



MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Council Meeting
Friday, October 24, 2008, 9:45 am
Holiday Inn, Huntsville, Alabama

Present were:	Keith F. Durkin	President
	Carl L. Bankston, III.	Past-President
	Sahadeo Patram	Secretary-Treasurer
	Kimberly A. Davies	President-Elect
	Shirley Rainey	Vice-President
	Larry D. Hall	Vice-President-Elect
	Timothy B. Gongaware	Editor, Forum
	John Lynxwiler	Editor, Sociological Spectrum
	Mark Konty	Chair, Committee on the Profession
	Dana M. Greene	Chair, Committee on Minorities
	Tina Deshotels	Chair, Committee on Membership
	Obie Clayton, Jr.	Hotel Contract Negotiator
	Kathy A. Smith	Co-Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges
	DeMond S. Miller	Co-Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges

Not Present were:

Nancy J. Finley	Chair, Local Arrangements Committee
Jackie A. Eller	Coordinator, Stanford Lyman Memorial Committee
Rhonda Evans	Chair, Committee on Women

By Invitation (Incoming Officers)

Jamie P. Baird	Secretary-Treasurer
Ollie G. Christian	President-Elect

CALL TO ORDER

The adjourned meeting of October 22, 2008 was called to order by President Keith F. Durkin at 9:45 am.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

Report from the Past President/ Chair, Budget Committee.

The Chair of the Budget Committee, Dr. Carl L. Bankston, III, reported that the financial records of the Association were examined and found to be in order.

The report was accepted.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report from the Co-Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges

The Co-Chair of the Committee on Small and Community Colleges, DeMond S. Miller, reported that the committee will be looking at giving out 1 or 2 awards, Innovation of Service & Innovation of Teaching. Also, they will continue to reach out to community colleges in the MSSA region.

The report was accepted.

Report for the Chair, Committee on Nominations

The Chair, Committee on Nominations, Dr. Nicole Carr, submitted a written report. The following were elected:

President-Elect: Ollie G. Christian

Vice-President-Elect: Timothy B. Gongaware

Chair, Committee on Nominations: Jackie Eller

Chair, Committee on the Profession: Ana-Marie Gonzales Wahl

Chair, Committee on Small and Community Colleges: DeMond S. Miller.

There was discussion to move to electronic voting. Mark Konty gave some background information about Survey Monkey. If we purchase Survey Monkey, then we could do surveys about site selections for meetings, electronic voting for Executive Council members and we could start by doing a survey on the MSSA meeting in Huntsville, AL.

A motion to use the Survey Monkey software for MSSA surveys of membership on hotel sites and other issues. Mark Konty agreed to serve as the research contact for this project. Also, the Sec. /Treas. was authorized to purchase Survey Monkey as soon as possible.

The report was accepted.

Report from the Chair, Site Selection Committee

The Site Selection Report was presented by Dr. Obie Clayton, Jr., the hotel contract negotiator. Dr. Clayton informed Council that he had finalized contracts to 2014, with 2013 still needing to be decided on. Below is the list of hotels, with room and food and beverage requirements:

Date	Location	Hotel	Cost
2009	Lafayette	Hilton	\$112.00
2010	Baton Rouge	Holiday Inn	\$101.00
2011	Little Rock	Doubletree	\$118.00
2012	Mobile	Riverview Plaza	\$135.00
2014	Mobile	Riverview Plaza	\$145.00

He suggested that the annual meetings be held in Mobile every other year or every third year because Mobile has always been the site with consistent good attendance. After some discussion, Council agreed to have Lafayette and Mobile as core cities, but not tie the hands of the Hotel Negotiator to seek sites elsewhere. A few sites (New Orleans, Orlando, Lexington, Jackson and Nashville) were suggested for future consideration.

Also, dates and sites of future meetings should be posted on the website.

Council felt that there was need to survey membership again on possible sites for future meetings. Dr..Obie Clayton, Jr. was asked to send members the past survey that MSSA used to identify possible sites. Huntsville, Alabama should be listed as a possible site on the survey, along with other potential cities in other States.

We could send out results with nominations, also could send out constitutional amendments through this Survey Monkey.

The report was accepted.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report for the Chair, Local Arrangements.

Dr. Nancy J. Finley, Chair of the Committee, was not present. Jamie Baird passed out a printed report. Included in this report was a checklist for those who will be local arrangement chair to use as a guide. The council asked that Nancy email this report to David Witt to be put on the website and it is available to everyone.

The report was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Registration Fee suggestions from the Sec./Treas. There was discussion about working on membership recruitment. It was moved and approved to table these suggestions until the meeting in Oct. 2009 in Lafayette, LA
- B. Going to online registration, having Forum as a blog. There is more information that is needed. Timothy Gongaware agreed to get information about online registration and present at the meeting on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008
- C. Student Forum- Undergraduates and Graduate
 - They would like to have their own sessions with a faculty mentor, they would actually run the sessions
 - Panels that are separate from the paper competitions
 - Having a workshop with a resource person (the job market, applying to grad school, etc.)
 - Would love to have a non-voting student as a member of the Executive Council
 - Student Newsletter
 - Student Caucus Breakfast (possibly the Thursday morning during the annual meeting). Jean Shin has agreed to fund through ASA \$300.00 to go towards getting this started

This was voted on and approved to make it happen and once the \$300.00 runs out the Association will come up with a way of funding this endeavor.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.