



**MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Executive Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 25, 2006, 2:00 pm**  
**Hilton, Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana**

Present were: Thomas C. Calhoun	President
Duane A. Gill	Past-President & Chair, Budget Committee
Sahadeo Patram	Secretary-Treasurer
Carl L. Bankston, III.	President-Elect
Keith F. Durkin	Vice-President, & Editor, Forum
Kimberly A. Davies	Vice-President-Elect
David A. Gay	Co-editor, Sociological Spectrum
John Lynxwiler	Co-editor, Sociological Spectrum
Jackie A. Eller	Coordinator, Stanford Lyman Memorial Committee
Shirley A. Rainey	Chair, Committee on the Profession
Cheryl Brown	Chair, Committee on Women
Kathy A. Smith	Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges
Herman "Doc" Gibson	Chair, Committee on Membership
Diane Kiethly	Chair, Committee on Nominations
C. Eddie Palmer	Chair, Local Arrangements Committee
Dane M. Greene	Chair, Committee on Minorities
J. Kenneth Davidson, Sr.	Hotel Contract Negotiator

By Invitation (Incoming Officers)

Rhonda Evans	Chair, Committee on Women
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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Thomas C. Calhoun at 2:00 pm. The President welcomed Executive Council Members, including Incoming Officers, to the meeting. The President expressed appreciation to the Program Chair & President-Elect, Dr. Carl L. Bankston, for the excellent work in preparations for the Annual Meetings.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2006 were approved on a motion by Dr. Duane A. Gill and seconded by Dr. Keith F. Durkin.

## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **President's Report**

The President noted that his report was presented in his call to order. He again acknowledged the excellent work done by the Program-Chair, Dr. Carl L. Bankston. III., and suggested that Carl share his ideas, especially on raising funds from program advertisements, with the incoming Program-Chair, Dr. Keith F. Durkin. The President looked forward to an exciting 2006 program and the continued strong leadership of the Association.

The report was accepted.

### **Past-President's Report**

The report from the Past-President, Dr. Duane A. Gill was deferred and would be taken together with that from the Budget Committee.

### **Report from the Vice-President**

The Vice-President, Dr. Keith F. Durkin, reported tremendous response for the Graduate Student Paper Competition. The research presented in the papers was remarkable, and portends great things for the future of the Association. Three papers were given the "Paper of Distinction Award." The papers were:

Lies, Damn Lies, and Rumors: An Analysis of Fear, Rumors, & Collective Efficacy in the Wake of Katrina – Shaun A. Thomas, Louisiana State University.

College Drinking, Greek Affiliation, and the Need to Fit in: An Analysis of Social Norms Associated with Fraternity and Sorority Binge Drinking – Chantel M. Dufrene.

The Dyadic Imaginary: What Doses Queer Love Have to do with it? – Kristen Barber, University of Southern California; Danielle Hidalgo, University of California at Santa Barbara; Erica Hunter, State University of New York at Albany.

Some of the papers that did not receive the award were very strong, but suffered from some "fatal flaw" in their structure that can be rectified.

The Vice-President expressed his appreciation of the services by members of the review committee. He, however, expressed concern at the difficulty in finding qualified reviewers for highly specialized papers.

The report was accepted.

### **Report from the Vice-President-Elect**

The Vice-President-Elect, Dr. Kimberly A. Davies, reported that four papers were received for the Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. The papers were:

“How the Internet allows Marginalized Individuals to Connect to Hate.” Susan Loar, Middle Tennessee State University.

“A Calling to Vocation: Undergraduate Teaching Assistants in Collective Learning.” Robert R. Maddox, Augusta State University.

“Humanitarianism-Hurricane Katrina: After the Storm.” La’Soneka Hych, Tennessee Technological University.

“Community Building in Cyberspace: Social Interaction and Presentation of Self.” Rachael Kelly Edmonds, Middle Tennessee State University.

The first place award and certificate was given to Rachel Kelley Edmonds.

The certificates were prepared from templates provided by the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer thanked the Vice-President-Elect for preparing the certificates. He, also, recommended that Council relocate the preparation of all certificates and plaques, except that for the President and members of the Executive Council, to the Chairs of Committees responsible for deciding the awards. The cost, when necessary, of preparing the certificates or plaques would be reimbursed by the Association. This small redistribution would bring tremendous relief to the work load of the Secretary-Treasurer. Council approved the Secretary-Treasurer’s recommendation.

The report was accepted.

### **Report from the President-Elect/Program Chair & Editor, *Forum***

The President-Elect/Program Chair, Dr. Carl L. Bankston, III., presented the Annual Meeting Program 2006 as his report. Dr. Bankston informed Council that preparation of the final program was very successful. He thanked Farah Gafford and Danielle Hidalgo for the outstanding job they did in getting the program to the final stages of production. He also informed Council he had obtained commitments from several publishing companies for program advertisements. He anticipated that the level of advertisements would be sufficient to offset the cost of printing the program. Council congratulated Dr. Bankston for producing an excellent program.

The report was accepted.

### **Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Association was financially sound. Current assets as of October 15 were \$103,775.10. The assets are in the following accounts:

Capitol City Bank - Certificates of Deposits	\$30,252.50
Capitol City Bank - Operating Fund Account	\$24,646.47
Capitol City Bank - Reserve Fund Account	\$ 6,019.41

**SUB-TOTAL** **\$60,918.38**

#### Stanford M. Lyman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Lyman MSF Account	\$ 1,551.71	
Certificates of Deposits	\$41,305.01	<b><u>\$42,856.72</u></b>

**TOTAL** **\$103,775.10**

Pre-registration was very good. One hundred forty-two pre-registrations were received. However, some individuals have neither paid dues in 2006 nor renewed membership for 2007.

The Association is committed to 120 banquet dinners. So far, 90 banquet dinners were prepaid.

Hotel room night reservations (411) were very good. The Secretary-Treasurer believed that more than 450 reservations were possible, if the trend in reservations continued. The Association's contractual obligations, with the exception of banquet dinners (30 more), were accomplished. The Association would not be assessed room rental fees.

Council thanked the Secretary-Treasurer for successfully managing the finances of the Association.

The report was accepted.

### **Report from the Co-editors, *Sociological Spectrum***

The Co-editors report was presented by Dr. John Lynxwiler. Dr. Lynxwiler reported that no financial report was available because the Co-editors had not yet received finances to support the journal.

The special issue (26:6) on deviant behavior by Drs. Calhoun & Konty was completed on time and was with the publishers. A slight delay of a few weeks in publication was expected.

Dr. Duane Gill was currently processing manuscripts for a special issue (27:5) on environmental sociology (“Social Consequences of Hurricane Katrina”). The submission deadline was extended to October 31, 2006.

The Co-editors anticipated replacing 2-3 members on the editorial board in 2006 pending approval by the editorial board.

A proposal for a special issue on integrating quantitative data analysis into the undergraduate sociology major was submitted to the journal. The proposal would be taken up at the editorial board meeting.

The Co-editors have incorporated the Central Article Tracking System (CATS) into the editorial process. This will enhance the ability of the Co-editors to submit, edit, and track manuscripts using the on-line production editor.

The submission process was adjusted to encourage electronic submissions

The report was accepted.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Report from the Chair, Local Arrangements Committee**

The report from the Chair, Local Arrangements Committee was taken out of sequence. The Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, Dr. Eddie Palmer, reported that the Committee had organized various activities, including door prizes, for members during the course of activities. In addition, the LAC was successful in getting assistance from the Lafayette Visitor’s and Convention Bureau. The assistance included services of two staff members at registration on Wednesday 25, and Thursday, 26, October 2006. The staff members prepared all the name badges for pre-registrants and on-site registrants. The Convention Bureau also provided beautiful hand bags for program materials given to members at registration. The Department of Sociology, University of Louisiana, Lafayette, paid for a band to play after the Banquet on Thursday, October 26, 2006.

Council thanked Dr. Palmer and the members of his committee for their magnificent contribution.

The report was accepted.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.



**MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**  
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**Friday, October 27, 2006, 9:45 am**  
**Hilton, Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana**

Present were: Thomas C. Calhoun	President
Duane A. Gill	Past-President & Chair, Budget Committee
Sahadeo Patram	Secretary-Treasurer
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Keith F. Durkin	Vice-President, & Editor, Forum
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Rhonda Evans	Chair, Committee on Women
Mark Konty,	Chair, Committee on the Profession

**CALL TO ORDER**

The adjourned meeting of February 25, 2006 was called to order by President Thomas Calhoun at 9:45 am.

## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Report from the Stanford M. Lyman Scholarship Coordinator.**

The Coordinator of the Stanford M. Lyman Scholarship Committee, Dr. Jackie L. Eller, informed Council that the members on her committee were:

Jay Corzine, University of Central Florida  
Thomas Durant, Jr., Louisiana State University  
J. David Knottnerus, Oklahoma State University  
Paul Leslie, Greensboro College  
Shirlee Owens, University of Louisiana at Monroe

The committee received three good submissions for the scholarship and chose to make the award to Danielle Hidalgo (Tulane University) for her proposed dissertation

“PHEET”  
Geographies of Gender and Sexuality in  
Bangkok, Thailand.

The \$1,000.00 scholarship award was presented at the annual banquet, Thursday, October 26, 2006.

Honorable mention was given to Ruth Chananie, Southern Illinois University, for “Framing and collective identity in the legal setting: Comparing interracial marriage and same-sex marriage.” Honorable mention was also given to Jason Eastman, Florida State University, for “The southern rock revival: Honky-tonk, night-time men.”

Because the decision on the award was difficult, the committee intended to further discuss the criteria and evaluation process prior to next year’s submissions. The committee would continue to encourage donations to the scholarship fund. It was hoped that the additional funds may enhance the monetary value of the award and/or possibly offer two scholarships in future years.

The report was accepted.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Report from the Chair, Budget Committee**

The Chair of the Budget Committee, Dr. Duane A. Gill, reported that the financial records of the Association were examined and found to be in order.

The report was accepted.



### **Report from the Chair, Committee on the Profession**

The Chair, Committee on the Profession, Dr. Shirley Rainey, reported that she sent fifty-two letters to graduate schools in the Mid-South region. Graduate jobs were also posted on the “Online Job Exchange, which was established in 2005.

The report was accepted.

### **Report from the Chair, Committee on Women**

The Chair, Committee on Women, Dr. Cheryl L. Brown, reported the level women’s participation in MSSA in 2006 was outstanding. The number of women involved in the annual meeting as organizers, presenters, and executive council members continued to demonstrate the strong role women play across the board. The Committee would continue the discussion on the proposal to combine the committee with the Committee on Minorities.

The report was accepted.

### **Report from the Chair, Committee on Minorities**

The Chair, Committee on Minorities, Dr. Dana M. Greene, reported that the committee was reviewing its mission statement. The committee decided not to merge with the committee on women.

The report was accepted.

### **Report from the Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges**

The Chair of the Committee on Small and Community Colleges, Kathy A. Smith, reported that the committee made strides in adding individuals from each MSSA member state. She would continue that practice and work to attract more participation from small and community colleges in the Mid-South region.

The report was accepted.

### **Report from the Chair, Committee on Membership**

The Chair of the Membership Committee, Dr. Herman “Doc” Gibson, reported that the committee made a strong effort to positively impact increasing participation in 2006. The primary tool was email distribution lists of all the sociologists within the MSSA member states. All “Calls for Papers” along with invitation to join MSSA were sent to members on the list. Additionally, letters, phone calls, and personal contacts were used to pursue those who showed particular interest in making some sort of presentation. The committee would continue its efforts to increase membership in 2007.

The report was accepted.

**Report for the Chair, Committee on Nominations**

The Chair, Committee on Nominations, Dr. Diane Keithly, submitted a written report of her activities with regards to the 2006 elections. The final paragraph of the report included long lists of candidates for the respective positions up for elections in 2006. Beyond that nothing further was done.

The Secretary-Treasurer reminded Council that on his request Council authorized him to take control of the election process and ensure that the elections were completed prior to the annual meetings. The elections were completed as directed.

The following were elected:

President-Elect: Keith F. Durkin                      Vice-President-Elect: Shirley Rainey  
Chair, Committee on Nominations: Timothy Clark  
Chair, Committee on the Profession: Mark Konty  
Chair, Committee on Women: Rhonda Evans  
Co-Chairs, Committee on Small and Community Colleges: Kathy A. Smith and DeMond S. Miller.

Constitutional Amendment, Article IV, Section (2): Approved.

The amendment adds the Coordinator of the Stanford M. Lyman Scholarship to the list of appointed officers of the Association. The Coordinator of the scholarship shall be appointed for four years.

**Report from the Chair, Site Selection Committee**

The Site Selection Report was presented by Dr. J. Kenneth Davidson, Sr., the hotel contract negotiator. Dr. Davidson, Sr. informed Council that he had finalized contracts to 2010. Below is the list of hotels, with room and food and beverage requirements:

Date	Location	Hotel	Room Nights	Food & Beverages
2007	Mobile	Riverview Plaza	375	\$10,000.00
2008	Huntsville	Alabama	402	\$10,000.00
2009	Lafayette	Hilton	360	\$ 9,500.00
2010	Baton Rouge	Holiday Inn	375	\$12,500.00

He expected the contract for 2011 with the Doubletree in Little Rock to be finalized before the end of December.

Dr. Davidson, Sr., reminded members that the Association must meet the room and food and beverage revenue requirements in order to avoid payment of facility fees.

The report was accepted.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Report for the Chair, Stanford Lyman Distinguished Book Award.**

Dr. Lachelle Norris, Chair of the Committee, was not present. Dr. Bankston presented her report. The committee felt that none of the books submitted merited the award.

The report was accepted.

## **OLB BUSINESS**

### **Secretary-Treasurer Incentive**

Council again considered incentives to attract qualified members of MSSA to apply for the position of Secretary-Treasurer.

Council agreed to the following:

1. Pay cost of travel and hotel expenses for the Winter and Annual Meetings (existing condition).
2. Provide \$1,200.00 annually for incidental expenses. This increases the \$100.00 incidentals already provided.

The Secretary-Treasurer felt that the above incidentals were reasonable. However, he recommended that implementation of the agreement await his presentation of the 2007 budget at the Winter 2007 meeting. Council would be in a better position to gauge the impact of the 2006 registration fee increase on the budgetary process.

Council accepted the Secretary-Treasurer's recommendation.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. The need for an editor of *FORUM* to take over from Keith Durkin was recognized. Timothy Gongaware, University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse expressed willingness to take on the responsibility of publishing the newsletter. Council felt that a general call an editor should be sent to MSSA members. Dr. Carl Bankston, III., was authorized to send out the call and finalized selection of an editor by the end of January.
2. Dr. Bankston, III., was authorized to send a call for "Secretary-Treasurer" with a deadline date of January 15, 2007. Dr. Bankston was expected to present a report on the call at the meeting in February 2007.

3. Dr. Dana M. Greene, reported that the Minority Caucus raised \$1,250.00.00 for the Minority Fund at its luncheon meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Review of Constitution and Operations Manual. Drs. Jackie Eller, Thomas Calhoun, and David were charged with the responsibility to review the Constitution and Operations & Procedures and make recommendations for updates to Council at the meeting in February.

Consideration of (B) Membership Subscription – *Sociological Spectrum*, and (C) Membership Dues – Increase were deferred to the February 2007 meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.



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**Saturday, October 28, 2006, 9:00 am**  
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Present were: Carl L. Bankston, III.	President
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Sahadeo Patram	Secretary-Treasurer
Keith F. Durkin	President-Elect
Kimberly A. Davies	Vice-President
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Demond S. Miller	Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges
Dana M. Greene	Chair, Committee on Minorities
Herman "Doc" Gibson	Chair, Committee on Membership
Timothy W. Clark	Chair, Committee on Nominations

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Carl L. Bankston, III., at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 28, 2006. The President welcomed members to the meeting.

**CARRY OVER BUSINESS FROM MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2006.**

No carry over business.

## **WINTER MEETING 2007**

### **Date and Site**

Date: February 3, 2007

Site: Adam's Mark Hotel, Mobile, AL 36602

## **ANNUAL MEETINGS: 2007**

### **Dates and Site**

Dates: October 24 – 27, 2007

Site: Adam's Mark Hotel  
64 South Water  
Mobile, AL 36606

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.