



**MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Executive Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 2:00 pm**  
**Hilton Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana**

Present were:	Kimberly A. Davies	President
	Jamie P. Baird	Secretary-Treasurer
	Ollie G. Christian	President-Elect
	Larry D. Hall	Vice-President
	Timothy B. Gongaware	Vice-President-Elect, Editor, Forum
	Tina Deshotels	Chair, Committee on Membership
	Rhonda Evans	Chair, Committee on Women
	Jackie A. Eller	Coordinator, Stanford Lyman Memorial Committee, Chair, Nominations
	Kathleen Handy	Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

Not Present were:	Keith F. Durkin	Past-President
	Ana-Marie Gonzales Wahl	Chair, Committee on the Profession
	Dana M. Greene	Chair, Committee on Minorities
	John Lynxwiler	Editor, Sociological Spectrum
	DeMond S. Miller	Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Kimberly A. Davies at 2:15 pm. The President welcomed Executive Council Members to the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of February 21, 2009 were approved.

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **Chair, Local Arrangements Committee**

Kathleen Handy welcomed everyone to Lafayette. The Lafayette Convention Center was a great assistance to the LOC, they did the pre-registered nametags. The bookstore at UL @ Lafayette donated folders for the bags. There are 12 to 13 door prizes that will be given out at the reception on Wednesday evening and the banquet.

Thursday night after the banquet there will be a band and there is downtown live for those that want to do something on Friday night. Also, there will be students helping with registration.

The report was accepted.

### **President's Report**

The President, Kimberly A. Davies reported that things are in order, but there are some things we need to work out with the Operations and Procedure Manual.

The report was accepted.

### **Past-President's Report**

The Past-President was not present, but a report will be given during the Budget Committee report.

### **Report from the Vice-President**

The Vice-President, Larry D. Hall received four papers for the Graduate Student of Distinction paper competition. I would like to thank my judges for their time and effort in reading and evaluating these papers. The judges were John Lynxwiler, University of Central Florida, Nicole Carr, University of South Alabama, and John Green, Delta State University. We will announce the winner at the MSSA Annual Banquet. Two of the four authors will be attending the banquet.

The report was accepted.

### **Report from the Vice-President-Elect**

The Vice-President-Elect, Timothy B. Gongaware reported that thirteen (13) papers were received for the Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. The papers were:

- a. *College Students' Sexual Relationships with Multiracial Peer*,  
Latiche Bush-Lane, Jackson State University, MS
- b. *ADD Medication: Adult Approval Rates According to Controversial Issues surrounding Pediatric Prescriptions*  
Doug Clapp, Bloomsburg University, PA
- c. *Arresting Women Nicely: An Officer and a Gentleman*  
Sean McCaman, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- d. *Allowing the Dependent Their Freedom: Thorstein Veblen and Dual-Income Families*  
Lacey Ritter, University of Northern Iowa, IA
- e. *Queering the Queers*  
Carina Ruiz-Aguilar, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- f. *Animated Disney Films as a Site for the Construction of Desire: Messages, Rules, and a Prescription for Happiness*  
Caitlin Scaife, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- g. *"No, I'm Not Hiding a Bomb Under There": The Practice of Veiling Among Young Muslim Women in Metropolitan Atlanta*  
Renu Sagreiya, Agnes Scott College, GA
- h. *How the Transgender Lifestyle Affects Family Relationships in a MTF Transsexual Case*  
Tiffany Schroeder, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- i. *An Examination of the Disability of Female Amputees*  
Kristin Sloan, Jacksonville State University, AL
- j. *Coffee Shops: Comparing the Space of the Local and the Corporate*  
Lane Standige, University of Southern Mississippi, MS

- k. *Mmorphg Identities: A Preliminary Look into Online Interaction and Identity Building*  
Andrea Thornhill, University of Southern Mississippi, MS
- l. *Why Men Build Muscle and Women Tone*  
Max Tran, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- m. *Untying the Knot: How Divorce has Complicated Veblen's Theory of Ownership Marriage*  
Natalie Turner, University of Northern Iowa, CA

The first place award and certificate was given to Renu Sagreiya.

The Vice-President had seven (7) MSSA members who served as judges of the undergraduate papers.

The report was accepted.

### **Report from the President-Elect/Program Chair**

The President-Elect/Program Chair, Ollie G. Christian, thanked everyone for their generous support for the 2009 program. For the 2009 program, there are 69 sessions and approximately 263 participants. The session topics and papers appear to be very interesting and informative. I would like to thank all of the session organizers as well as the program participants for their support and participation in the MSSA 2009 program. Many of the panels, workshops, and roundtables are quite interesting and I sincerely wish that members will attend these sessions as well. There was a lot of financial support from Southern University in ads and fundraising, \$3,755. The plenary speaker is Dr. Faye Gary, who will speak on Health Inequalities. The session on the Birth of MSSA, there are a few members that can give a good account of our history.

We need to look at what to do about individuals that are on the program, but don't come to the meeting. Also, partner with organizations when it comes to equipment or see if there are members that are willing to let the organization borrow their equipment for the meeting.

The report was accepted.

### **Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

This year the Association is again facing possible financial hardships because of the global financial crisis. The Association will be penalized for failure to meet room nights requirements. The number of room nights to not be penalized is 312 and room nights guaranteed to date is 219. This makes the Association fall into the attrition clause in the contract between 30 and 60%, which is equivalent to \$10,550. The Association will try and negotiate with the Hilton Lafayette and to obtain partial waivers of our contractual obligations or at least meet us half way on this lost revenue amount. Projected expenditure is estimated at \$15,800.00 (including gratuity and tax). This estimate is based on the spending on food and beverages and expenditure for program printing, Plenary speaker incidentals, and awards. Revenue received to date for food and beverage at November 2, is \$8,455.00. This means that the Association will have a deficit of approximately \$7,345.00 in financing this year's meeting activities. The deficit mentioned in the previous sentence is not including room night attrition.

The shortfall in revenue is the result of very weak annual meeting registration (66) and insufficient funds from dues being paid, whether they are presenting or not. The Association will, however, be able to meet the shortfall in revenue from reserve funds accumulated over the past nine years. We do not want to get into this habit and this will reduce our reserves tremendously.

Totals assets as at November 2,, 2009 is \$107,265.87 The assets are in several accounts:

Capitol City Bank -CD-OFA	\$47,495.36
Capitol City Bank - Lyman MSFA	2,699.88
Capitol CityBank-RFA-CD	5,761.05
Capitol City Bank-OFA	5,474.16
Capitol City Bank-RFA	1,119.83
Spectrum Petty Cash-UCF	1,633.76

Stan Lyman - CD Acct

\$43,081.83

**TOTAL**

**\$107,265.87**

The above figures are heartening but the Association cannot expect to avoid its contractual obligations in the future. Steps must be taken to ensure that all contractual obligations are financed from current revenue.

To achieve this objective there must be a significant drive to retain current members and recruit new ones. Current 2009 membership is 184. This number includes a new group of students that joined this year and does not include those whom have sent emails that their dues and registration will be paid onsite.

The report was accepted.

#### **Report from the Editor, *Sociological Spectrum***

The report was deferred to November 5, 2009

#### **Report from the Editor, *Forum***

1. Spring *Forum* was released via email and put on the MSSA website
  - a. Primarily a notification of deadlines, announcement of officers and a call for papers with the list of session organizers and contacts
2. Call sent out for contributions to a second *Forum* that would have been released in July.
  - a. No submissions were sent in.
  - b. Since the issue would contain no new information, it was scuttled.
3. This has been my third year as editor of *Forum*.
  - a. Last year I was told that my first year had been to finish out the term left as the previous editor had needed to step down early.
  - b. This year, then, constitutes my second year as the appointed Editor of *Forum*.
    - i. So, a general call needs to be issued to replace me as editor beginning Fall 2010.
    - ii. However, I would be more than happy to turn it over early to someone who can devote more time and effort than I have been able to give.

There was an unsolicited request to take over *Forum* by Dana Greene. The *Forum* should be used to call for organizers for the Annual meeting, calls for paper competitions and calls for the book competition.

There was discussion about doing away with *Forum* all together.

There was discussion about an elected position that would create a Website/List serve and *Forum* wouldn't be needed.

The report was accepted.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.