



MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Executive Council Meeting

Saturday, January 30, 2005 – 8:30 am

Westin Atlanta Airport, Atlanta, Georgia

Present:	Duane A. Gill	President
	Jackie L. Eller	Past-President & Chair, Budget Committee
	Sahadeo Patram	Secretary Treasurer
	Tom C. Calhoun	President-Elect & Program Chair
	David A. Gay	Vice-President
	Keith F. Durkin	Vice-President-Elect & Editor – <i>Forum</i>
	DeAnn M. Kalich	Editor – <i>Sociological Spectrum</i>
	Shirley Rainey	Chair, Committee on the Profession
	Cheryl Brown	Chair, Committee on Women
	Kathy A. Smith	Co-Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges
	Earl Wright, II	Chair, Committee on Minorities
	J. Kenneth Davidson, Sr.	Hotel Contract Negotiator
Absent:	N. Ree Wells	Chair, Committee on Membership
	Anne. C. Baird	Co-Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges
	Russell P. D. Burton	Chair, Committee on Nominations
	Obie Clayton, Jr.	Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Duane A. Gill at 8:45 am. The President welcomed members to the meeting and noted that severe winter storm weather prevented some members from attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of October 20, 22, and 23, 2004 were approved.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

Report from the President

The President reported that the letter of support for the AAUP at the University of Akron to obtain its first union contract was sent to the Administration at that university.

Report from the Past-President

The report from the Past President was deferred. To be taken under “Old Business:” The Stanford M. Lyman Memorial Scholarship.

Report from the Vice-President

The Vice-President, Dr. David A. Gay, reported that requests for graduate student papers for the “Graduate Student Paper of Distinction” would be sent out in February 2005. It was suggested that graduate student papers should be accompanied by letters of support from their Director or a faculty member. Council felt that the suggestion was worth pursuing to ensure that the papers are acceptable for inclusion in the Graduate Student Paper presentations.

Report from the Vice-President-Elect

The Vice-President-Elect, Dr. Keith F. Durkin informed Council that he had very little to report. He indicated that he had received adequate information and supporting documents from Dr. Gay and would continue to follow past practices for the Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. He indicated that the Ohio Northern University would be supporting some undergraduates to attend and present at this years meetings. He expressed to hope that other institutions in the MSSA States would also provide some support for their undergraduates to be involved in the competition.

Report from the President-Elect

The President-Elect, Dr. Thomas C. Calhoun informed Council that call for session/panel/roundtable organizers was mailed to more than 430 current and recent members of MSSA. He received requests for 40 sessions. Call for presenters and participants would be sent out in February. Dr. Calhoun reported that he had two persons in mind for the Plenary Address and would accept either if available. He also informed Council that a poster session would be organized this year by R. Gregory Dunaway of Mississippi State University.

Report from the Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer, Sahadeo Patram, was pleased to report that 2004 was another good year for the Association. Current Assets at the end of fiscal year 2004 were \$79,813.91. The assets were held in the following accounts:

Capitol City Bank - Certificates of Deposit	\$28,364.30
Capitol City Bank - Operating Fund Account	\$ 4,602.36
Capitol City Bank - Reserve Fund Account	\$ 5,557.07
Spectrum – LA petty Cash	\$ <u>515.18</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$39,038.91

Stanford M. Lyman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Capitol City Bank – Lyman MSF Account	\$ 775.00	
Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$40,000.00</u>	<u>\$40,775.00</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$79,813.91</u>

The Stanford M. Lyman Memorial Scholarship Fund (SLMSF) was off to a good start. Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) of the funds were invested in two Certificates of Deposits. Approximately \$1,075.00 in interest was expected on the investments in 2005.

Expenditures for fiscal year 2004 were within the approved estimates for that year. Overall, the Association is financially sound.

Estimated income for 2005 was \$26,400.00. That figure included an estimate of \$2,000.00 from the Local Arrangements Committee, Past Presidents, and members of MSSA. Estimated expenditures for the Annual Meetings (\$15,150.00) and Administration (\$10,500.00) were \$25,650.00.

The 2004 Annual Meetings in Biloxi were very successful. Two hundred and twelve persons registered for the meetings (Active members –141, Student members – 66, and Joint members - 5). Hotel room-nights pick-up was 460.

Report from the Editor, *Sociological Spectrum*

The Editor, *Sociological Spectrum*, Dr. DeAnn M. Kalich, reported that six new board members were approved for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2005. The new members are Rhonda D. Evans (University of LA - Lafayette), Keith F. Durkin (Ohio Northern University), Gary Steward (University of Central Oklahoma), Jim Quinn (University of North Texas), Russell Ward (Francis Marion University), and Song Yang (University of Arkansas). The new board members replaced Amy Chasteen Miller, Ray Darville, Richard Dodder, Julie H. Cannon, Shanta Sharma, and Joel Thayer whose terms ended December 21, 2004.

Dr. Kalich informed Council that the Editorial Board authorized her to contact Dr. Sharma and determine her intentions to remain on the Editorial Board. Dr. Anita Sharma indicated that she would remain on the Editorial Board until the end of her term in 2005.

The Editorial Board considered and declined the proposal by Dawood Sultan (University of Tennessee – Martin) and Lachelle Norris (Tennessee Tech University) to guest edit a special issue of *Spectrum* on Overseas Travel Study Programs Imperatives.

The Editorial Board decided to limit specials to one issue per volume year and book reviews and review essays to one review per issue per volume year.

An Ad Hoc Committee was formed, co-chaired by Lynne Cossman and Nicole Flynn, to formulate written guidelines for guest editors proposing and/or publishing special issues for *Sociological Spectrum*.

Volumes 25:2 and 25:3 of *Sociological Spectrum* were with the publishers and would be released on schedule.

Report from the Editor, *Forum*

The Editor of *Forum*, Dr. Keith F. Durkin, reported that the next issue of *Forum* would be ready by March of April, 2005. He requested Council members to submit information to him for inclusion in the newsletter.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee Report

The Chair of the Budget Committee, Dr. Jackie L. Eller, reported that the accounts of the Association were examined and the books were found to be in order.

Program Committee Report

The Program Committee's report was taken under the report from the President-Elect.

Site Selection Committee Report

The Site Selection Committee's report was presented by the Hotel Contract Negotiator, Dr. J. Kenneth Davidson, Sr. Dr. Davidson, Sr., reported that he had terminated negotiations with the Marriot Hotel in Memphis as the potential meeting site for the 2008 Annual Meetings. The hotel's conditions were impossible for MSSA to accept. He would be looking at Baton Rouge as a possible site for 2008. Council congratulated Dr. Davidson, Sr., for doing an excellent job as our Hotel Contract Negotiator.

Report from the Chair, Committee on the Profession

The Chair, Committee on the Profession informed Council that she had identified members to serve on her Committee. She would follow what was done in previous years.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am for members to take a guided tour of the Westin Atlanta Airport facilities. The tour was conducted by Ms. Regina Teasley.

The meeting resumed at 1:00 pm.

Report from the Chair, Committee on Women

The Chair, Committee on Women, Dr. Cheryl Brown, reported that she would be working to form her Committee would be exploring ways to continue the participation of women in all areas of MSSA's activities, including extending help to you women at graduate and undergraduate levels, and serve as more effective mentors to junior female faculty.

Report from the Chair, Committee on Minorities

The Chair, Committee on Minorities, Dr. Earl Wright, II., reported that the Minority Caucus has set-up an email listserv for its members and a newsletter was established. He would be working collaboratively with the Chair of the Women's caucus towards the possibility of blending the activities of the two caucuses. The Executive Council was supportive of the idea.

Report from the Co-Chairs, Committee on Small and Community Colleges.

The report of the Committee on Small and Community Colleges was presented by Kathy A. Smith. The Committee would be working to expand Committee membership to include all MSSA States. Her expectations were that each member of the Committee would network in their respective states and identify issues relevant to Small and Community Colleges.

Report from Committee on Membership

No report. Chair absent because of family commitment.

Report from the Committee on Nominations

No report. Chair sent an email to the Secretary-Treasurer explaining that he was engaged in preparation of his pre-tenure package. He would start working on the nominations within the nest two weeks.

Report from the Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

Chair Absent because of weather conditions.

OLD BUSINESS

The Stanford M. Lyman Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Jackie L. Eller reported on the progress she made on the establishment of "The Stanford M. Lyman Memorial Scholarship." Dr. Eller made the following recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee charged with providing some baseline

recommendations to Council for implementation of the scholarship. The following recommendations were submitted.

1. Establish a permanent scholarship committee with rotating membership. The committee can be set up like the Editorial Board of *Sociological Spectrum*.
2. The Committee should start by Fall 2005 to advertise the scholarship and evaluate/choose candidate(s) for the award.
3. The awards to be made no sooner than 2006 and financed from the interest on moneys contributed to the Stanford Lyman Memorial Fund
4. The awards would be given to Ph.D. candidates in conformity with the wishes of the Lyman family.
5. The Coordinator should be a member of the Executive Council of the Association

Council accepted the recommendations. Council agreed that the scholarship award should be \$1,000.00

Dr. Eller agreed to ser as Coordinator for the next four years.

NEW BUSINESS

The request by Dr. J. Kenneth Davidson to move the Winter meeting for the last weekend in January to the first weekend in February was approve.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.