



Mid-South Sociological Association

Minutes of the Executive Council Midwinter Meeting

Saturday, February 27, 2016

In-person and virtual online meeting via GoToMeeting.com

Saturday, February 27, 2015, 10:09amEST

Present:

President – DeMond Miller

President Elect/ Program Chair – Shirley Rainey Brown

Secretary –Treasurer- Shelly A. McGrath & Ruth Chananie

Vice President Elect – Theresa Davidson

Committee on Women- Melissa Powell-Williams

Committee on Professions- Gregory Harris

Editor – *Sociological Spectrum*-Kevin Breault

Committee on Small and Committee Colleges- Nicola Davis Bivens

Committee on Membership- Lauren Norman

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by President Anita Bledsoe-Gardner at 10:15am

Council Reports (see attachments)

Motion to approve minutes from last council meeting

- M/S/P

Acknowledgement of transition of office of Secretary/Treasurer; marking shelly as new in the office

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

President's Report: (President DeMond Miller presented, also written report)

Council Report: extra -regional recruiting activities particularly phd and masters level in New York, Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware

Bring in new members; recruiting at Eastern's Sociological society's meeting in Boston

Officers in good standing- member of executive council must be a member of MSSA in good standing; sec/treasure do report and follow up with those that are not in good standing; have to be up to date on dues and attend conferences

Set up date to meet with executive office at ASA in DC

Lifetime membership engagement; DeMond sign up for his lifetime membership; launching campaign for the organization; use extra funds

Shirley- concern is that they do not have forms; forms will be put up on the website; DeMond will work with Earl to get that done

Become Ambassadors for MSSA; reach out to department and external networks; make personal phone calls to people and reach out to them to come to next meeting

Submit report to executive body for consideration

Motion to accept report; Melissa make motion; Nicola second; motion passes

- The report was accepted

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: (Sec-Treas. Ruth Chananie presented, also written report)

We do not have a whole lot of money in checking account; \$3400 less than that b/c Taylor and Francis check has not gone through yet;

Stanford Lyman account earmarked

Can't afford to take a hit on attrition at the next conference; make this one a huge success; take a hit in the red future unclear

Transition will take awhile; website and bank account

Online market place is open; you can register and become a member

Link for patrons who just want to donate; anyone who makes donation is listed in program as a patron

Go fund me account

Insurance: purchased for first time last year; with Hanover; want us to buy more stuff; nonprofit

Not expand coverage; just stick with what we have because of fiscal issues; Demand: due to financial situation agree to be careful with our expensive

Shirley agreed with DeMond

Sent copy of final budget; food and beverage not in new budget; any concerns about budget

Motion to accept report; Gregory Harris accept; Shirley second; motion passes

- The report was accepted

President-Elect/Program Chair's Report: (President-Elect Shirley Rainey Brown presented, also written report)

Deadlines for paper competitions; accomplish and meet the deadlines

Paper presentations be completed by May 20th; session organizers recruit; printed program

Up to 70 session; begin Wednesday and end on Saturday morning; draft made up;

2 plenary speakers; The two speakers are not charging they are coming in free; after April seeking letters from political leaders; letter from DeMond; need money for final printing

Looking at bags; custom designed; designing front cover and putting it on the bags; Tim put announcement on facebook; footnote at ASA

Trying to combat attrition problem

Motion to approve report: Gregory Harris; second, motion passes

○ *The report was accepted*

Vice President's Report: (Vice-President Jeremy Ross, no report)

Vice President-Elect's Report: (Vice President-Elect Theresa Davidson presented, also written report)

Assemble committee of judges for the undergraduate paper competition

Now engage for soliciting submission

Encourage for competitive and non-competitive

2 in program right now

Shirley move to accept report; 2nd by Shelly; motion passes

○ *The report was accepted*

Committee on the Profession: (Gregory Harris presented)

Ethics and social responsibility; conversations about respecting the profession; need diversity on committee;

Motion to accept report and 2nd; motion passes

▪ *The report was accepted*

Committee on Women: changed to **Women, Gender, and Sexuality** (Melissa Powell-Williams presented, also written report)

Women, gender, and sexuality: new committee

Had submitted 4 session proposals; submission serve as network for research group

Looking for recruitment coordinators

Caucus discussed new category for gender; make sure gender/sexual minority have opt out; we have a prefer not to answer on the registration form

Mission statement; drafting process occurring; update the mission statement to be voted on at the meeting

Motion to accept report Gregory; 2nd by Nicola; motion passes

- *The report was accepted*

Committee on Small and Community Colleges- Nicola Davis Bivens (presented)

Promoting

2 panels specific to small and community colleges; promote paper competition

Breakfast not on first morning of conference

Preparing for tenure at small colleges

Motion to accept Melissa; Theresa 2nd; motion passes

- *The report was accepted*

Committee on Membership- Lauren Norman (presented)

Looking for committee members

Increase participation in the organization and conference participation; promoting life time membership among members

Motion to accept; 2nd by Melissa; motion passes

- *The report was accepted*

Spectrum Editors' Report (Kevin Breault presented, also written report)

2015 acceptance

Jerry Gonzalez in managing editor (associate editor)

Editorial board; get the list and add it to the report

Motion to accept report Shirley; shelly 2nd; motion passes

- *The report was accepted*

Item #4 and 5: Brian Hinote; no longer be able to serve in capacity as co-editor; Kevin and Brian co editor; Kevin becomes editor in chief of sociological spectrum; item of transition; officially affirming new editor in chief

Written Reports Submitted but not present at meeting were:

Editor Forum- Tina Deshotels (not present)

Motion to accept Nicola; 2nd; motion passes

- *The report was accepted*

Stan Lyman Memorial Scholarship- David Knottnerus (not present)

Motion to accept Shelly; 2nd Shirley; motion passes

- *The report was accepted*

Past President's and Budget Committee Report: (Past President Anita Bledsoe-Gardner presented, written report)

Make motion to accept report; has been moved; shelly second; motion passes

- *The report was accepted*

Committee on Nominations: (Erin Rider written report)

Motion to accept report Gregory; 2nd by Melissa; motion passes to accept report

- *The report was accepted*

NO REPORT:

Committee on Minorities- Ray Von Robertson

No report received

Stan Lyman Distinguished Book Award- Patrice Lockett (not present)

No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Business issues concerning Sociological Spectrum mailings

Ruth- members got 2015 in bulk; Taylor and Francis transition to a once a year printed version of the journal; each issue online and accessible; message sent out to Taylor and Francis; discuss the online only option for our membership; option not traditional means it maybe a means of necessity at this point; wider and greater access and save funds

Proposed General Conference Protocols and Guidelines

Put forward at last council meeting; Greg Harris, Earl, Anita, DeMond, and myself

Input stage; addressing those who are on the program and do not attend or do not pay; bylaws for this issue;

Shirley- issue with the abstract; chairs and organizers should determine if they want abstracts; peer reviewed abstract not in our best interest right now;

Committee can remove the abstract part of the protocols;

Change to opm or the bylaws; Ruth thinks it is opm; change to opm would go before the general body; change to bylaws be approved by members; this issue is probably a change to opm if it is we can change it by voting by ec members

NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination for Service Award

Lifetime awards- open the nominations up and put a deadline on; motion to open nominations for the lifetime service award to the MSSA; nominations done by the ec;

Motion to open nominations shelly; 2nd Theresa; motion passes

Open for 2 weeks; send out email with criterion; have 14 days

Need a list of past winners

MSSA Strategic Planning

Presentation Occupancy/2016 Conference

none

Hotel Contract Negotiator

Currently contracts with Chattanooga, Birmingham and Jackson (2019)

Suggestion for council;

Vote on 2020 hotel through special ec meeting to render final decision on hotel; motion amended to do email vote by March 19th;

Motioned by Shirley, 2nd; motion passes

Update on the local arrangements plans

Tracy has committee to make our stay here better.

Executive board will email out the information on local arrangements

Call attention to:

Critical questions for the MSSA

How can we remain relevant to our membership?

The mission of spectrum in line with our modern membership

Is our meeting format serving membership adequately? More workshops, more engagement

How can we increase the number of booked and MSSA coded rooms

Strategic planning exercise

Motion to adjourn by Shirley; 2nd by Theresa; adjourned 12:48 eastern time.