

2022–2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (EDT)

VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Stephani Williams called the meeting to order at 11:06 am.

ITEM #2 – INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

Noreen M. Sugrue, Past President

Stephani Williams, Vice President

Anthony A. Peguero, Vice President-Elect

Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary

Kristen Budd, Board Member

Lauren Eastwood, Board Member

Barbara Katz Rothman, Board Member

Ebonie Cunningham Stringer, Board Member

Cameron Whitley, Board Member

Giovanna Follo, Chairperson, Council of the Divisions

Annulla Linders, Editor, *Social Problems*

Yvonne A. Braun, Editorial and Publications Committee Chair

Marlese Durr, Accessibility Committee Chair

Nancy A. Naples, Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Committee Chair

Ranita Ray, Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee Chair

Amaka Okechukwu, Membership, and Outreach Committee Chair

Felicia Arriaga, Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Committee Chair

Elroi J. Windsor, Executive Officer

Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager

ITEM #3 – ADOPT (REVISE) AGENDA

The Board adopted the agenda as presented.

ITEM #4 – EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD FOR THE NEXT EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

Committee Chair Yvonne A. Braun shared that the Editorial and Publications Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the finalist applicant team of Drs. Fullerton, Long, Schmitz, and Sittner of Oklahoma State University become the next editorial team for *Social Problems, 2024-2027*.

ACTION: The Board acknowledged the Editorial and Publications Committee for their recommendation for the next editor of *Social Problems*.

ITEM #5 – BOARD DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF THE 2024-2027 EDITOR OF *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*

Vice President Stephani Williams led a conversation concerning unresolved budgeting and financial topics. The Board deferred the vote to select the 2024-2027 Editor of *Social Problems* until these concerns reached a point of resolution.

ITEM #6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS WITHOUT ACTION ITEMS

Part A. Report from the By-Laws Committee Chair

Part B. Report from the C. Wright Mills Award Committee Chair

Part C. Report from the Committee on Mentorship Chair

Part D. Report from the Doris Wilkinson Faculty Leadership Award Committee Chair

Part E. Report from the Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee Chair

Part F. Report from the Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award Committee Chair

Part G. Report from the Lee Founders Award Committee Chair

Part H. Report from the Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee Chair

Part I. Report from the Lee Student Support Fund Committee Chair

Part J. Report from the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee Chair

Part K. Report from the Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee Chair

Part L. Report from the Ad Hoc Committee to Draft the Executive Officer Contract Chair

Part M. Report from the Ad Hoc Kauffman Foundation Paper Awards Committee Chair

Part N. Report from the Ad Hoc Publisher Search Committee Chair

ACTION: The Board approved the committee reports without action items in a single vote.

ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee Chair Marlese Durr raised two concerns about accessibility posed by members. The Board considered the suggestions and the feasibility of offering suitable accommodations. The Board referred the recommendations for consideration to the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee and the Ad Hoc SSSP Meeting Location and Format Committee.

ACTION: The Board approved the Report of the Accessibility Committee.

ITEM #8 – REPORT FROM THE ANTI-HARASSMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

Without a report, the Board deferred the discussion of the Anti-Harassment Committee's activities. This item is postponed until the next Board meeting (8/20/23), and will appear under Unfinished Business from 2022-2023, with EO Elroi J. Windsor presenting on behalf of Committee Chair Tracy L. Peressini.

ITEM #9 – REPORT FROM THE ARLENE KAPLAN DANIELS PAPER AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chair Nancy Naples presented the report of the Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Committee, along with a proposed change in the language of the nominations criteria.

ACTION: The Board approved adding “Self-nominations are welcome” to the criteria.

ACTION: The Board approved the Report of the Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Committee.

ITEM #10 – REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION CHAIR

Committee Chair Stephani Williams presented the Committee on Social Action report, including one action item to specify that the resolution’s authors must draft any correspondence and provide the contact list for dissemination. The change involves adding the following underlined text in the Call for Resolutions document, the Operations Manual, and the By-Laws, “In most cases, a resolution should include some sort of call for viable action by the SSSP. When the resolution calls for written communication directed to some public or private entity expressing concern, support, or opposition on an issue or matter (a letter, op-ed, etc.), the authors of the resolution will need to provide a draft of the written communication and a list of individuals/organizations to whom the communication should be distributed.”

ACTION: The Board approved the addition of “the authors of the resolution will need to provide a draft of the written communication and a list of individuals/organizations to whom the communication should be distributed” in the Call for Resolutions document, the Operations Manual, and the By-Laws section concerning the resolution process.

ACTION: The Board approved the Report of the Committee on Social Action.

ITEM #11 – REPORT FROM THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Without a report, the Board deferred discussion of the Elections Committee’s activities.

ITEM #12 – REPORT FROM THE ERWIN O. SMIGEL AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee Chair Ranita Ray presented the Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee Report. One concern involved whether a retired applicant is eligible for the award. The Board discussed the spirit of the award, which is to benefit under-resourced applicants, and that the criteria stipulate that proof of need is a necessary factor. This item is postponed until the next Board meeting (8/20/23), and will appear under Unfinished Business from 2022-2023, with Glenn W. Muschert facilitating discussion.

ACTION: The Board approved the Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee Report.

ITEM # 13 – REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee Chair Amaka Okechukwu presented the highlights of the report. A year ago, the Graduate Student Spotlight was approved on a trial basis, and the committee now suggests

making it permanent. In addition, the committee recommended ending the production of paper promotional mailings.

ACTION: The Board approved making the Graduate Student Spotlight a permanent feature, including a \$200 annual stipend. Given the allocation of funds, the Board referred the motion to the Budget, Finance, and Audit (BFA) Committee for consideration.

ACTION: The Board empowered the BFA Committee to audit all stipends for service roles paid by the Society.

ACTION: The Board approved ending the publication and distribution of paper promotional materials.

ACTION: The Board approved the Report of the Membership and Outreach Committee.

Part A. Dues by Membership Year Report (as of July 14, 2023)

Part B. Divisions by Membership Year Report (as of July 14, 2023)

Part C. Promotion Report (as of July 14, 2023)

Part D. 2008–2023 Comparison Membership Report (as of July 14, 2023)

ITEM #14 – REPORT FROM THE RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee Chair Felicia Arriaga reported on the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Committee, highlighting the committee's suggestions. These concerns included the issues related to the criteria, most notably whether undocumented applicants are eligible. Discussion ensued.

ACTION: The Board requested the committee to draft suitable wording for a policy stipulating whether undocumented applicants are eligible.

ACTION: The Board approved the Report of the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Committee.

ITEM #15 – REPORT FROM THE TRANSNATIONAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE CHAIR

Without a report, the Board deferred the discussion of the Transnational Initiatives Committee's activities.

ITEM #16 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC ANNUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMITTEE CHAIR

Committee Chair Stephani Williams reported on the progress of the Executive Officer's Ad Hoc Annual Review Committee. The specifics of the position require further specification of the roles and parameters of the job: the Annual Review Committee and the EO plan to team up to draft parameters for the work.

ACTION: The Board approved the Report of the Ad Hoc Annual Review Committee of the Executive Officer.

ITEM # 17 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM 2022–2023

Part A. Continued Discussion: #7 Part B. Discuss Future of SSSP–Elroi J. Windsor

Part B. Action Needs to be Taken:

#13 Part A. Discuss Media Presence for Press to Contact our Members: Elroi J. Windsor and Barbara Katz Rothman commented on the need for publicity for the SSSP and its members.

Part C. Action Item Needs to be Discussed:

#13 Part B. Follow-up on Two Action Items from the 7-19-22 Board Meeting

Action Item #2: The Board charged the incoming Interim Executive Officer and the 2022-23 SSSP President with developing a plan for activity related to the Operating Reserve Policy.

Part D. Action Needs to be Taken:

#14 Part A. Discuss Op-Ed Project Workshops for 2024

After analyzing the uptake and utilization of workshops, Past President Noreen M. Sugrue suggested offering one Op-Ed writing workshop in the fall and one media outreach workshop in the spring.

There was no further time and a lack of quorum, the Board rescheduled the unfinished business from 2022–2023 items for discussion at its next meeting on August 20, 2023.

ITEM #18 – NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ITEM #19 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2022–2023 BOARD

There was no further time and a lack of quorum, so the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Stephani Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:32 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary.

ADDENDUM #1 – RECORD OF BOARD ACTIONS CONDUCTED VIA EMAIL SINCE THE JULY 17, 2023, ZOOM BOARD MEETING.

ACTION: 7/24/23 – The Board approved that Dr. Muhammed Faisol Olaitan will finish Dr. Meghna Bhat's term on the Anti-Harassment Committee for the 2023-2024 term.