

To: SSSP Board of Directors  
From: Committee on Social Action

Date: July 10, 2024

**Report from the Committee on Social Action** (David J. Luke, Stephani Williams, William D. Cabin, Emily Yen, Hoan N. Bui, Shaonta' E. Allen, and Anthony Peguero [chair])

The Committee on Social Action received and reviewed four Resolutions:

1. Resolution On Sociologists' Responsibilities in the Face of Campus Unrest Over the Israeli-Palestinian War
2. Thanking Outgoing Social Problems Co-Editors Annulla Linders, Earl Wright II, and Derrick Brooms and the Social Problems Community of Scholars
3. Resolution to support increased funding of initiatives that bring together Palestinians and Israelis
4. Expression of Gratitude

The committee's discussions about the resolutions revolved primarily around concerns about the scope of the resolutions and the labor involved. On behalf of the committee, we communicated with the authors of each of the resolutions to confirm their willingness to both the proposed documents and to provide a list of contacts associated with their resolutions. In some cases, the scope of activities was too broad or inadequately defined. In addition, in regards to the 2 resolutions associated the conflict between Israel and Palestine in Gaza, we wanted to express that SSSP had recently sent out a statement from the Board of Directors (BoD) about the conflict between Israel and Palestine in Gaza. In turn, one of the resolutions submitted was withdrawn because the author was unaware of the SSSP statement from BoD: "Resolution On Sociologists' Responsibilities in the Face of Campus Unrest Over the Israeli-Palestinian War."

The resolutions that warranted revisions were resubmitted and met the standards of the Social Action Committee to move the resolutions forward for BoD review.

Upon BoD review and discussion, the BoD approved 2 of the 3 resolutions to advance for membership vote: "Thanking Outgoing Social Problems Co-Editors Annulla Linders, Earl Wright II, and Derrick Brooms and the Social Problems Community of Scholars" and "Expression of Gratitude." The BoD's voted resulted in tabling the third resolution and not moving the resolution forward: "Resolution to support increased funding of initiatives that bring together Palestinians and Israelis."

The Social Action Committee communicated with the authors of the resolution about the BoD tabling the resolution. As indicated by the SSSP by-laws, the BoD must provide a "compelling reason" to table a resolution for "Resolution to support increased funding of initiatives that bring together Palestinians and Israelis" was highlighted by the authors. The authors also communicated with the President and Executive Officer (EO) about having a "compelling reason" to table the resolution. The SSSP President and EO discussed with the BoD specific and "compelling reasons" for tabling the resolution – which were communicated.

The President and EO decided to discuss the "compelling reasons" among the BoD and communicated that to the authors.

The SSSP President and EO, communicated the compelling reasons to the author of the third resolution that was tabled and the authors understood.