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Mid-South Sociological Association

Minutes of the Executive Council Midwinter Meeting

Saturday, February 18, 2017

In-person and virtual online meeting via GoToMeeting.com

**Saturday, February 18, 2017, 10:09 am EST**

Present:

**Past President – DeMond Miller**

**President – Kevin Breault**

**President Elect/ Program Chair – Ruth Chananie**

**Secretary –Treasurer- Shelly A. McGrath**

**Vice President – Theresa Davidson**

**Editor – *Sociological Spectrum*-Kevin Breault**

**Committee on Small and Committee Colleges- Nicola Davis Bivens**

Also in attendance:

Marc Matre: MSSA Archivist

Dennis Peck: Hotel Negotiator

Earl Wright: Webmaster

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by President Kevin Breault at 10:15am

Council Reports (see attachments)

Motion to approve minutes from last council meeting

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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORTS**

**President’s Report:** (President Kevin Breault presented, also written report)

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**Secretary-Treasurer’s Report:** (Sec-Treas. Shelly McGrath)

101 Active Members

Several non-members registered for North Charleston Conference

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**President-Elect/Program Chair’s Report:** (President-Elect Ruth Chananie)

73 sessions organized

Room night need 272 room nights; 15% attrition; need to fill 232 room nights

Plenary speaker: Shane Gunderson

Questions: DeMond- appendix Citizen Sociologist award; distinguish career award;

Distinguished career award nomination accepted

Citizen Sociologist award: Steve Picou- nominations

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**Vice President’s Report:** (Vice-President Theresa Davidson, no report)

Call for graduate student paper competition; deadline for paper competition is September 1st

Has started forming committee

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**Vice President-Elect’s Report:** (Vice President-Elect Jessica Abbott, written report)

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**Past President’s and Budget Committee Report:** (Past President Anita Bledsoe-Gardner presented, written report)

Chairing budget committee and helping president elect

Overall budgeting approved

No attrition from last meeting

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**Committee on Small and Community Colleges**- Nicola Davis Bivens (presented)

Made contact with small and community colleges especially those in Tennessee; panel on program; role of community college in sociology and criminology education; round table discussion related to technology for the classroom; paper competition;

**Spectrum Editors’ Report** (Kevin Breault presented, also written report)

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**Stanford Lyman Distinguished Book Award**: Patricia Gleich (presented)

Committee set up

Call for nominations

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**Committee on Nominations:** (Patrice Lockett presented, also written report)

Current officer for nomination

Have individuals accepted for each position

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**Hotel Negotiator**: (Dennis Peck presented)

Address issue of book display

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**Written Reports Submitted but not present at meeting were:**

Editor Forum- Tina Deshotels (not present)

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**NO REPORT:**

**Committee on Minorities**- Ray Von Robertson

No report received

**Committee on the Profession -** Gregory Harris (not present)

**Committee on Membership**- Lauren Norman (not present)

**Committee on** **Women, Gender, and Sexuality -** Jessica Pardee (not present)

**Stan Lyman Memorial Scholarship**- Thomas Calhoun (not present)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lifetime awards- open the nominations up and put a deadline on; motion to open nominations for the lifetime service award to the MSSA; nominations done by the Executive Council;

Hotel Contract Negotiator

Currently contracts with Chattanooga, Birmingham and Jackson (2019)

Adjourned 12:37 pm EST

DeMond Miller, Ruth Chananie, Kevin Breault, and Shelly McGrath were in attendance for the afternoon meeting with the hotel.

Items discussed with the hotel included AV, Food and Beverage, as well as meeting rooms.

Toured the area where the conference meeting rooms would be.