

2015
Executive Committee Agenda
Southern Sociological Society
New Orleans, Louisiana

Wednesday, March 25
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
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The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm; President David Maume presiding.

Present: David Maume, John Reynolds, David Brunnsma, Stephanie Bohon, Barbara Risman, Leslie Hossfeld, Donald Tomaskovic-Devey, Beth Rubin, Dawn Robinson, Lisa Walker, James Maples, Elizabeth Stearns, Toni Calasanti, Shannon Davis.

Welcome

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| <p><u>Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes.</u> It was moved by Rubin and seconded that we approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.</p> |
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President's Report

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President Maume gave his report. He highlighted the move to make the SSS more inclusive. Thanks to John Reynolds and the Nominating Committee for promoting diversity in the slate of candidates for election. Maume expressed excitement about the new SSS Meeting smart phone application. Maume urged everyone to come to the Welcome Mixer tonight to meet the candidates for next year's election. Maume also reported that SSS had attempted to put in place a co-chair for the Committee on the Status of Students, but those attempts have not been successful yet. Risman suggested that it might be a good idea to have a graduate student co-chair the committee. Davis suggested that the committee should be largely populated by students (undergraduates and graduates). Stearns noted that, historically, students had served on the committee. Risman asked if it was appropriate to add more people to the committee so that there would be more students on the committee. **The Committee discussed creating a special position for the Student Events Coordinator to separate that function (now as a co-chair of the Committee on the Status of Students) from other roles to promote the welfare of students.** Calasanti mentioned it might also be useful to have students on other committees, as well.

Program Committee Report

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Sarah Winslow and Shannon Davis gave a report from the Program Committee. They thanked their committee members and encouraged the EC to use CVENT (discussed below) because of difficulties in coordinating across databases and the need for an integrated system. There was a lot of enthusiasm about the program. The Committee made five recommendations: (1) Each President-elect should be encouraged to select program co-chairs (rather than a single chair); (2) A recent program chair should be appointed to the Site Selection Committee; (3) The Executive Office should employ a short satisfaction survey after each annual meeting; (4) The Executive Committee should reconsider the policy limiting participants to no more than two roles. (5) The Executive Committee should standardize the design and printing of the meeting program. (*Rationale for each recommendation is in the Report from the Program Committee.*)

Regarding point #4, Winslow noted that there is no way to enforce the policy limiting participants, and it's a complicated to figure out. The purpose of the policy is to encourage diversity in participation, but, in practice, it doesn't really work. Robinson noted that this has always been an *unenforced* policy. Calasanti also mentioned that being on the program multiple times makes it hard to schedule people. Brunσμα noted that it's possible that CVENT can monitor how many times a person appears on the program. He volunteered to contact CVENT to ask them. Tomaskovic-Devey noted that it would probably be useful to limit how many times a person can be a presenting author. He also asked if we've maxed out our physical space for presentations. Davis reported that this year's meeting had more round table sessions than normal with more papers in round tables and also more than 60 posters. Brunσμα noted that there are problems with our request for hotel proposals (RFPs) where we don't get allocated enough space. A new RFP may solve that problem.

Maume summarized that rather than changing the rule, it would be useful to have software that can better manage the rule. The EC thanked the program chairs.

Report of the Committee on the Status of Students

(no written report filed)

Jeff Will reported that he was still willing to work with the committee on organizing a mixer at the annual meetings. This year's mixer is at the 700 Club (corner of Burgundy and Orleans—two blocks off of Bourbon). Happy hour specials will be run all night for the students. Next year Will will organize a mixer in Atlanta.

Local Arrangements Committee Report

(no written report filed)

Jaita Talukdar reported that the committee contributed to the newsletter and arranged for transportation discounts. The Committee also worked with a local bookstore to

arrange book signing events for the Author-Meets-Critic session. Talukdar reported that it had been impossible to arrange childcare for the conference. Finding bonded and insured agents with certified childcare providers was difficult. Although they found two in New Orleans, the costs were very high but there was the bigger problem of availability of space at the hotel. It turned out that the only option was simply to let members know about available childcare (not on site). Talukdar recommended that the Local Arrangements Chair(s) work much earlier (prior to the site visit) to arrange child care.

Brunisma noted that it would be useful to add space for childcare in the RFP. Walker noted that ASA and other organizations heavily subsidize childcare. Risman also noted that some hotels have a childcare facility, although it is rare.

Report from the Nominating Committee

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/xzp1fhmm4xjsp3t/Nominations-Committee-Year-End-Report-2015.pdf?dl=0>

John Reynolds reported that there was very good response from the EC (primarily) offering nominations. The committee organized two slates of candidates with emphasis on diversity. The committee has used Dropbox to organize their work, and the Vice President-elect was included in everything. Reynolds also noted that people have been willing to run.

Calasanti praised Reynolds for streamlining the process and making it easier for new committees to do the job. Calasanti urged Reynolds to make sure that the procedures are in the Handbook.

Report of the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities

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J. Scott Carter reported that CREM worked to make SSS a more hospitable environment. CREM found it difficult to implement the SSS's new policy to provide scholarships to HBCU professors instead of undergraduate students. This year the committee gave five scholarships at \$500 each.

Bohon noted that in prior years there have been more undergraduate scholarships (at smaller dollar amounts). Risman noted the money is better for growing the organization by going to professors.

Carter reported that the Committee is also sponsoring sessions this year. Finally, Carter reported that CREM has created a Facebook page. Calasanti noted that the page should be linked to the SSS Facebook page. **Davis asked Brunisma to tweet that CREM has a Facebook page.**

Webmaster's Report

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Slade Lelock thanked Brunisma, Maume, Bohon, Maples, Davis, and Winslow for their continuing support. The struggles to keep up with technology and integrate our functions are ongoing. Lelock suggested that now is the time to aggressively reorganize anything.

CVENT

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Lelock introduced CVENT as a possible solution (link above details the program). Each member would have their own portal that would manage all their information from *Social Currents* mailing address to meeting registration, etc. SSS could also examine histories more easily. CVENT would also allow SSS to create a custom event website for the meetings. The program is customizable. Overall, CVENT would reduce a lot of the work of the Executive Office and the Program Committee. CVENT also has highly-rated data security.

Bohon and Maples spoke in favor of CVENT to improve security and reduce the amount of (unpaid) work of the Executive Officer and the Program Committee Chairs. Brunisma noted that “the event” in the proposal should be viewed as an SSS member-year, rather than the meeting. Calasanti asked about the interface between CVENT and the Society’s need to revamp the website. She also asked what happens after a three-year contract. If we end our relationship with CVENT, will everything go away?

The EC thanked Lelock for his work.

Brunisma noted that Lelock has already started building a website, and that website would be (primarily) portals to CVENT. Tomaskovic-Devey argued that there is probably a possibility to decouple through an export function. **Brunisma will check to see who would own the data and to ensure that it would be transferable.**

Brunisma reported that CVENT had responded to an earlier query that they were capable of limiting the number of submissions by an individual member. Maples argued that a move to CVENT would push us into the present. He also noted that in the redesign of the website—without CVENT—would require an expensive investment in a new cart system.

Brunisma noted that we can retain the negotiated price until March 31. Bohon recommended that EC members send Brunisma as many questions as possible before the Friday meeting so that those can be sent to CVENT and answered in time for a Friday morning vote.

Calasanti argued that it is very difficult for the Editors of *Social Currents* to have time to put things on the web or on the Facebook page, so finding ways to integrate with a new

website would be useful to the editors. Davis asked Brunsma to confirm that we could also use the CVENT for elections. Brunsma said that there will be an elections module, but there may be ways to have election functions through CVENT without paying for them.

CVENT wrote back during the discussion to say that SSS would continue to own their data and that if we discontinued the contract, we would be able to export all of our data.

Brunsma will find answers to all questions

Helms-Briscoe

Maume introduced Marissa Crame from Helms-Briscoe to talk about site selection. Crame noted that the market now is very difficult. It's a seller's market. There is very limited inventory, because new convention hotels are not being built (except in Austin and Nashville). This means that it's crucial to make certain that our RFP is strong.

Maume asked how SSS could make our RFP as attractive as possible. Crame noted that there needed to be a good balance between room pick up and meeting rooms. She stressed food and beverage. Bohon asked about the possibility of a kiosk and if that could count toward our food and beverage minimum. Crame noted that there would be a breakfast kiosk next year at the Ritz-Carlton that would count toward our food and beverage minimum.

Walker asked what Crame meant in her report about "being flexible about the pattern." Crame reported it meant meeting different days of the week if a hotel had a "hole" in their schedule.

Report of the Publications Committee

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Bob Freymeyer would like to step down as chair of *The Southern Sociologist*. Danaher said the committee would like to integrate new technology into *TSS* if the editorial office transitioned. Danaher reported that Sage calls *Social Currents* their strongest launch, to date, and is now giving the journal an additional issue.

Publications Committee discussed ways in which they can promote *Social Currents*. The Committee will discuss the term length of editors at their meeting tomorrow morning. Risman asked if there would be a call for editors for *TSS*. Jill Keicolt is serving on the Publications Committee to replace John Reynolds.

Report from the Committee on Sociology in Community and Small Colleges

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Nicholas Guittar reported that the Committee had sponsored three sessions. The Committee recommends that the Executive Committee initiate some constructive dialog about the lack of coursework on teaching sociology in doctoral programs in Sociology throughout the South. They will sponsor a session next year to discuss that. Bohon asked if it was worthwhile for the committee to think about transitions (especially for faculty transitioning from small colleges to bigger universities).

Site Selection Committee Report

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Leslie Hossfeld gave the Site Selection Committee report. **Hossfeld recommended that SSS might want to re-think the composition of the committee to include a (recent) former Program Chair.** Tomaskovic-Devey suggested that Dennis McSeveney deserves some recognition. **Hossfeld agreed that the Site Selection Committee would nominate McSeveney for the Martin Levin award.**

It was moved by Tomaskovic-Devey and seconded that the Executive Committee express their thanks to Dennis McSeveney for his years of support. Brunsma will draft the letter. Motion was affirmed by acclamation.

The text of the letter can be found here:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/bjjpg9a35idv5q/McSeveney_letter.docx?dl=0

Hossfeld wondered if so many people needed to be on the committee. Rubin suggested that with Helms-Briscoe, perhaps a committee isn't needed. Bohon argued that maintaining a committee with many past presidents will help to deflect anger if a meeting ends up doing poorly.

Honors

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The Chair of the Committee on Honors was not present, so the Executive Committee discussed the nominations for Honors as detailed in their report.

It was moved by Tomaskovic-Devey and seconded to accept the Committee's recommendation to award the Teaching Award to Mindy Stompler (Georgia State). The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Hossfeld and seconded to accept Earl Wright II (University of Cincinnati) for the Charles S. Johnson award. The motion passed unanimously.

Tomaskovic-Devey wondered why there were so few nominations for honors? The EC did not have a consensus about why this occurred.

There was no Membership Committee report.

The Executive Committee received a report from the Committee on Professions, but the Chair (Rebecca Bach) was not there to give the report. The text is here:

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Report from the Presidential Task Force on Committees

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Denise Bissler reported that they continued to help Chairs revise their missions this year. The Committee sent out two more surveys to determine how Chair's felt about their committees and the Committee process. Overall, the Chairs were unaware of the Handbook or the Chair's orientation.

Bohon wondered if it was worthwhile to maintain the Handbook. Would it be better to have a different process? What if each Committee had a page on the website that had their charge and the process on it? **The Executive Committee was generally in favor of jettisoning the Handbook as a single-source document in favor of putting committee-specific information on webpages.**

Bissler speculated that if Chair's don't know their mission (or, they don't know what the President wants) then the Presidents are in a great position to redefine the committees. Hossfeld reported that it is difficult to find the committee reports. **Rubin noted that if we had webpages for each committee, we could post each committee's report so that everyone could see it.**

Bissler noted that as the Presidents have invested in the committees, the committees have become more active.

Calasanti reported that Happy Hour for the journal will be Friday at 8 pm at Molly's at the Market. Sage is a co-sponsor.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Friday, March 27
8-10:45 am
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The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am; President David Maume presiding.

Present: David Maume, John Reynolds, David Brunnsma*, Stephanie Bohon, Barbara Risman, Leslie Hossfeld, Beth Rubin, Dawn Robinson*, Lisa Walker, James Maples, Elizabeth Stearns, Toni Calasanti, Shannon Davis*, Donald Tomaskovic-Devey, and Buddy Scarborough (Aide to President-elect Risman)

*Robinson, Davis, and Brunnsma had to leave the meeting early and were not available for all votes.

Report of the Finance Committee

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(NOTE: *The link above is to the final report of the Executive Officer, which varies slightly from the preliminary report given to the EC prior to the meetings.*)

Brunnsma reported that membership levels are now at close to 1,400 (same levels as mid-nineties). There are 1,243 registrants, which makes this is the highest New Orleans attendance ever recorded.

Approval of budget

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Finance Committee submitted a budget that allowed for the purchase of CVENT. Brunnsma reported on budget negotiations with CVENT. Brunnsma also noted that the projectors are getting to be about fifteen years old. He will do a cost-benefit analysis to see about the cost of replacing our projectors versus contracting through the hotels. Brunnsma also reported that Finance Committee has been trying to increase the food and budget lines in the budget to make them more reflective of actual spending. Brunnsma also noted that, at the urging of President Maume, the Executive Office will launch an educational campaign to promote sustaining membership. Risman asked if we could renegotiate the Atlanta contract to reflect our higher food and beverage minimum. Tomaskovic-Devey noted that Marisa Crame was working on that.

Maples noted that it was important to remove duplicates from the membership list because CVENT charges by the member.

Davis asked Brunnsma to purchase new poster boards, since the ones currently owned by SSS are too small. **Brunnsma will purchase new poster boards in black.**

Calasanti noted that access to *Social Currents* needs to be coordinated between CVENT, the Executive Office, and Sage.

Walker asked for clarification about the line for Officer/VIP room pickup, Local Arrangements parking, and mid-year meeting.

It was moved by Rubin and seconded that the Executive Committee approve the budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Address from the American Sociological Association

John Curtis, director of research for the American Sociological Association, gave an overview of new initiatives at ASA. ASA Members now have access to all of the ASA journals electronically as well as Interfolio (for job searches). Department Affiliates to ASA will have access to Interfolio for organizing the job search process and discounts for TRAILS, the guide to graduate departments, etc. This year there will be free one-year memberships to ASA for graduate students who have never been members.

ASA has filed a number of Amicus briefs regarding research on children in households with same sex parents. These briefs are in response to Supreme Court cases on challenges to same sex marriage.

Challenges to research funding for the social sciences by Congress is an ongoing concern. ASA has a flier called "Sociology is a STEM discipline."

ASA is also working on developing standards for high school sociology curriculum. There is a different project that also defines learning outcomes for sociology students that can provide guidance for departments.

The Minority Fellows Program continues to get many (more than a hundred) applications for about six slots.

Bachelors and Beyond survey is now in the second wave. This tracks sociology students as they move into careers. Curtis is launching initiatives to study faculty salaries and the academic job market for sociologists. The Fund for the Advancement of the Disciplines has been renewed by the National Science Foundation to continue to provide seed money researchers. The maximum amount will soon be raised to \$8000 (from \$7000).

Tomaskovic-Devey asked about the free student one-year memberships. Could it be used for graduates and undergraduates? Curtis confirmed that this was only for graduate students. Davis mentioned that graduate students often don't attend ASA until they are on the job market. She wondered if there were ways in which we can have a conversation between ASA and the regional associations to make sure that professional development is encouraged.

Bohon raised the issue of the Minority Fellows Program. Could SSS increase their contribution to ASA for this? **Risman suggested that we could have an MFP fund-raiser as a banquet or reception at SSS. Davis suggested that we have committee buy-ins on this, so that they could be a part of coordinating an event (probably off-site).**

Calasanti asked if ASA couldn't reconsider the name of the Minority Fellows Program to remove the gendered component of this.

Report of the Committee on Sociological Practice

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Brooke Kelly brought a proposal for a couple of new awards. The committee had tried repeatedly to coordinate with CU Smith on one award, but they had no luck in contacting him. The Executive Committee discussed how to move forward with an award for public sociology in the spirit of Smith's proposal in conjunction with the recommendation from the Committee on Sociological Practice.

Maume summarized that we have already approved a CU Smith Award. Brunsma will work with Kelly and the Committee on Sociological Practice to create criteria for the award and advertise it on the website.

The Executive Committee also discussed it was important for the Committee to ensure that there are nominees for this award. Maples and Calasanti urged the Committee to find members who might be overlooked.

Hossfeld suggested she might be able to find CU Smith through Earl Wright. If Smith cannot be found, **Brunsma will write an article for TSS that entails the contributions of Molland, Killian, Gomillion, and Smith.**

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| <p>The Committee on Sociological Practice will, by the mid-year meeting, develop the criteria for the award, recommend a name, and try to find CU Smith. The SSS will give the first award at next year's annual meeting.</p> |
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(NOTE: *Dr. Charles U. Smith died on April 27, 2015.*)

The Committee is also developing Sociological Practice Briefs that are being published in *TSS*.

Report of the Committee on Gender and Sexuality

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Julie Weist reported. There are two new items and two recurring items. The Committee worked with the Program Chairs to create all gender bathrooms. Also, the Committee is working with Local Arrangements to create childcare options for the Atlanta meeting. The Committee also surveyed the candidates about gender and sexuality. In future, they would like CREM to be part of the survey so that questions about race and ethnicity can also be asked. Finally, the Committee sponsored five sections, working in conjunction with other committees.

Maples noted that it was exciting that committees are working together and creating actionable items and creating fun sessions.

The Executive Committee discussed that Brunσμα should work with CVENT to see if there was a way to make sure that all members are addressed in correspondence with their preferred pronoun.

Discussion of ex-officio status

Currently, the bylaws state that editors are ex-officio members of the publication committee. Marty Levin, in an email to the Executive Office, notes that ex-officio members of a committee have all the rights and responsibilities of elected members. Thus, ex-officio members can vote. Thus, the language in our bylaws is problematic.

Calasanti suggested that we create a policy where all ex-officio cannot vote.

It was moved by Tomaskovic-Devey and seconded to add a footnote to appropriate documents that indicate that ex-officio means non-voting. Walker objected based on the idea that if we are using the term “ex-officio” inappropriately, and we need to default to our written documents. The footnote would appear on the committee list. Walker asked if we could change the bylaws without a vote to change the bylaws. Motion passed unanimously.

Site Selection (redux)

Hossfeld reported that former Program Chairs should be appointed to Site Selection and that the Executive Officer should also be on Site Selection as a non-voting member.

It was moved by Tomaskovic-Devey and seconded that a Past President’s Program Chair (voting) and the Executive Officer (non-voting) should be added to the Site Selection Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Marisa Crame is negotiating with the Monteleone, Hyatt, Astor for New Orleans with a revised RFP. Westin and Marriott are being negotiated for Charlotte. Crame is also looking at places like Jackson (MS), Jacksonville (FL), and Nashville (TN). Charles Tolbert’s term will be ending in two years.

Tomaskovic-Devey will also coordinate the nomination of Dennis McSeveney for the Marty Levin award.

SSS Archives

Brunσμα distributed a Deed of Gift between the SSS and the University of Kentucky to house our archives. Members asked questions about transferring materials to the archive. Bohon asked if minutes, committee reports, and other documents should be sent in electronic form or hard copy form and if the materials should be sent directly or through the Executive Office. Brunσμα will check. Maples also volunteered to travel to Lexington if that was useful. Rubin noted that she had sensitive material about the dissolution of relationships with *Social Forces*.

Brunisma will check with the University of Kentucky to determine the exact mechanisms and document forms for the transfer of materials.

Joint Meeting with the Association of Black Sociologists

Risman will try, during her meetings, to put together a session about the historical split between SSS and Mid-South. But she will also talk to ABS about the possibility of co-sponsoring a mini-conference on race, marriage, poverty, and class policy.

Disaster Relief

Brunisma noted that the Committee had put out a call for proposals for small funds on disaster research.

Publisher's Report from Sage

Calasanti reported on the most recent information from Sage regarding the new journal, *Social Currents*. About 2000 organizations (i.e., libraries) are part of the circulation of the journal. Average time to first decision is 35 days. The current rejection rate is about 52 percent. There have been 16,000 downloads in the first year.

Tomaskovic-Devey noted it would be worthwhile to make the Publications Committee responsible for managing the journal (creating norms and rules). It's unclear whether the Publications Committee can make decisions or just make recommendations to the Executive Committee. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that the Publications Committee (because it is elected) is empowered to make decisions without the approval of the Executive Committee. However, upon looking at the Constitution and Bylaws, it turns out that Executive Committee must vote on recommendations from the Publications Committee.

The Publications Committee recommended that the EC appoint Linda Renzulli and George Wilson as Deputy Editors and that Reginald Bryon, Donald Tomaskovic-Devey, Stephanie Bohon, Neal King, Amy Chasteen-Miller, Vicky Dryfout, James Hawdon, and Andrew Martin be asked to serve on the Editorial Board. Motion passed 9 for, 3 abstain.

It was moved by Tomaskovic-Devey that Ken Houlin and Ed Walker be asked to serve on the Editorial Board. Motion passed 11 for, 1 abstain.

Brunisma asked if he could be empowered to ask Sage for a report on revenues from the journal. Tomaskovic-Devey said that the calculation of net revenues won't occur until the end of this year, but it is important that we obtain that information.

Tomaskovic-Devey reported that the Publication Committee discussed the extension of editorial contracts to Calasanti and Roscigno. It's unclear for how long the extension should occur, but it seemed that one or two years is likely.

It was moved by Tomaskovic-Devey that the Executive Committee authorize the Publications Committee to extend the contract of the current editors for up to three years. Motion passed 10 for, 1 abstain.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am.

Saturday, March 28
7-8 am
Chartres

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 am. with President David Maume presiding.

Maume reported that the Presidential Task Force on Committees had completed their work, which included a review of the Committees and a joint Committee Chairs' Meeting. Efforts to diversify the leadership of the Southern has been successful. The Nominations Committee created slates of candidates that have assured that the Executive Committee will be more diverse. SSS will also make an attempt to increase participation in elections by holding the next election soon after the meetings when people's membership is current.

Maume thanked Beth Rubin (Past-Past-Past President), Toni Calasanti, and Shannon Davis who are rotating off the Executive Committee.

The meeting theme of "Stalled Revolutions?" was well-received. Program Chairs Davis and Winslow were highly effective. Maume thanked them.

Executive Officer Brunnsma reported that current membership is now at 1417. There are 18 Departmental memberships, and it could be advertised more. There were 1255 registered participants in the conference, which is a record for New Orleans.

For fiscal year July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014, revenues were \$110,354 did not meet operating expenses of \$123,325 leaving a shortfall of \$12,971. This deficit was partially due to an enhanced meeting experience and a bill from Oxford for *Social Forces* that was higher than expected. Brunnsma anticipates not having to report another deficit.

Total balance in cash: \$282,758 (investment fund: \$165,795; Himes fund: \$10,311; reserve fund: \$42,782; cash account: \$71,155; Gomillion fund: \$2,000).

In Charlotte, there were 915 conference attendees, making Charlotte the largest off-site attendance.

Brunnsma thanked the Executive Committee for their continued faith and confidence in him. SSS is making significant strides to promote sociology in the region and the nation.

Brunnsma also reported to the membership that the Executive Office had approved the purchase of CVENT which will integrate our systems and allow us to better manage membership, registration, and other functions.

Brunnsma also thanked President Hossfeld, Vice President Moller, and Program Chair Daniel Buffington, and Local Arrangements Chair Walker for a successful Charlotte meeting. He also thanked Charles Tolbert and Dennis McSeveney for their work in Site Selection, along with Marisa Crame from Helms-Briscoe. He also thanked President

David Maume, Shannon Davis, and Sarah Winslow for a successful meeting. He also thanked John Ryan and Virginia Tech for their support of the SSS Office. Finally, he thanked the members of SSS.

President Maume passed the gavel to new President Barbara Risman along with other accoutrements.

President Risman announced that her Program Chairs would be Adia Harvey-Winfield and Patricia Warren. Next year's theme is the Politics of Marriage. There will be two mini-conferences. One will be on same-sex marriage, organized by Wendy Manning (Bowling Green State University). The second will be on the changing meaning of marriage, particularly as it intersects with class and race. This will be organized by Linda Burton (Duke), Andrew Cherlin (Johns Hopkins), and Kevin Roy (University of Maryland).

There will also be a restructuring of how sessions will be organized for next year's meeting.

SSS will also continue to pursue inclusiveness.

Risman noted that being President of the SSS was like coming home. She also promised to move the 7 am business meeting to a more hospitable time.

Risman called for new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am.

Saturday, March 28
8-10 am
Royal

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am with President Risman residing.

Present: Barbara Risman, James Maples, Lisa Walker, Stephanie Bohon, Chris Ellison, David Maume, Elizabeth Stearns, David Brunnsma, Don Tomaskovic-Devey, and Leslie Hossfeld.

Mid-year meeting

It's unclear whether or not we need one. The consensus was to pick some dates and then call a meeting if we needed one. Risman would like to combine site visit with the mid-year meeting (if called).

Stearns mentioned that having the Program Chairs at the mid-year meeting would be useful, so a combined site visit/mid-year meeting would be especially good.

Tomaskovic-Devey suggested that, with CVENT, it might be more useful to have a mid-year meeting with the Program Committee rather than the Executive Office.

Agenda for the Following Year

President Risman reported that she should hold a session on the history of the split between SSS and Mid-South. There would also be a fund-raising event for the ASA Minority Fellows Program. She will also ask the Association of Black Sociologists to see if they want to co-sponsor the mini-conference on race, class, poverty and marriage. Risman wants to continue the plan to re-energizing the committees.

Risman also wants to do a survey of the members about child care. Brunnsma reported that he would also survey the members about their meeting experience. These will be combined. Maume noted that we need to ask about on-site versus off-site daycare. Walker noted that we also need to ask members what they would be willing to pay for daycare.

Brunnsma reported that he liked the idea of creating liaisons between EC members and the committees to continue the momentum of re-energizing the committees. There was concern about having EC members available for another meeting during the Annual Meetings. Tomaskovic-Devey suggested that we could do the meetings by Skype. Risman noted that value of face-to-face interactions.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 am.