



**MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Executive Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 26, 2011, 3:00 pm**  
**Doubletree Hotel, Little Rock, AK**

Present were:	Roma S. Hanks	President
	Jamie P. Baird	Secretary-Treasurer
	Mark A. Konty	President-Elect
	Timothy B. Gongaware	Editor, Forum/Webmaster
	David G. LoConto	Vice-President
	Ruth Chananie-Hill	Vice-President-Elect
	Tina H. Deshotels	Chair, Committee on Membership
	Kim Davies	Chair, Nominations
	Anita Bledsoe-Gardner	Co-Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges
	John Lynxwiler	Coordinator, Stanford Lyman Memorial Committee
	John Lynxwiler	Editor, Sociological Spectrum

Not Present were:	Ollie G. Christian	Past-President
	Obie Clayton, Jr.	Chair, Committee on Minorities
	Shirley Rainey-Brown	Chair, Committee on Women
	David Knottnerus	Chair, Committee on the Profession

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Roma S. Hanks at 3:15 pm. The President welcomed Executive Council Members to the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The adoptions of minutes from the meeting February 5, 2011 were approved with acceptations' of membership and nominations report being sent out later.

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Past-President's Report** - There was not a report.

**President's Report** – There was not a report.

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

1. Organized graduate paper of distinction
2. Committee members consisted of: David Gay, Amy Chasteen-Miller, Russell Davis, Dana Fennell, and Teresa Davidson
3. The announcement was emailed to graduate program chairs
4. Seven (7) papers were submitted, the winner Joshua Simpkins - UCF

The report was accepted.

#### **Report from the Vice-President-Elect/Program Chair**

There was a printed report and the report was accepted.

#### **Report from President-Elect:**

1. The Clinton Library is owed \$50 for tour.
2. MSSA will need to reimburse Shaun Thomas \$200.00 due to deposit for bags
3. Entertainer for President's Reception (Kevin Hoffman) - \$150 cash
4. The donations from Past President's (\$600) to be used for beverage coupons at the reception (1 per individual). Executive Council agreed.
5. Coffee will be available in Salon B until it is gone and Mark will determine how much and what days based on what he sees is needed, but will not go over amount indicated.

The report was accepted.

#### **Report from Secretary/Treasurer**

The Association has faced major financial difficulties in the last few years. We are grateful for the hotel negotiations that helped to reduce our obligations and the continued support of members that have been a part of the organization for many years. One thing is the economic turn down since the 2008 meeting and budgets being cut at all institutions that have reduced membership.

This year the Association is again facing possible financial hardships because of the global financial crisis. The Association was able to negotiate the contract in February 2011 at the Doubletree to reduce room nights also food and beverage where there was not a minimum. The number of room nights was reduced to a sliding scale that would have a pay a certain amount for the meeting space. At this time the number of room nights is at 188 and that would make us pay out \$1,750 for meeting space. Also, these nights has made it for the Secretary-Treasurer to have their room complimentary for four nights. Projected expenditure is estimated at \$9,000.00 (including gratuity and tax). This estimate is based on the spending on food and beverages, plenary speaker incidentals, and awards. Revenue received to date for food and beverage at October 7, is \$7,000.00. The donation from Taylor & Francis has not been received. There should not be any attrition cost to the organization from contractual obligations.

The revenue is the result annual meeting registration (75), (38) banquet tickets and I expect more in the next few days.

Totals assets as at February 5, 2011 is \$93, 753.13 the assets are in several accounts:

Capitol City Bank -CD-OFA	\$38,870.94	
Capitol City Bank - Lyman MSFA	849.88	
Capitol City Bank-RFA-CD	5,761.05	
Capitol City Bank-OFA	971.35	
Capitol City Bank-RFA	1,266.83	
Spectrum Petty Cash-UCF	288.89	
Stan Lyman - CD Acct	<u>\$45,744.19</u>	
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>		<b><u>\$93,753.13</u></b>

The above figures are disheartening because the Association cannot expect to avoid its contractual obligations in the future

**Report from the Editor, *Sociological Spectrum***

1. The new managing editor is Meredith Ripa
2. The review process is possibly going to be totally online
3. There may be a processing fee?

The report was accepted

**Report from the Coordinator, Stanford Lyman Memorial Committee**

1. There were not any submissions for the SML scholarship, we need to iron out an appointment for this position.
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**Webmaster Report**

1. Our webmaster is Heather and she is doing a great job. There have been a couple of attacks on the website, but we have taken care of it. Kudos to the great updates that are on the website.

The report was accepted.

**Committee Reports:**

**Report from the Chair, Nominations:**

1. Nominations were done by Qualtrics-online
2. Challenges with nominations – getting individuals to run, start early with the process of looking for individuals for office, those willing to run to have membership up to date, reminding people to vote

The report was accepted.

**Report from the Co-Chair, Small and Community Colleges**

1. The report will be sent to everyone, listed is award criteria

The Professor should have a minimum of an earned master's degree from an accredited university to promote scholarship among small and community colleges, as well as universities. The recipient must be an active member of MSSA for a minimum of 2 consecutive years.

The award establishes and recognizes faculty who have contributed significantly to the intellectual life of the University/College through their teaching. Recipients of the award will have demonstrated their excellence as educators over a sustained period of time.

Criteria include the following:

2. A record of outstanding teaching effectiveness both within and outside the classroom
3. The ability to inspire, promote, and sustain the intellectual development of students

4. A pedagogical approach that is innovative (new approaches using current or new models of teaching), intellectually rigorous, creative, and engaging
5. Demonstrated scholarly/professional contributions and their integration into the classroom that foster critical thinking and challenge students to independent inquiry
6. Advising/mentoring of undergraduate or graduate students or doctoral and interactions outside of the classroom and the quality of such interactions
7. Contribution to developing or enhancing curricula in the field
8. Length of service
9. Internal school awards/honors received

The report was accepted.

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

1. Invites sent to email list for all states
2. Encouraged letter writing
3. Set up to rely others, but no way to see if job is done
4. Templates
5. Less people on the committee

The report was accepted.

#### **Report from the Chair, Women – There was not a report**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.



**MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**  
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**Saturday, October 29, 2011 8:50 am**  
**Doubletree Hotel, Little Rock, AK**

Present were:

Mark A. Konty	President
Roma S. Hanks	Past-President
Jamie P. Baird	Secretary-Treasurer
Earl Wright, II	President-Elect
Ruth A. Chaninie-Hill	Vice-President
DeMond S. Miller	Vice-President-Elect
John Lynxwiler	Editor, Sociological Spectrum
Thomas C. Calhoun	Chair, Committee on Minorities
Carl L. Banks	Chair, Committee on Membership
Tina Deshotels	Chair, Committee on Nominations
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner	Co-Chair, Committee on Small & Community Colleges
J. David Knottnerus	Chair, Committee on the Profession
Timothy B. Gongaware	Editor Forum/Interim Webmaster

Not Present were:

Shirley Rainey-Brown	Chair, Committee on Women
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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Mark A. Konty, at 8:50 am on Saturday, October 29, 2011. The President welcomed all members to the meeting.

Jamie Baird gave the report for the hotel negotiator, copies will be sent to Executive Council members. EC members agreed with a suggestion of having hotel negotiations only two (2) years out.

We need to look at other models of how meetings are booked – explore schools that have centers on campus.

R. Hanks suggested fewer room nights or open room nights.

D. Miller will look into conference centers on the campuses.

D. Knottnerus suggested keeping in mind that individuals might not just be coming for the meetings

E. Wright suggested looking at model/affordable hotels/small towns and collect this data for a year

M. Konty will do a survey and have preliminary information at the winter meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Stan Lyman Book Award Committee, T. Calhoun suggested asking older members of MSSA because they have a vested interest in the organization, Carl suggested contacting Emeritus member, and Earl suggested tech savvy members. T. Calhoun will send out a letter of interest to individuals.
- Student competition :
  1. Undergraduate having a faculty sponsor or reliable contact person
  2. All Sociology programs in member states – ask Jean Shin about structure
- Student Mentoring Fund
  1. Needs to have a proposal (criteria) – first come, first serve basis – need basis
- Minority Fund – Criteria review and send to everyone
- Student Awards revisited at winter meeting
  2. Funding? Graduate Paper Competition
- OPM updating procedures – T. Gongaware, R. Chananie-Hill, DeMond Miller – looking at rubrics & instructions

## **ANNUAL MEETINGS: 2011**

### **Dates and Site**

Dates: November 7 – 10, 2012  
Site: Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel  
64 South Water Street  
Mobile, AL 36602  
251-438-4000 (p)  
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## **ADJOURNMENT**