thanks to the wonderful work of Rebecca Bordt and her committee, Deb Swanson, and Jay Weinstein. There were very few complaints about the program. Lissa Yogan and Kevin Christiano second it.

An ad-hoc committee on awards was appointed consisting of Jeanne Ballantine, Keith Roberts, and Harry Potter.

Motion 3 (See President's Report and Old Council Report) We move that the Council establish a Lifetime Distinguished Career Award, and it will be named the J. Milton Yinger Lifetime Distinguished Career Award. This is separate from the Aida Tomeh Distinguished Service Award. The motion was second by Jay Weinstein. This was second by Annulla Linders. A discussion followed.

Motion to create a J. Milton Yinger Lifetime Distinguished Career Award was passed (8-0-1).

Motion 1 (See President's Report and Old Council Report) The Plenary Address is currently named in honor of the Ruth and John Useem. A discussion followed as to whether to keep or change the name of who to honor. It was suggested that the background of the Useems will be part of the introduction of the award annually if we keep their names. Jay Howard initiated an amendment to amend to the Ruth and John Useem for the Plenary Address.

Motion to amend proposal to amend the Plenary Address to be named as currently, the Ruth and John Useem Plenary Address was passed (9-0-0).

Motion 2 (See President's Report and Old Council Report) Each year, in consultation with the program committee, the President will select an individual to be honored for his/her exceptional contributions to teaching or applied sociology. Keith Roberts had done a discussion on the works of John Schnabel.

Motion to establish an Honorary Colloquium or Distinguished Fellow program each year. This was second by Jay Weinstein. A discussion followed on whether requirements are "too loose". The Council felt that there needs to be clarification of the criteria. **Motion was defeated (9-0-0).**

Motion 4 (See President's Report and Old Council Report) A recommendation was made that the Vice President and journal editor explore the option of having the plenary address published in *Sociological Focus* each year. This was second by Annulla Linders. Bob Shelly mentioned that in the previous years there were mixed results; only one of the two plenary addresses was successfully published. A discussion followed. There is the option to have the address publish.

Motion to affirm the current practice of inviting the plenary address speaker to have his/her address published was passed (9-0-0).

Membership Committee: Jay Howard & Dean Purdy (for Marty Jendrek and Bruce Keith)

(See President's Report) Membership dues are to be aligned with MSS. A discussion followed; topics included the need for clarification of categories of membership dues. Dean and Bruce Keith will be the representatives for NCSA when they meet with the representatives from MSS next week.

Motion to have an alignment of membership fees and to clarify the membership categories was passed (9-0-0).

Vice President: Jay Weinstein

In working with Dean Purdy and Bruce Keith, NCSA would like to see if MSS is willing to split the cost of the ads for the conference.

(See NCSA/MSS 2007 Annual Meeting Theme Statement) The statement acknowledges the joint efforts between NCSA and MSS.

Lauren Sutton-Tiffany is the Executive Officer of MSS and Helen Moore is the President-Elect and the Program Chair of MSS.

Vice President-Elect: Lissa Yogan

A sign-up sheet was passed around to Council Members to organize research sessions for 2007. During the discussion, the issue came up of possibly having co-organizers of sessions.

We plan to have books and coffee (not textbooks) during the mornings of the conference.

The Vice President in consultation with the President may need to line up a speaker and theme for the 2008 NCSA Conference by October.

Executive Officer: Dean Purdy

An on-line membership and registration demonstration was given. Payment by credit card will be possible on-line also. In using Banner with an NCSA logo, the set-up charge will be \$200.00. We move that the Council consider purchasing an on-line program for both registration and membership payments. This was second by Jay Weinstein. A discussion followed.

Motion to purchase the on-line program for registration and membership dues was passed (9-0-0).

A suggestion was made that NCSA should look into purchasing a laptop.

Secretary: Leslie Wang (No Report)

Treasurer: Annulla Linders

Currently, students who do not present do not pay membership fees. We need a list of student paper winners so that they will also be waived from paying membership fees.

The Seidler Award pays for graduate student paper winners. We need to check on what the Butler-Jones Award to see what amounts are paid to the winners.

Past President: Kathy Feltey (No Report)

President Elect: Bob Shelly

We need to start discussion with MSS about the 2007 program.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Webmaster: Kathy Feltey (for Cindy Saylor)

Cindy will continue as webmaster.

The NCSA website needs to be updated. MSS already has the Chicago meeting up on their website.

Teaching Committee: Debra Swanson

The new teaching awards committee include Kathy Rowell, Charles Gallmeier, Janice Proctor, and Leslie Wang.

We should consider adding a film session into the conference. Susan Alexander and Tom Brignall will look into it.

Helen Moore aware of both the Future Faculty and Professional Development tracks.

Student Awards Committee: Fayyaz Hussain

For student paper competition submissions, we should encourage general comments; perhaps, comments to the author and comments to the committee.

Three new committee members are needed who are willing to serve on the committee.

NCSA and MSS will have separate paper competitions and separate awards.

On behalf of the NCSA, Kathy Feltey would like to thank Fayyaz Hussain, Center for Integrative Studies, Michigan State University, for his wonderful work chairing the Student Paper Competition.

A suggestion was made that the third place winner be introduced first, followed by the second place winner, and then the first place winner.

Student Representative-Undergraduate: (Amanda Shropshire – begin October)

Student Representative-Graduate: Katie Claussen

The time of the graduate student reception needs to be changed to a more convenient time. A conference room for students to gather will be useful, including the possibility of a graduate student lunch.

Updates need to be made on the website to include a student listserv. We plan to have better email communication between graduate and undergraduate students.

Students need to be contacted because they do not know that they are automatically placed in particular sessions for the conference.

Scholarly Achievement Award:

Race, Ethnic, and Gender Equality: Bob Newby (Not Present)

Publication Policy: Kent Schwirian (Not Present & No Report)

Profession, Freedom, & Responsibility:

Kathy Feltey, Jay Howard, and Tom Van Valey will discuss what needs to be done.

Nominations:

Membership: Kathy Feltey (for Marty Jendrek)

A general statement was made that membership is up this year; Marty has the details

Local Arrangements: Katie Claussen and Liza Weinstein

A tour of Chicago is a possibility to be included into the program.

There is also a local arrangements person for MSS.

Graduate Student Representative: Katie Claussen
(See Student Representative-Graduate)

Finance: Kevin Christiano

Kevin has met with Jerry Prankston and Rebecca Bordt and will be receiving a stack of files.

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

Editor, Newsletter: Susan Alexander

The newsletter needs to better highlight what NCSA is doing, including the Applied African American Studies Program. Amanda Shropshire has taken many photographs at this conference. We need new and creative material for the newsletter. An electronic newsletter will be the direction we are likely to head into in the future.

The names of award winners should also be sent to ASA.

On behalf of the NCSA, Jay Howard would like to thank Susan for her work with the NCSA brochures.

Editor, *Sociological Focus*: Steve Carlton-Ford and Paula Dubeck

The current subscription for the journal is down by 10%. 95 manuscripts were submitted and 24% of them were accepted this past year.

We are looking into working with Paradigm Publishers.

The editing cost has gone up.

On behalf of the NCSA, Jay Howard would like to thank Steve and Paula for their good work and efforts.

Distinguished Service: Tom Brignall

The new committee consists of Tom Van Valey, Harry Potter, Natalie Haber, and Leslie Wang.

Community Colleges: Michelle Smith (Not Present)

It was mentioned that Michelle will bring recommendation for name change and mission change at the next meeting.

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

III. NEW BUSINESS:

Kathy Feltey mentioned that Barbara Denison would like to recognize students in the armed forces at the NCSA. We need some type of official recognition. Others spoke in support of it.

On behalf of the NCSA, Jay Howard would like to thank Kathy Feltey for her good work and efforts.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Wang