

**NCSA Business Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
Dearborn, MI  
April 17, 2009

**President:** Jay Weinstein welcomed everyone to the NCSA Business Meeting. Everyone is invited to come to hear the Keynote Address from Irving Zeitlin following the Business meeting, who will be introduced by Han Bakker. A reception will follow immediately after the address. John C. Riley, Mayor of Dearborn, will be present to welcome us at the reception.

**Resolution:** *“Whereas, the North Central Sociological Association has received considerable support, service, and commitment from many individuals and organizations in the preparation of its annual meeting held in Dearborn, MI, April 16-19, be it resolved that the NCSA extends its profound appreciation and gratitude to the following:*

*The program committee chaired by Vice President Lynn Ritchey, and including Lynn Ritchey, Debra Swanson, Lissa Yogan, Leslie Elrod, Carrie Erlin, and Kevin Early; the staff of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, and the local universities including University of Michigan at Dearborn, University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, Oakland University, Wayne State University, University of Detroit Mercy, and Madonna University, who provide invaluable support and without whom there would be no conference.”*

A plaque was given in recognition of Dean Purdy, for his service to the NCSA. He is given the title of Executive Officer Emeritus.

**Vice President:** Lynn Ritchey reported that the NCSA had 86 sessions this year, coming close to the maximum accommodation possible of 88 sessions. Thanks to the wonderful work of the Program Committee including Debra Swanson, Lissa Yogan, Leslie Elrod, Shelly McGrath, Carrie Erlin, Kevin Early, and also Dean Purdy.

**Vice President-elect:** Deb Swanson reported that the joint meeting with MSS in Chicago next year will be from Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, at \$114 a night. Together with Peter Kivisto, a theme was drafted and will be titled “Communities in an Age of Social Transformation”.

**MSS President-elect:** Peter Kivisto reported that Ann Swindler will deliver the Keynote Address in Chicago, and he looks forward to a good attendance turnout at the conference.

**Treasurer:** Anna Linders reported that the NCSA finances are in good order. And she looks forward to the joint meeting next year.

**President:** Jay Weinstein announced the newly elected members to Council: Hans Bakker as President-elect, Arthur Jipson as Vice President-elect, Barbara Denison as

Secretary, Jieli Li as Council-at-Large Member, and Daysha Lawrence as Graduate Student Representative. The new staff members on Council included: Joyce Lucke as Conference Coordinator and Gustavo Mesch as Editor of *Sociological Focus*. Susan Alexander, who is currently the Editor of *North Central Sociologist* newsletter, will also serve in a newly created position as Public Relations Coordinator.

**Passing of the President's Gavel:** Jay Weinstein passed the gavel to the new NCSA President Kathy Rowell. She will become the first person from a community college to serve as President of the NCSA.