

NCSA Old Council Meeting
Minutes
Chicago, IL
April 4, 2007

Attendance: Lissa Yogan, Hans Bakker, Susan Alexander, Amanda Shropshire, Kevin Christiano, Kathy Rowell, Marty Jendrek, Katie Claussen Bell, Paula Dubeck, Fayyaz Hussain, Anna Linders, Thomas Brignall, Dean Purdy, Bob Shelly, Shelly McGrath, Bruce Keith, Christopher Bradley, Kent Schwirian, Jay Weinstein, Jay Howard, and Leslie Wang.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jay Howard, President, at 11:30 am. An introduction of council members followed.

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.

First round of sessions begin at 12:30; so a few committee members need to present so they can get to their sessions.

Newsletter Editor: Susan Alexander

(Refer to report.) With the assistance of Amanda Shropshire, the newsletter will be able to come out in early May. Susan will be soliciting NCSA members to contribute a piece to be included into the newsletter; therefore, it becomes like a publication.

The 2007 run of NCSA brochures was very expensive, costing \$1.01 for a tri-fold color brochure.

Jay complimented Susan for a job well done.

Tomah Distinguished Service Award: Jay Howard (for Tom Brignall)

(Refer to report.) The members included Tom Brignall, Tom Van Valey, Harry Potter, Natalie Haber-Barker, and Johnnie Griffin. This year's recipient is Barry Johnson, Indiana University Northwest

Finance: Kevin Christiano

(Refer to report.) Kevin has worked with Anna Linders on the finances and the NCSA is in good shape. Membership fluctuates year to year, and we are unsure of the forces driving the fluctuations. The accountant believed that our finances is fine. We are stuck with a late filing fee of approximately \$1,100, which the accountant will appeal.

The Constitution does not require us to have a budget; but, we will prepare one as a guide. We will approach the Past President for advice on the budget. A discussion followed.

Teaching: Kathy Rowell (for Debra Swanson)

There are fewer Sessions than last year.

The High School Sociology Workshop has 55 teachers. Diane Bryant is working with them.

Jay Weinstein is the recipient of the Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award, and will be the teaching keynote speaker for next year. Leslie Wang will give his keynote teaching talk at 4:30 on Friday.

Jeanne Ballantine and Keith Roberts has agreed to donate a portion of their royalties from the text sales into a fund for graduate students through the Preparing Future Faculty Program. This fund will sponsor 10-12 students. It will defray some of their costs to attend the NCSA Conference. They would like recommendations from the Teaching Section on how to handle the amount of funding, and report it back to Council on Saturday.

Employment Exchange Program: Christopher Bradley

(Refer to report.) Eleven jobs have been posted onto the website. This gives the NCSA a profit of \$275.

Membership: Marty Jendrek and Bruce Keith

(Refer to report.) Marty and Bruce are also the co-chairs of this committee for next year. In order to increase membership, they will initiate a campaign drive by identifying departments and sending a letter to the department chairs within the NCSA region. Marty and her staff of students calculated that there are approximately 900 members in the region.

We need to consider ways to manage our membership; therefore, we need to have a database. There is a high turnover in membership given that 50% of the members are students.

Jay Howard thanked both Marty and Bruce for their work. The other four regional associations have 900-1,300 members each. The NCSA averages 300 members, mainly from IN, OH, and MI. We need to spend money to recruit members.

Tapping into the Canadian Sociological Association and community colleges were suggestions to consider. Members with suggestions should contact Marty and Bruce.

Editor, *Sociological Focus*: Paula Dubeck

(Refer to report.) Paradigm Publisher is now our publisher. There are 210 individual subscriptions as of April. Membership and publication do overlap. This becomes an issue for the February edition of which group to include in receiving the journal.

The acceptance rate for submissions is 30%.

Paradigm is seeking to move into Eastern Europe and the Asian markets.

Jay Howard acknowledged Paula and Steve Carlton-Ford for their good work.

Executive Officer: Dean Purdy

The NCSA has about 300 members and the MSS has about 1,000 members here in Chicago.

MSS has a Ice Cream Social; we had them change the time as not to conflict with the NCSA Presidential Address.

For the 2009 NCSA Conference, we can consider Caesar's Hotel in Detroit, Hilton Hotel at Windsor, Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, or the Hyatt in Dearborn. Jay Howard suggested that we meet at the Hyatt in Dearborn, given the room rate of \$125. This was second by Jay Weinstein. A discussion followed.

Motion to hold the 2009 NCSA Conference at the Hyatt Hotel in Dearborn, MI was passed (7-0-0).

Vice President: Jay Weinstein

Thanks to Jay Howard for his leadership and working together with the MSS.

Helen Moore, President-Elect of MSS, is interested in whether the NCSA is interested in doing another joint conference with the MSS at this hotel. If so, we need to plan 18 months in advance. We seek feedback about the joint conference.

Vice President-Elect: Lissa Yogan

We have 51 research sessions, but some are multiple sessions given the joint conference.

If we do another joint NCSA-MSS Conference, we may want to hire an Event Planner. We will also want to create a joint committee of NCSA and MSS members. Using Survey Monkey can provide us with feedback from members on the joint conference.

(Refer to flyer.) The "Call for Organizers" for next year's NCSA Conference is out. Jonathan Turner will be the Keynote Speaker.

Secretary: Leslie Wang

(Refer to report.) The election was held with the new officers as President-Elect Jay Weinstein, Vice President-Elect Lynn Ritchey, Council-at-Large Member Carolette Norwood, and Graduate Student Representative Shelly McGrath. Since we needed to accommodate the number of membership votes, Survey Monkey charged us \$19.95 to allow for the capacity.

Jay Howard approve the Mid-Annual Meeting Minutes. This was second by Marty Jendrek.

Motion to approve the Mid-Annual NCSA Meeting minutes was passed (5-0-0).

President-Elect: Robert Shelly

We should start thinking about whether we want to have another joint meeting.

The New NCSA Council Meeting will be held in the Huron Room on the 10th floor.

Yinger Lifetime Achievement Award: Jay Howard (for Keith Roberts)

Keith Roberts was in touch with the Yinger family. They are very appreciative of receiving the award.

Treasurer: Anna Linders

(Refer to report.) Membership is up a bit from last year. Pre-registration ended on March 2nd for the NCSA and March 16th for the MSS. In the future, we supposedly cannot be charging more for the on-line credit card payment.

We have enough money in the Butler Jones Minority Scholarship fund to use it.

Jay Howard acknowledged Anna for her work.

Student Awards: Fayyaz Hussain

(Refer to report.) We received 31 papers from the NCSA and 10 papers from the MSS. There is a timeline difference between the two conferences. The tables for the presentations correspond to the numbers assigned to each paper title on the report.

Graduate Student Representative: Katie Claussen Bell

A Student Hospitality Room is set up from 7:30-4:00 for students to meet nother students.

Scholarly Achievement Award: Hans Bakker

The committee members consist of Kathy Feltey, Debra Swanson, and Steven Scanlon. We have two recipients this year: Mansoor Moaddel, Eastern Michigan University and Clifford Bob, Duquesne University.

Race, Ethnicity, Gender Equality: Jay Howard (for Bob Newby)

Jay Howard has informed Bob Newby that the Butler Jones Scholarship is active.

Publication Policy: Kent Schwirian

We need members from large institutions, and have someone with editorial experience for *Sociological Focus*. We should see if Steve Carlton-Ford and Paula Dubeck are interested in continuing to work with Paradigm Publisher as Co-Editors of *Sociological Focus* for next year.

President: Jay Howard

Jay acknowledged Kathy Feltey for gathering enough candidates for the NCSA election.

The Executive Officer needs to be reviewed; this is a three year review. Jay has appointed himself as Chair of the Review Committee, with Kent Schwirian and Kathy Feltey as past presidents serving with him.

NEW BUSINESS: Jay Howard

The Midwest Student Sociology Conference has been rotating between IN and OH. They have expressed an interest in becoming part of the NCSA. Southern Sociological Society organizes their last two conference time slots for the undergraduate sessions, with a faculty member as chair of each session. The Teaching Session can help in chairing these sessions for the NCSA. The Midwest Student Sociology Conference will not be joining us every year; this depends on location. Students prefer to have their sessions on a Sunday morning.

Jay acknowledged everyone's participation in the NCSA Conference, particularly Jay Weinstein and Lissa Yogan. He passes on the role of President to Robert Shelly. Robert thanked Jay for his wonderful work.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Wang