

## MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

### Brief Notes on Decisions Taken by the Executive Council Annual Meetings: October 26, 28, & 29, 2005

October 26, 2005

Present were:

Duane A. Gill	President
Jackie L. Eller	Past-President & Chair, Budget Committee
Sahadeo Patram	Secretary-Treasurer
Thomas C. Calhoun	President-Elect & Program Chair
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
Russell P. D. Burton	Chair, Committee on Nominations
J. Kenneth Davidson, Sr.	Hotel Contract Negotiator

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. The President welcomed members to the meeting.
2. Minutes of meeting of January 30, 2005 were approved.

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. The President noted with appreciation the work that the Secretary-Treasurer is doing for the Association.
- B. The Budget Committee's report was deferred to Friday, October 28, 2005.
- C. The Vice-President was unable to come to the meetings because of family illness.
- D. The report of the Vice-President-Elect was accepted. Five good papers were submitted for the Undergraduate Student Paper Competition.
- E. The President-Elect & Program Chair reported that the Annual Meeting program was full. A good variety of papers were included. The cost of printing the program was \$2,280.00. The President-Elect passed on some useful suggestions to the Program Chair for 2006.

- F. The Secretary-Treasurer's report was accepted. The report noted that the Association was in good financial standing and our contractual obligations would be met without penalties.
- G. The Editor, *Sociological Spectrum*, submitted a detailed report on the journal and activities the Editorial Board. The report was accepted.
- H. The Editor of *Forum* reported that he planned to have two issue of the newsletter published in 2006. He requested members of Council to submit electronic copies of their report summaries to him for inclusion the in the newsletter. The summary reports should also be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer for inclusion in the minutes of the meeting.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. The Budget Committee's report was deferred to Friday, October 28, 2006.
- B. The report by the Chair, Committee on the Profession was accepted. The Chair informed Council that an "Online Job Exchange" was established.
- C. The report by the Chair, Committee on Women was accepted. The Committee planned to explore the idea of mentoring young female faculty.
- D. The Chair Committee on Minorities reported that a Listserv was established and the Committee's newsletters are distributed electronically to members. The Committee made two grants from the Minority Fund to assist minority undergraduate students' attendance at the 2005 Annual Meetings in Atlanta. The grants were made to Fisk University (\$250.) and Grambling University (\$500.00).
- E. The Co-Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges, informed Council that the Committee did not get much accomplished in 2005 because of family issues and the lack of support from Co-Chair, Ann Baird.
- F. The Chair, Membership Committee could not attend the meeting because of family commitment. No report was submitted.
- G. The Chair, Committee on Nominations, reported that he had a full slate of candidates for the 2005 elections. The following candidates were elected:

President-Elect	Carl L. Bankston, III.
Vice-President-Elect	Kimberly A. Davies
Committee on Minorities	Earl Wright, II.
Committee on Nominations	Diane Keithly
Committee on Small & Community Colleges	Herman "Doc" Gibson

- H. The Hotel Contract negotiator presented the report for the site selection committee. He noted that there are difficulties in negotiation future contracts. Hotels are requiring payment for meeting room rental, guarantee high levels of expenditure on food and beverages, and high room night pick-up. He was still looking for a site for the 2008 meetings.
- I. The Stanford Lyman Memorial Scholarship Committee report was deferred.

#### AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. The Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee reported that 250 back packs were donated by the Department of Sociology, Morehouse College. The Morehouse Research Institute donated \$500.00 for the President's Reception. Students from More & Agnes Scott colleges assisted with onsite registration.
- B. The Chair of the Stanford Lyman Distinguished Book Award presented a detailed report on the activities. The Distinguished Book Award was given to Jacques Henry and Carl Bankston for their book "Blue Collar Bayou: Louisiana Cajuns in the new Economy of Ethnicity. The chair identified several issues and made useful suggestions. The issues and suggestions would be passed to the next committee chair.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

- A. The deferred report of The Stanford M. Lyman Memorial Scholar Committee was presented by the coordinator Dr. Jackie A. Eller. The Coordinator proposed an amendment to Article IV, Section 2, of the Constitution to include the Coordinator of The Stanford M. Lyman Memorial Scholarship among the appointed officers of the Association. The proposal was approved. The amendment would have to be ratified by the membership. This would be included on the ballot for the 2006 election of officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

**Notes on Decisions**  
**October 25, 2005**

1. The adjourned meeting of October 26, 2005 was reconvened at 9:30 am.
2. The Chair of the Budget Committee reported that the accounts of the Association were examined and found to be in order.

The committee also recommended that registration fees for annual meetings be increased as follows:

Active or Joint Active Members:	\$70.00
Student or Joint Student Members:	\$25.00
Sponsored Undergraduate Students:	\$10.00

No changes were made membership dues and banquet fees. The committee agreed to re-examine these next year. The recommendations were accepted.

Council noted the difficulty in recruiting members to accept the Secretary-Treasurer's position. It was suggested that the payment of a stipend to the Secretary-Treasurer may encourage members to apply for the position. Council authorized the Budget Committee to examine what other Associations are doing for their Secretary-Treasurers and report back at the 2006 winter meeting.

3. Sociological Spectrum: Special Issue Guide Lines

Council considered