



MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
Notes of Executive Council Meeting
Saturday, February 25, 2012, 9:00 am
Renaissance Riverview Hotel, Mobile, AL

Present were: Mark Konty
Jamie P. Baird
Earl Wright II
Roma Hanks
Ruth Chananie-Hill
Thomas C. Calhoun
Timothy Gongaware

President
Secretary-Treasurer
President-Elect & Program Chair
Past-President & Chair, Budget Committee
Vice-President
Chair, Committee on Minorities
Webmaster, Forum

Absent Were: John Lynxwiler

David Knottnerus
Shirley Rainey Brown
DeMond Miller
Anita Bledsoe-Gardner

Kathy Smith

Tina Deshotels
Carl Bankston

Co-Editor, Sociological Spectrum/Stanford M.
Lyman Memorial Scholarship
Chair, Committee on Professions
Chair, Committee on Women
Vice-President-Elect
Co-Chair, Committee on Small & Community
College
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Chair, Nominations Committee
Chair, Committee on Membership

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President Mark Konty at 9:00 am. The President welcomed and thanked the members for attending.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF October 26 & 29 2011

The minutes of October 13 & 16, 2010 approved.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

Report from the President

The survey results indicated that conference cost is very important.

Roma indicated there should be a focus on the Mobile and Pensacola airport for the fall meeting and there should be information sent out about shuttles. Also, we should look at driving distance to conferences.

Tom Calhoun – We should grow membership. We need a new strategy for conference sites, use the program to encourage participation even if individuals are staying at other hotels. Market ourselves (Why MSSA was founded?), rekindle relationships with students and scholars

Mark Konty- Will be interim hotel negotiator until the next meeting – Obie Clayton resigned

Earl Wright – Lets look at sites that are available to travel convenience

Ruth Chananie-Hill – What about conference facilities at an institution

Roma Hanks – Solicit to programs with MA and PhD. Programs, conference facilities in cities lets use to our advantage

Mark Konty – Put bids out for 2016, find two cities to focus on at the fall meeting

Student outreach – how do we get students involved? Marketing, Programming, should Ad Hoc committees' focus on student/member involvement

Sustainability – Use former program participants to bring individuals (involve individuals from the previous year)

Individuals that have the time to commit to member involvement, look at older members

The report was accepted.

Report from the Past-President

The Past President Dr. Roma Hanks mentioned having a student meeting for outreach and the student mentoring fund and will have information about these programs at the fall meeting.

The report was accepted.

Report from the Vice-President

The Vice-President, Dr, Ruth Chananie-Hill has a recommendation that there be faculty sponsorship as part of the submission process (the contact person should be that faculty sponsor). AKD information about travel monies will also be in the announcement for the paper competition. There will be a call sent out in March, April, June and July. There is a committee that will read the papers. Should there be different options for the papers – regular, competitive and non-competitive student session. Revise call for submissions.

The report was accepted.

Report from the Vice-President-Elect

Dr. DeMond Miller sent report.

The report was accepted.

Report from the President-Elect & Program Chair

Dr. Earl Wright II read report. Dr. Bonilla-Silva and Dr. Aldrige will be contacted as possible Plenary speakers. There will be a \$1,000 donation form Arts and Sciences from U. of Cincinnati

The report was accepted.

Report from the Secretary-Treasurer

The report was accepted was accepted, the budget will be revised once the meeting with the hotel takes place.

Report from the Editor, *Sociological Spectrum*

The report was sent and accepted.

Report from the Editor, Forum/Website

Website attacks have decreased. Heather and Tim are looking at ways to keep Forum. There will not be a conflict for Dr. Gongaware with Forum and being a candidate for MSSA President

The report was accepted.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee Report

The Chair of the Budget Committee, Dr. Roma Hanks gave the report about the books of the Association. The books were in order.

The report was accepted.

Report from the Chair, Committee on the Profession

The Chair, Committee on the Profession, Dr. David Knottnerus sent report. The report was accepted.

Report from the Chair, Committee on Women

The Chair Committee on Women, Dr. Shirley Rainey-Brown was not present. Report not sent.

Report from the Committee on Minorities

The Chair, Committee on Minorities, Dr. Thomas C. Calhoun reported:

1. Minority Caucus was the least attended
2. Committee should go back to the traditional way of having the caucus
3. Why did the combination of caucuses not work last year – There was no interaction between the caucuses – Caucuses have different issues – With caucuses being combined, individuals did not feel comfortable discussing issues

The report was accepted.

Report from the Chair, Small & Community Colleges

The Co-Chair, Dr. Anita Bledsoe-Gardner sent report, the report was accepted.

Report from the Chair, Committee on Membership

There was not a report.

Report from the Chair Committee on Nominations

The Chair, Committee on Nominations, Dr. Tina H. Deshotels sent report

The report was accepted.

Report from the Chair, Site Selection Committee

The Chair, Site Selection Committee, Dr. Roma Hanks deferred Site Selection to sites that have been selected through 2015.

The report was accepted

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report from the chair, Local Arrangements Committee

The Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, Dr. Roma Hanks, reported:

The committee is Roma Hanks, Chris Freed and Adam Vitch. Roma needs to know if entertainment is wanted. There will be registration packages with entertainment information.

The report was accepted.

Report for the Stan Lyman Distinguished Book Award

The coordinators are Dennis McSeveney and Dennis Peck.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Graduate Paper of Distinction Award – Assistance with getting ready to submit to Spectrum. It was moved (T.G.) and second (RCH) for \$50.00 be for graduate student paper award 2012. The motion was approved unanimous.
- B. AKD – student travel first come, first serve – program chair and webmaster will send out reminders.
- C. Hotel room for competitors of Graduate paper of distinction- with registration and if they stay in the registered hotel get a hotel stipend of \$50.00 to subsidize cost of staying. There should only be one award (graduate)
- D. RCH made a motion that each graduate student registered at the conference hotel get a subsidy of \$50 for the hotel and second (RH) 2012. The motion was approved unanimous.
- E. Mark Konty will organize and advertise for a new editor of Spectrum. He is the Chair and will ask any past editors to serve on the committee. The announcement for this position will be sent out ASAP. The advertisement will be redesigned, marketing will be listserve and regional organizations. There will be a timeline for the advertisement. There will need to be a new budget line that is a stipend of \$2,500 and this will cover travel and other costs. The EC will be involved in the applications that are received and the Ad Hoc committee will talk with the candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.