



MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Council Meeting
Saturday, November 7, 2009, 9:50 am
Hilton Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana

Present were:	Ollie G. Christian	President
	Kimberly A. Davies	Past-President
	Jamie P. Baird	Secretary-Treasurer
	Roma S. Hanks	President-Elect
	Timothy B. Gongaware	Vice-President, Editor Forum
	David G. LoConto	Vice-President-Elect
	John Lynxwiler	Editor, Sociological Spectrum
	Demond S. Miller	Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges
	Carl L. Bankston, III	Chair, Committee on Nominations
	Tina Deshotels	Chair, Committee on Membership
	Rhonda Evans	Chair, Committee on Women
	Jackie A. Eller	Coordinator, Stanford Lyman Memorial Scholarship Committee

Not Present were:

Obie Clayton, Jr.	Chair, Committee on Minorities
Ana-Marie Gonzales Wahl	Chair, Committee on the Profession

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Ollie G. Christian, at 9:50 am on Saturday, November 7, 2009. The President welcomed all members to the meeting.

CARRY OVER BUSINESS FROM MEETING OF November 5, 2009.

Jackie Eller has information from the nomination committee. The Constitution and the Operations and Procedures manual are not consistent. The OPM needs to agree with the wording of the Constitution. The voter turn out was low (approx. 25% of the membership when looking at the numbers). Some of this is due to student members that move on and don't give a forwarding address.

The report was accepted.

There was discussion about nominations being done online (through Survey Monkey) instead of mailing ballots as a trial for 2010. There was a motion made by Jackie Eller to have mail ballots for 2010 and inform members that the election process will be going online for 2011. There was a 2nd to this motion by Carl Bankston, III. The motion was approved.

Report from the Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges

The Committee held its annual meeting at 7:00 AM in Lafayette on November 6, 2009. The Committee extended its thanks to Dr. Anita Bledsoe for organizing and presiding over the Small and Community Colleges Session on Service Learning at the 2009 Mid-South Sociological Association meeting.

Issues discussed:

Teaching Excellence Award: The Committee passed a measure that would create an Excellence in Teaching at the Small and Community College Award. The criteria for such award will be presented for review and approval at the mid-winter meeting.

Specialty Sessions/Workshops: The committee approved a motion to have two sessions/workshops on themes related to small and community colleges for the Baton Rouge meetings.

Membership Recruitment: We will continue our efforts to contact all small and community colleges in our member states via email; however, special efforts to recruit will take place in the following member states: Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas.

The report was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

Winter Meeting:

It is valuable to have members attend

Practical reasoning for attending

Check the room nights for winter meeting to see if it will affect contract, email this information to EC members

Members of the Executive Committee should make sure their reports are sent

Theme for 2010: Sociological Perspectives: Essential Science to Understand Health and Eliminate Health Disparities.

Aggressive Membership:

Partner with other organizations: Southern CJ Society, Applied Sociology, Arkansas Sociological Society, and Family Studies at Arkansas State

Registration: A set price of \$115.00 or \$120.00 for Presenters, Organizers, Discussants. This is for attendees on the program with exception of non attending co-authors. Registration form needs to be re done and sent around to the EC to get approval.

There needs to be a Toolkit for session organizers on their responsibilities and things that are available to them at the meeting. Roma will start this toolkit and send it around to EC members and they can add information as they see fit.

Visitor: Dr. Tom Durant, Jr.

He is willing to assist in any way for the Local Arrangements for the meeting in Baton Rouge, LA. Also, he had conversation with Thomas Kersen and he is willing to be the Historian for MSSA. There is not a position for Historian, it would have to be newly appointed and responsibilities added to OPM and Constitution.

The change to the constitution and OPM to have the coordinator for the Stan M. Lyman scholarship appointment to four years was ratified at the meeting during the banquet on November 5, 2009.

At the Winter Mtg. it will be discussed the time for EC meetings at the Annual mtgs. So members won't miss sessions. The suggestion was for the meeting on Wed. be from 2pm – 5pm and then a meeting on Sat. morning at 9:45am.

WINTER MEETING 2009

Date and Site

Date: February 6, 2010
Site: Crowne Plaza Executive Center, Baton Rouge, LA
4728 Constitution Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
225-925-2244 (p)
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ANNUAL MEETINGS: 2010

Dates and Site

Dates: October 13-17, 2010
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.