

Minutes 2017
Executive Committee Agenda
Southern Sociological Society
Greenville, South Carolina

Wednesday, March 29
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Board Room

Present: Kylie Parrotta, Cameron Lippard, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Shannon Davis, Angela Lewellyn Jones, Barbara Risman, David Maume, Christopher Ellison, David Brunisma, Stephanie Bohon, Leslie Hossfeld, Lisa Slattery Walker, Katie Acosta, Dawn Robinson.

Not present: Patricia Warren and Zandria Robinson

Welcome, Approval of Inter-Meeting Minutes, President Ellison's Report

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm. President Ellison presided. Ellison welcomed everyone.

MOTION: Lippard moved and it was seconded to approve the inter-meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.
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Ellison reported that concerns about potential poor attendance at a meeting in Greenville (for the first time for SSS) were unfounded. Attendance is slated to be high. The program is packed. Ellison thanked Brunisma for his considerable effort in keeping the Society running. Ellison also thanked program chairs Acevedo and Hill. He noted that, as the meetings increase in popularity, the program chairs and the Executive Office are doing an excellent job of mitigating waxing demands.

Ellison also called attention to several important events that will occur during the meeting. There are three mini-conferences: health disparities, immigrants in the South, theory, group processes, and reproductive inequalities. Excellent speakers are featured on the program including Rogelio Saenz, David Williams, Pamela Oliver, Michele Lamont, Pamela Paxton, Louise Cainkar, Jeff Manza, and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva.

Program Committee Report (will be sent electronically)

Gabriel Acevedo and Terrence Hill reported. They thanked the Program Committee members for their hard and timely work. The meeting will be well-attended and vibrant. Acevedo also thanked Hill for taking the initiative in figuring out the software.

Acevedo recommended that it may be helpful to chairs or co-chairs in the future if there was a handbook of operating procedures, especially something with a timeline. Maume asked about why there was a move from CVENT to Meeting Savvy. Brunnsma noted that he would discuss more later, but the abstract management module was not developed as promised. Bohon noted that there was a good management module for the program chairs developed by Davis, but CVENT seemed unable to put the handbook modules online, so they were difficult for chairs to access. Davis noted that there is a good challenge that our meetings continue to grow. Unfortunately, this puts a lot of pressure on Program Chairs, who aren't involved in the creation of the hotel contracts. She noted that it might be useful to have recent program chairs on the Site Selection committee in order to help with contractual arrangements going forward. Risman suggested that Bonilla-Silva appoint Davis to the Site Selection Committee. Bonilla-Silva also suggested that we keep some continuity in the Program Committee by retaining some members from year to year. SSS thanked Acevedo and Hill for their hard work.

Local Arrangements Report

Kyle Longest reported for Kenneth Kolb who could not attend. Longest welcomed everyone to Greenville. He remarked that the smaller size of Greenville may improve the experience for members who can easily access much of the city from the hotel. There is a dining guide and walking tours that members may find useful. There is child care service on site. A local bookseller is available. Bohon noted that the society was grateful that the faculty at Furman were gracious about the cancelled 2014 contract and being willing to await their engagement until 2017. There was a lively discussion about the availability of craft beer venues in Greenville.

Executive Officer's Report

David Brunnsma reported. There is an app for the meetings; please download it. There are three hotels this year, the primary conference hotel and two overflow hotels. Brunnsma thanked Ellison, Kolb, Acevedo, and Hill for their hard work. Slade and Lindsay continue to work hard. He also thanked Bohon and John Ryan (Virginia Tech) for the degree to which Virginia Tech Sociology has supported SSS.

The investment account looks good, despite the fact that we used the 6% rule to transfer money from our investment accounts to our operating accounts. Annually, we have increased our budget by 15% to make sure we don't have big deficits. This year we will plan on a 10% increase. New projectors have been purchased this year. Fifteen old projectors have been donated to the Giles County (Southwestern Virginia) public school system.

<p>ACTION ITEM: Hossfeld suggested that Brunnsma put a note in TSS about the new projectors and the donation of the old ones.</p>
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Membership numbers after last year's meeting was over 1500. This year it is difficult to project, but at the time of the EC meeting, membership was slightly over 1,100, so we may hit the 1500 mark before the end of the year.

Brunsma noted that CVent has not panned out. They made many promises that were not kept. Their customer service is good, but they don't have a lot of developed modules, so the office needs to make a two hour phone call every time something needs to happen. Brunnsma reported that as we keep returning to Meeting Savvy, he's going to recommend tomorrow that we move to Meeting Savvy. Buying out the CVent contract as well as paying Brad Smith at Meeting Savvy will save us money.

Brunnsma noted that it would be nice if people knew earlier that their papers were accepted and on the program. Davis noted that Meeting Savvy is capable of pushing emails to submitters quite early. She noted that we should strongly encourage program chairs utilize that mechanism.

Brunnsma noted that Acosta had asked about a Sexualities pre-conference which may require some SSS funds. Brunnsma suggested that some of the money could come from the Himes/Gomillion fund. SSS agreed to discuss this further on Friday.

Jim Houghland, SSS Archivist, and the University of Kentucky Archivist has come to our meeting with several historical posters. There is also a special moment on Thursday morning. At 10:30 am, Ida Harper Simpson will attend the archives. Risman asked where archival material should be sent. Bohon noted that all materials should be sent to University of Kentucky librarian, Ruth Bryan at ruth.bryan@uky.edu.

Having the Cengage teaching pre-conference associated with the meeting has benefited us financially in terms of money for receptions and having a few people register and book hotel rooms early, but they have not been great at communicating.

Webmaster's Report

Slade Lelock asked if his report could be moved to Friday due to his needing to staff the registration table.

Committee on Honors

Amy Donley reported. The initial discussion centered on the fact that the email address for Amanda Lewis was incorrect, so she was not included in the last two years'. Davis suggested that chairs need to contact committee members early to make sure that they have correct contact information. Lippard noted that it's a regular issue that people on committees don't necessarily respond to emails, so contact is complicated.

Donley also noted that they did not receive many Odum submissions by the due date, so they extended the due date to January 15, which was helpful.

Lewellyn Jones asked if Donley could explain how the communication process worked on the committee. Donley noted that some email went back and forth between all members and some went back and forth between the chair and individual members. Bohon noted that this might have been problematic given that one member strongly objected to the Roll of Honor nominee, but another member on the committee was unaware of this. Risman also noted that one person on Honors was a co-author with a

Roll of Honor nominee, and one of the persons on Honors wrote a nominating letter. She also acknowledged that without those votes, the vote in the Committee would still be 2 for, 1 against, thus, the nomination would still come to the EC. Walker suggested we think about discouraging members on Honors from nominating people. Davis noted that the fact that we have nothing in the Handbook or the bylaws about conflicts of interest suggests that perhaps we should. Bonilla-Silva noted that we should not micro-manage committees.

Donley also noted that there were nominations for an award that is only given on even years. Those who nominated were asked to resubmit next year. Donley left the meeting. The EC discussed the issues concerning the nomination process.

Lewellyn Jones called for a vote on placing the nominee on the Roll of Honor. No members voted for. Nine members voted against. Four abstained. Motion failed.
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Publications Committee

Adia Harvey Wingfield appeared, but because of a lengthy discussion on the previous item, she could not report during her slot, so she requested to send information in writing.

Archivist's Report

James Houghland reported that they had received a lot of materials in the last year. There is an exhibit starting tomorrow morning in the pre-function area that will deal with the earlier history of the Society. This exhibit also includes correspondence with hotels during the era of Jim Crow segregation. Ruth Bryan will also be on site on Thursday from 1-2:25 and Friday from 2:30-5:15 to inspire others to use the archives for historic research. Houghland also noted that he will be retiring from the University of Kentucky and also stepping down as archivist. He believes that there is already a good process in place for getting materials into the archives. He also reiterated a previous request for a student assistant for a few months to help with cataloging. Bryan's estimate for an assistant was \$9,500 for a qualified library science undergraduate student working half time for a year.

Hossfeld asked Houghland how long he had served in the position. Houghland guessed he had done it for eight or ten years. Bonilla-Silva asked what kind of materials were normally received. Houghland noted that most material comes from Presidents, but some material always comes as a matter of course (newsletters, programs, minutes, etc.). Risman remarked that she had technology experts at her university route a copy of all SSS-related information to the archives. Houghland also noted that material could be embargoed, if anything needed to go to the archives and not be available for immediate release. He also commented that committee work on important matters (like creating a new journal) should also be sent to the archives. If in doubt, send them.

Committee on the Status of Students Report

Irene Browne reported via Facetime from Atlanta. Browne reported that a primary function of the committee was to get graduate students more involved in the society besides simply attending. This year, two professionalization workshops for graduate students were organized. They want to change the bylaws so that the composition of the committee is graduate students.

Proposed Changes to ByLaw Wording:

Article 8. Section 15. There shall be a standing Committee on the Status of Students. *The committee will encourage student participation throughout all aspects of the Society, and shall promote the interests of students in the Society. The committee is appointed by the President and shall be composed of student members and one faculty or professional member. Student members shall be allowed to complete their terms on the committee even after they finish their degree.*

Risman thanked the committee for all of their work. Browne noted that there was a lot of appreciation among students about the professionalization sessions, because a lot of students do not necessarily have mentors.

Bonilla-Silva asked if more specific requirements should be put in the bylaws. Brunisma and Risman noted that it gives Presidents more flexibility if the language remains vague.

MOTION. The Executive Committee unanimously approved that the proposed bylaw changes be forwarded to the membership.
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Gender and Sexuality Committee (Kylie Parrotta). Committee chairs were not informed about the orientation that is on the program. Brunisma said he would send a reminder via email. Mixer with SWS-South to raise money for the Gender Bender's organization that supports LGBT youth. Walker noted that, as liaison, she was kept in the loop about everything.

**Friday, March 31
8-10:45 am
Boardroom**

The meeting was called to order at 8:12. President Ellison presided.

Present: Hossfeld, Maume, Risman, Ellison, Brunisma, D. Robinson, Walker, Bohon, Acosta, Bonilla-Silva, Davis, Jones, Lippard (was in another meeting and arrived late), Parrotta (was in another meeting and arrived late).

Absent: Warren (ill), Z. Robinson.

Finance Committee

David Brunnsma reported. Bonilla-Silva requested that the Executive Committee send a request to Duke for funding and assistance during his Presidential year outlining previous schools' contributions for the President (including Presidents from Duke).

ACTION ITEM: The Executive Officer will send a request to Duke University for Presidential support.

The Executive Committee discussed the need to increase compensation for the Executive Officer over time. There was some discussion of how the money should be allocated to reduce tax liabilities and cuts that the university might make. It was also noted that the Handbook limits the amount of money that can be allocated for the Presidential reception. There was agreement that this should be removed from the Handbook.

ACTION ITEM: The recording secretary shall remove the following language from the Handbook: *Expenses of Officers. The Executive Committee grants discretion to the President and the Executive Officer for fair use of Society funds within their respective budgets. It is a tradition that Presidents host a presidential reception. They may use their budget to subsidize no more than one-half of the cost of the reception. The maximum amount provided by the Society for this purposes is \$1,000.00. Attendance is by invitation. Executive Officers have been granted permission to receive per diem and travel support for themselves and their assistants.*

MOTION: The Finance Committee recommended adding a budget line for compensation for the Executive Office and for the Site Selection Officer's travel expense. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: The Executive Committee approved the overall budget unanimously.

Webmaster's Report.

Slade Lelock reported. Lelock thanked Bohon, Maples, Ellison, Acevedo, and Hill for their assistance. Lelock talked in-depth about a redesign of the website. He will chair a website committee; currently seven people have agreed to be on the committee. Lisa Slattery Walker also agreed to serve on the committee during the meeting. Brad Smith (Meeting Savvy) will also be working closely with that committee. The objectives of the committee are to (1) design a society-wide survey to see what the members want and expect with the website and social media; (2) analyze and discuss the findings from the survey and work with Brad to carry out the design. These will occur in Summer 2017. In Fall and Winter, the design will be implemented, to hopefully launch before the new year. Hossfeld asked that the design be kept simple. Davis noted that she would love for the word cloud flames that are on the posters here at the meetings to find their way to the website. Lelock also noted that everything on the website needs to be archived and will be. The Executive Committee thanked Lelock for his work.

Brunnsma noted that 1,001 registered; 1158 members as of this morning.

Report from the American Sociological Association

Margaret Weigers Vitullo (Director, ASA Academic and Professional Affairs) reported. She distributed two handouts. One is the Liberal Learning and the Sociology Major in the Changing Landscape. The second is the Final Report of the ASA Task Force on Community College Faculty in Sociology. Vitullo brought up an exploratory conversation about two possible ways that SSS could collaborate with ASA. One is the possibility of a joint membership for community college faculty. The other is about high school symposiums. The Pacific Sociological Society is having a high school symposium in conjunction with their meetings. Vitullo also noted that the new Executive Officer at ASA, Nancy Kidd, is now in place, and she seems interested in creative ideas for ASA. ASA also has a new Communications Director, Carmen Russell. He is also interested in dynamic new ways to get sociological information out to the public. There is also a new Meetings Services Director, Michelle Randall, who is also very collaborative. Vitullo also noted that the ASA Task Force on Liberal Learning and the Sociology Major had agreement on a foundational core outcomes (called “essential learning concepts and competencies”) for the sociology major. Vitullo also noted that the Task Force purposely did not create guidelines for online learning, because they felt strongly that high quality online teaching and learning should not be different from other type of teaching and learning. Davis asked for clarification about when the full report would be available.

ASA Task Force on Community College faculty also completed their report. In 2018 there will be a teaching day at ASA to focus on teaching at all levels. Hossfeld commented that it is difficult to get Community College faculty to come to our meetings.

Vitullo noted that it's been very hard to get high school teachers to come to symposiums at the ASA meetings. Thus, they are wondering if it might be possible to do better at regional meetings. ASA has a set of standards for high school teachers and a listserve of about 350 members. It was asked if there was a sense of geographic clustering of high school sociology teachers, since there might be more high school sociology teachers in some places than others. Acosta asked if private schools were more likely to offer sociology than public schools. Vitullo noted that private school and better resourced schools are more likely to offer sociology. Hossfeld asked if it was better to offer the symposium on a Saturday. Vitullo said the information on that was mixed. Parrotta noted that Andrea Hunt might be a good liaison between ASA and Southern. Vitullo noted that if a high school teacher could be found in the local area (e.g., New Orleans) then the model might work better.

Bohon asked if ASA is working toward any initiatives to help students and faculty navigate exploitive publishers and institutions. Davis asked if ASA was thinking about working with the library science profession to link to their documents about exploitive open access journals. Robinson also noted that Inside Higher Ed has been publishing on this. Jones noted that, as Dean, she gives prospective hires a sample contract. She recommended advising the students to have course load specified in the contract. Other members noted that assistant professors often have yearly contracts that aren't distributed until it's too late to go back on the job market. Vitullo also noted that many

community college jobs are actually excellent jobs and should not be dismissed as exploitive, across the board. There was also a general discussion of how this might be especially difficult in New Orleans because of their strange districting model. Bohon noted that it would be difficult to find the space if we had to do it on a Saturday. Davis noted that it might be more legitimate to do it during the week. Robinson noted that reaching out to education departments rather than sociology departments might be a good link, since they might be better plugged into social science high school teachers.

ACTION ITEMS: Vitullo will follow up with Bonilla-Silva so that he can make a charge to the Chair of the SSS Committee on Sociology in Small and Community Colleges and the Chair of the Committee on Professions to consider ways to work on this.

It was also asked who the ASA first-line of contact person should be for state legislative issues contacting. Vitullo responded that Carmen Russell is the go-to person. His email is russell@asasnet.org.

Vitullo also noted that ASA recognizes problems with the functionality of the TRAILS platform.

Nominations

Angela Lewellyn Jones reported. The slate of candidates is complete, but the chair struggled to get responses from all committee members in a timely manner. There is nothing in bylaws requiring a quorum.

The recommendation is to change Article 3, Section 3 to Section 4 and create a new Section 3 that reads, “A majority of the Nominations Committee members shall constitute a quorum when conducting the committee’s official business, such as internal committee votes in consideration of nominees for SSS office.”

MOTION. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed bylaw changes. The new language will be sent to the membership for a vote.

Lewellyn also noted that some members of the committee were reluctant to be frank via email. Thus, she thought that the committee should meet in some manner (conference call, Skype, etc.) that doesn’t require putting comments in writing. Davis noted that this is a handbook issue. She suggested that Lewellyn change the Handbook to read that some kind of virtual meeting (beyond email) be required.

ACTION ITEM. The President will charge all committees with having at least one virtual meeting (conference call, Skype, etc.) during the year. Business cannot be conducted exclusively via email.

Hossfeld noted that liaisons should also take it upon themselves to make sure that the committees are meeting. The Executive Committee also discussed whether or not there needs to be procedures to remove members who do not participate.

ACTION ITEM. The President can replace non-participating committee members.

Publications

Davis noted that two journal editors are rotating off, and there are no provisions for replacing them. Davis noted concern that one of the editors is about to be an officer. Reference to last year's minutes noted that there was an action item for the Publications Committee to write language creating a firewall between officers and editors. This had not happened.

ACTION ITEM. Brunisma should follow up on Publications Committee need to bring language to the Executive Committee on the firewall.

ACTION ITEM. Calasanti should be informed that the Executive Committee will ask her to recuse herself for all votes related to Social Currents until she rotates off as editor.

Sexualities Preconference request for funding

Acosta noted that the sexualities section of ASA has an anniversary, and they are asking for a preconference. They would like support for students to attend this conference in Philadelphia. The request is for \$500. Risman noted that the issues are both precedent and use of money. A big concern is that we simply don't have the money, and we also may need to think about supporting people in our own region. Hossfeld noted that we don't have enough money to get members to our own meeting. Bonilla-Silva noted that we could use the money to leverage members in that section to create a mini-conference at our annual meetings. Lippard argued that although we may receive requests like this in the future, we could always say "no."

MOTION. It was moved by Davis and seconded that the vote be tabled for Saturday. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 am.

**Business Meeting
Saturday, April 1
7:00 pm – 8:00 am
Board Room**

Present: Shannon Davis, Barbara Risman, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Angela Lewylln Jones, Michael Hughes, Chris Ellison, Dave Brunisma, Dawn Robinson, Denise Bissler, Kylie Parrotta, Katie Acosta, and Cameron Lippard

Welcome.

Ellison called the meeting to order at 7:06 and thanked people for attending.

Brunisma pointed out that we would not have a quorum because the bylaws require 25 members to be present. Robinson said that we just would not be able to have binding votes.

Ellison said that it has been an honor to be President of Southernns and that it has been a privilege to serve the organization. He thanked Brunisma for all of his help. He stressed again that he was initially worried about holding the meetings in Greenville, but said that he was pleased. He thanked his program co-chairs and requested that people thank them individually for anything they liked about the program. He was grateful to the folks who organized the 5 mini-conferences and those who attended the conference to be on presidential panels and plenaries.

EO Report

Brunisma used Quickbooks to close the 2015-2016 books and that operating costs were not met. We had a deficit of \$3,032. We have continued to experience growth. We've initiated new attempts of generating revenue such as job ads, ads in the program, and exhibitors. We were close to predicted amount of income on membership and registration dues, but the 15% growth estimates were slightly off. We continue to spend money on items that please the membership, and some receptions (e.g., the Presidential Reception) come in about double of what we budget for.

We went from having about 1000 hardcopies of the program and only printed 400 this year. Membership seems pleased with the program app.

Our investment funds are strong. Additionally, we have about 90-100k in our checking account, which is par for the course at this time of year.

At the end of Risman's meeting (2016) we had 1513 members and as of this morning we had 1198 members. Registration at 2016 meetings was 1121 and thus far we had 1044 registered in Greenville.

Brunisma thanked Slade for all of his service. He thanked Charles Tobert and Marissa Crame, thanked John Ryan and Virginia Tech for all of their support and graciousness, and thanked membership for their energy, ideas, and scholarship.

Hughes asked about the projection screens and mentioned it was difficult to see tables during presentations. Said we should encourage members to make tables readable by using larger font and/or by bringing print outs.

Passing of the Gavel

President Ellison participated in the tradition of passing the gavel to President-Elect Eduardo Bonilla-Silva. He gave him a book on 50 years of sociology, the copy of Robert's Rules of Order that had been signed by all of the past presidents, and explained that the mirror had been broken and replaced.

Eduardo Bonilla-Silva said it was a great honor as a Black Puerto Rican to be the President of Southern. He shared his joy in becoming president and said it would be a special year. He said he had a dream about the theme of the meetings in October and that it was going to be Racisms in Post-Racial America. He noted that Ellison's theme was flexible and allowed members to react to the moment. He was inspired to change the theme to: Racial Theory, Analysis, and Policy in TrumpAmerica.

Bonilla-Silva said the new theme would enable us to have an intersectional discussion that embraces public sociology and allows us to defend science, methods, and data. The meetings will push the boundaries and will be political, but not partisan.

David Embrick from UConn will be the program chair and that people are already lobbying for events and plenaries.

Ribbons

Davis said that the membership did not like the EC wearing ribbons, but that it was beneficial for members to be able to identify us in case there was a problem. It helps new members, grad students, and juniors to be able to identify us to ask questions. The costs of the ribbons and emphasizing status/hierarchy was discussed. Risman shared that committee chairs expressed complaints about the lack of recognition of their work.

Bohon said that ribbons cost hundreds for each meeting. Robinson brought up past conversations about stickers and/or colored paper. Brunnsma said that they've printed an extra line with people's titles. Acosta said that it would be fantastic to add a line to name tags for people to add their preferred pronouns and Risman noted that ASA was buying stickers to use to do this. Ribbon discussion was tabled.

Thanking Stephanie

Lisa Walker took a moment to thank Bohon for her five years of service as the EO and another five years as the secretary. Bonilla-Silva noted that "love doesn't need a quorum." Bohon said that it has been a pleasure to work with such great people over the last decade. She noted that she was glad Brunnsma would be responsible for ribbon distribution if it was done again and thanked him for being so cooperative over the last ten years. She also noted that she'd be happy to sleep in next year in New Orleans.

Risman noted how Bohon would be missed as the source of calm consistency on the EC and Walker said Bohon's ability to translate complicated matters into coherent language was appreciated.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59

Respectfully submitted,

Kylie Parrotta
Recording Secretary, 2017-2022

Saturday, April 1
8:30-10:45 am
Boardroom

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 am.

Present: Barbara Risman, Barbara Coombs, Shannon Davis, David Maume, Chris Ellison, Marni Brown, Cameron Lippard, Katie Acosta, Toni Calasanti, Stephanie Bohon (sitting in for Kylie Parrotta who was presiding over a committee meeting), David Brunisma, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva. Kylie Parrotta arrived after her other meeting.

Absent: Angela Lewellyn Jones, Patricia Warren, Zandria Robinson

Welcome

President Bonilla Silva welcomed everyone and announced the new EC committee members: Toni Calasanti (President-elect), Earl Wright II (Vice President-elect), Marni Brown, and Barbara Coombs. The theme for next year was announced. Bonilla-Silva announced that his theme represented a direct response to the election of Donald Trump to the Presidency and what it means for race and inequality in the United States. The Program Chair is David Embrick.

Unfinished business

Acosta reiterated the previous day's request for funding for an ASA sexualities preconference. The request is for \$500 for the preconference. Risman reiterated that the preconference is a great idea, but she didn't think that Southernns should allocate their already tight budget to ASA-related programming. Using members' dues to support something that isn't at the Southernns is poor stewardship. Davis noted that our budget reflects our priorities. Supporting a sexualities conference is a statement that is valuable. At the same time, it's important for members' dues to support the Southernns. She wondered if we could attach strings to the support. Can we ask that the \$500 be used specifically to be linked to SSS? Acosta noted that there is no money from ASA to help with this conference, which will have 200 attendees. The meeting will be off-site (not at the ASA Conference hotel); a FAD application has been submitted. The request for \$500 is for the operating budget. Wright asked how much SSS sends to ASA for the Minority Fellowship. Brusma noted that it is \$1000, plus Risman raised extra money last year. Acosta noted that perhaps she could come back and organize a section as a result of the preconference. Lippard noted that spending this money would show that we care about our membership, and should cut other things in order to make this happen. Calasanti expressed concern about creating a precedent for similar asks that cannot be afforded in the future. Thus, the request is potentially problematic. Brown wondered if the highlights of the conference could be highlighted by SSS to members who would be unable to travel to Philadelphia.

<p>MOTION. It was moved by Lippard and seconded that we approve the request for \$500, stipulating that Acosta organize a sexualities section at our own annual meetings. The vote was 6 for; 3 opposed; 2 abstain. Motion failed based on lack of 2/3 support, as required by the bylaws.</p>
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Following Robert's Rules of Order, Shannon Davis raised a "Point of Order" on May 12th stating the President incorrectly interpreted the vote on Lippard's motion made in the EC meeting on 4/1 as reported above. Bonilla-Silva saw Davis's point as "well taken" and a majority of EC responded via email in support. The motion passed.

New business

Budget for *Social Currents*.

Risman pointed out that, as we transition to new editors, without strong institutional support, we limit who can be the editor. There was a small discussion about whether or not Calasanti should leave the room, but the decision was made that it was important to have her information. Calasanti stated that she and Roscigno had substantial support from their institutions, but, in the future, the journal is going to start making money for the society. She also noted that the journal editing is not "hideously time consuming." Typically, publications committees see institutional support as important often for reasons beyond financial resources.

Bonilla-Silva and Lippard reiterated that having institutional support does limit who can be editors. Calasanti responded that having the editorial platform all electronic minimizes the work. Bonilla-Silva pointed out that co-editing may also allow a non-supporting institution to still participate. Calasanti also noted that the transition will take place July 2018 (with new editors completely on board in January 2019).

Brunsma noted that the journal is currently 22% of our total budget. He suggested that we do not commit to any particular budget line to potential editors, because as the journal potentially makes money, the amount available to editors may increase.

Updating bylaws.

Bonilla-Silva noted that we need to update the bylaws and the Handbook with regard to committee work, and it would probably be easiest to update the Handbook. We need to verify that everyone on Committees is participating and that the contact information is correct. This is especially a priority for Nominations and Honors. The liaisons need to be involved in all discussions among committee members. We should include language in the Handbook that all committees should meet virtually or in person (conference call, Skype, etc.) and do not do important deliberations via email, because it is problematic to leave a written record of information that could be shared outside of the Committees. Bonilla-Silva also noted that there are a lot of people who are on Committees who are not participating, and they need to be replaced. Risman and Calasanti talked about the importance of having a charge meeting between the President and committee chairs. Ellison noted that he had a charge meeting, and very few people attended. Wright noted that many institutions have Webx or other virtual meeting software free to faculty.

At this point, new Recording Secretary Kylie Parrotta returned. Minutes from this point were recorded by her. (~S Bohon)

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Bohon
Recording Secretary, 2012-2017

Saturday, April 1 (continued by Kylie)
8:30-10:45 am
Boardroom

Bylaws continued.

Bonilla-Silva argued that people should not accept the nomination to be on a committee if they cannot commit to attending the meetings. For the position of the president, senior folks may be reluctant to accept a five year commitment and that we should consider revising the bylaws to explore having elected people in the rotation. Lewellyn-Jones mentioned this was an issue for getting people to run. Presidents' institutional knowledge is important for the site selection committee. Bonilla-Silva suggested the creation of a sub-committee that Davis, Bohon, and Brunisma could be appointed to.

Davis and Brunisma both felt that bylaws revisions should not be done in the middle of year due to low response rates, arguing instead that waiting would give us time to sort out the details of phasing people onto and off of committees before it goes to ballot.

Bathroom break – Returned at 9:57.

Linking SSS to ASA Code of Ethics.

Bonilla-Silva brought up that SSS does not have clear guidelines on ethics (and that most other regional organizations do not other based on website search) and proposed that we link to the ASA Code of Ethics. Brunisma said that Midwest does and that he'd send the language to Kylie. Calasanti said that we are already bound by ASA and Risman reminded us that ASA codes are currently under revision. Davis argued that if we were linked to their code that we'd be linked to their revisions and be bound to how ASA responds to violations.

Brunisma said MSS has a professional standards and issues committee that manages grievance procedures. Risman said violators can have their ASA memberships revoked. Bonilla-Silva suggested that the sub-committee that we create on bylaws could be charged to develop a link to ASA Code of Ethics. Brunisma suggested the Committee on the Professions could tackle this.

Ribbons.

The discussion of EC members and chairs being designated with ribbons continued. Risman said the ribbon made her feel as though she was representing the organization and resulted in her doing more outreach to SSS members – “Walking symbol of SSS.” Davis said color-coded paper could be an alternative to ribbons to reduce costs. Calasanti said having her journal affiliation on her nametag would be helpful and that perhaps SAGE could provide them. Brunisma said that it creates on-site work to assure people aren’t excluded.

MOTION. It was moved by Risman that we go back to ribbons for officers, executive committee members, committee chairs, and past-presidents.

The vote was 10 for; 1 abstain. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Kylie Parrotta
Recording Secretary, 2017-2022