



MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Council Meeting
Saturday, October 25, 2008, 9:45 am
Holiday Inn, Huntsville, Alabama

Present were: Kimberly A. Davies	President
Keith F. Durkin	Past-President
Sahadeo Patram	Secretary-Treasurer
Ollie G. Christian	President-Elect
Timothy B. Gongaware	Vice-President-Elect
John Lynxwiler	Editor, Sociological Spectrum
Demond S. Miller	Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges
Dana M. Greene	Chair, Committee on Minorities
Tina Deshotels	Chair, Committee on Membership

Not Present were:

Larry D. Hall	Vice-President
Jackie A. Eller	Coordinator, Stanford Lyman Memorial Committee & Chair, Committee on Nominations
Ana-Marie Gonzales Wahl	Chair, Committee on the Profession
Rhonda Evans	Chair, Committee on Women

By Invitation (Incoming Officers)

Jamie P. Baird	Associate Secretary-Treasurer
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Kimberly A. Davies, at 9:45 am on Saturday, October 25, 2008. The President welcomed members to the meeting.

CARRY OVER BUSINESS FROM MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2008.

The correct title of the book award should be referenced by looking at minutes from the past.

Please remember to send your reports to the Sec./Treas. electronically and have hard copies available at the meeting for committee members.

We have agreed to tentatively appoint John Lynxwiler as editor of Spectrum and he will receive a letter from the President of MSSA. He will take this letter to his dept. to see about getting institutional support financially and his new term will begin 1/1/10. There was also agreement that MSSA will support him if he can't get institutional funds.

Registration by credit card would cost \$.30 per transaction and 2.9%. The process would be 2-steps; it would be more expensive to have it in one step. Also, we would have to set up website standards. To use as a reference go to the Alabama/Mississippi Association's website at www.a-msa.org. Information will be presented in detail at the winter meeting and we will vote on this process of credit card registration.

In reference to Forum:

*If we go with a blog system that is free, there will be advertisers that we have no control over

*We could change the shell of the MSSA website and purchase a pkg., but this is pricey

*Tim is willing to set up things to have a blog & Dana will work with him on Forum

There was a general consensus to ask Sara Neuenschwander to be the non-voting student as a member of the Executive Council. Kim is to contact Sara.

NEW BUSINESS

We should have the General business meeting on Friday before the president's reception. That will allow the current president to preside over the meeting on Wed. & Fri. The official passing of the gavel will occur at this business meeting. All reports will be given at this meeting and will be two (2) minutes long so the meeting will last approx. 30 minutes.

Carl L. Bankston, III was appointed as Chair of the Stan Lyman Distinguished Book Award Committee..

It was suggested something special be done next year to mark the 35th year of MSSA.

Also, suggestions made about awards given out for those that have given meritorious service. Then everyone was asked to reference the Operations and Procedures manual were there is an award for Citizen-Sociologist and Distinguished Career.

WINTER MEETING 2009

Date and Site

Date: February 21, 2009
Site: Hilton Hotel, Lafayette, LA
1521 W. Pinhook Road
P.O. Box 52286
Lafayette, LA 70505-2286
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ANNUAL MEETINGS: 2009

Dates and Site

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.