

A message from Section Chair, Bob Hummer

Dear Section Members:

It is an honor to serve as the Population Section Chair for the next year as we look ahead to the August, 2010 meeting in Atlanta! While we are still almost a year away, please mark the dates of August 14-17 on your calendar for ASA and, in particular, Tuesday August 17th as "Population Section Day."

Because our section rotates onto the last day of the meetings, we will have a "bonus session" at the 2010 meetings. This means that our section will organize four sessions (instead of our usual three), and we will continue our long-standing tradition of organizing a joint session with the ASA Family Section. We will also be organizing our usual Roundtables. Thus, there will be great opportunities for a large number of population sociologists to present work and receive immediate feedback at the 2010 meeting. So be sure to look for both those session and roundtable opportunities when the "Call for Papers" is issued by the ASA later this fall, and remember that ASA submissions are usually due in mid-January – not all that far away!

There are many folks to thank for their previous involvement in the Section on Population. Wendy Manning, the outgoing Section Chairperson, has done a fantastic job in bringing new energy to the Section, re-organizing all of the Section's committees, and putting together a great set of sessions at the recent 2009 meeting. Nan Johnson served as the Section's Secretary-Treasurer for three years and made sure that informative newsletters were put together, section news got distributed, bills got paid, receptions were organized, and much more. We all owe Nan and Wendy a great deal of gratitude

for their substantial service to the Section in recent years. And a number of other people served in time-consuming leadership roles over the last year in Population Section activities, including out-going Council Members Pam Smock and Irma Elo, the most recent chair of the nominations committee, John Iceland, and the three most recent chairpersons of our respective award committees, Suzanne Bianchi, Mike Hout, and Elizabeth Frankenberg. To each of these individuals, along with all of the committee members with whom they worked, thank you! We look forward to your continued involvement in the Population Section in years to come!

I've already begun to work with the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Section, Kyle Crowder, to plan next year's meeting – the sessions, the roundtables, the awards that are made, and the reception. Those activities make up the heart of what it is that we do at the annual meeting, so Kyle and I will be working closely with all of our current Council members (Sara Curran, Elizabeth Frankenberg, Kelly Raley, Karen Brewster, Jennifer Van Hook, and Lori Hunter) to plan ahead for next year's meeting.

For the first time in our Section's history, we also have the pleasure of working with an elected student representative on the Council, Elaine Hernandez of the University of Minnesota. Elaine has already brought excellent ideas for improving student involvement in the Section. This year we will elect a second student representative so that, in years to come, we will always have two student representatives as a part of the Section.

If you would like to become more involved in the Population



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Section, please drop me a note. There are always committees to work on, offices to run for, sessions to help organize, etc.

Finally, please encourage your colleagues, students, and other fellow sociologists to become a member of the ASA Section on Population as they either join the ASA or renew their membership. The cost is quite low (\$5 for students and \$12 for others) to join the Section, and it's important that our area of study continues to be well represented in Sociology. We were most recently at 502 members, and it would be great to move up to the 600 mark that would allow us to add another paper session at the annual meeting. So please pass the word on to join or re-join!

I'll look forward to being in touch with everyone over the course of this coming year and hope that you already have "penned in" Tuesday, August 17th as Population Section Day for the 2010 ASA Meeting!

Best to everyone for a great fall semester.

~ Bob Hummer

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Best book award goes to *Generations of Exclusion*

The 2009 Otis Dudley Duncan Book Award for excellence in social demography has been awarded to Edward E. Telles and Vilma Ortiz for their book *Generations of Exclusion: Mexican Americans, Assimilation, and Race* (NY: Russell Sage, 2008).

The award was announced by Suzanne Bianchi who chaired the award committee on behalf of the Section on Population and, together with committee members Lynne Casper, Christine Himes, and Craig St. John, reviewed more than a dozen nominations.

In making the award, Dr. Bianchi offered this description of Telles and Ortiz' book:

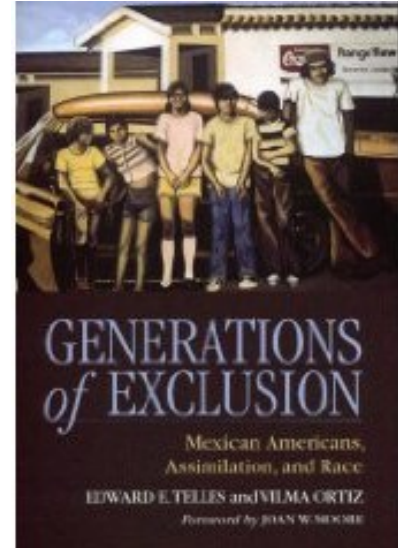
Generations of Exclusion asks an important question: What happens to Mexican Americans across generations within the same family and as the distance from the immigration experience increases (what Telles and Ortiz term "generations since immigration")?

This study uses a unique set of data and provides a very rich and full analysis. It begins with the serendipitous discovery of data followed by extraordinary efforts by the researchers to develop a 2+ generation data set. In the early 1990s, questionnaires are found during a renovation of the UCLA Powell Library. These turn out to be original

questionnaires from the classic 1965 study of Mexican Americans living in two urban areas – Los Angeles and San Antonio – by Graebler, Moore and Guzman. Telles and Ortiz reinterview 654 of the original sample 35 years later in 2000 along with 750 of their children. They make extraordinary efforts to recontact this sample now spread geographically beyond LA and San Antonio.

The study design is innovative: both longitudinal and intergenerational. The longitudinal aspect of the design allows for assessment of assimilation across the life span of the original respondents, the parent generation (interviewed in 1965 and 2000). The intergenerational aspect of the design allows Telles and Ortiz to compare parents and children at roughly the same point in the adult life course. Children interviewed in 2000 can be compared to parents interviewed in 1965.

The topics covered in the book are expansive and fascinating. Topics include educational attainment and economic assimilation (which they argue stalls after the 2nd generation), political participation and citizenship, participation in gangs, attitudes about women's appropriate roles, family, and fertility. They provide data on intermarriage, neighborhood concentration and integration and linguistic assimilation. They also draw on Census data and General Social Survey



(GSS) data for comparison and to assess the representativeness of their sample.

The bottom line is that this is a thought provoking book that will serve as a guide to others for how to design longitudinal and intergenerational data collection. The book is likely to stimulate further research as the findings are debated and replicated. All of these factors lead the committee to judge that this book has all the characteristics one would want in an award winning book named in honor of Otis Dudley Duncan.

Jasso et al. win Distinguished Contribution Award

The Award for Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population recognizes an outstanding published article in demography or population studies by a sociologist. The article award committee for 2009 was chaired by Michael Hout and included Lynne Cossman, Denis Hogan, and Liana Sayer.

The committee unanimously selected the 2008 article "From Illegal to Legal: Estimating Previous Illegal Experience Among New Legal Immigrants" (*International Migration Review*, vol. 42, no. 4, pp: 803-843) by Guillermina (Willie) Jasso, Doug Massey, Mark

Rosenzweig, and Jim Smith as this year's distinguished Sociology of Population paper.

Michael Hout announced the award at the Section Reception in San Francisco. Here are his comments:

Willie and her colleagues melded official data on new immigrants with original data from the New Immigrants Survey to demolish misconceptions about American immigration. First, public discussion treats illegal and legal immigrants as two totally separate populations, shunning and exploiting illegals and welcoming legals. They are not two but one, integrated population. About one-third

of new legal immigrants were in the US illegally before returning home and subsequently reentering the US legally. Second, some commentators and legislators claim that legalizing illegals would undermine the rule of law by rewarding people who disrespect our laws. Not so, according to Jasso et al. ex post facto legalizations have been integral to US immigration policy since the restrictions were first enacted in the 1920s.

There is much more in this comprehensive and engaging paper. Read it, and join us in congratulating Willie and her colleagues.

Student paper award announced at 2009 meeting

During the section reception in San Francisco, Nathalie Williams of the University of Michigan received the 2009 Sociology of Population Section Student Paper Award for her paper "Coping with Conflict: Do Community Organizations Moderate the Effect of Armed Conflict on Migration?"

The paper uses multilevel data from Nepal to examine how violent events

that occurred in the context of the Maoist insurrection shaped out-migration at the individual level, and how community organizations buffered that effect.

In announcing the award, Elizabeth Frankenberg noted that Nathalie's paper "assembles data from multiple sources to provide convincing empirical evidence on a question that has received limited attention in the literature."

In recognition of the award, Ms. Williams received a plaque and a check for \$500 to help cover her costs of travelling to San Francisco.

The committee, consisting of Dr. Frankenberg (chair), Jeffrey Morenoff, Elizabeth Fussell, and Lori Hunter, chose Ms. Williams' work from more than twenty nominations for the award.



Among the interesting sites in San Francisco, site of the 2009 ASA Meeting, is Angel Island, the "Ellis Island of the Pacific." Nan Johnson, outgoing Secretary-Treasurer of the section snapped this photo during her visit. Nan notes that more than 1 million immigrants from Asia, Australia, and India entered the U.S. West Coast at Angel Island between 1910 and 1940 where they waited an average of 3.5 weeks for processing. During the wait new immigrants slept in race- and sex-segregated dorms with three-deep bunks.

2009 Meeting Recap

In case you missed it, the 2009 Meeting of the American Sociological Association in San Francisco drew another large crowd of social scientists and the paper sessions organized by the Section on the Sociology of Population, all held on Monday, August 10, were well attended.

The first of the three ses-

sions was organized by Carolyn Liebler of the University of Minnesota and featured papers on "Using Complex Race Data in Population Studies." Our second session, entitled "Marriage in the Millennium: Papers Honoring Steve Nock's Scholarship," was an invited session co-sponsored by the Section on the Sociology of the Family and organ-

ized by Paul Amato of the Pennsylvania State University. For the third session Frank Furstenberg (University of Pennsylvania) brought together a strong group of papers on "The Demography of Young Adulthood." Together these sessions highlighted the quality and diversity of work being carried out by population researchers.

The section also sponsored roundtable sessions to increase opportunities for population scientists to present and discuss their work.

As highlighted by section Chair Bob Hummer in his letter to the section (see pages 1 & 7), section officers are already planning sessions for the 2010 meeting. Watch for the announcement and call for papers this fall!

Minutes of 2009 Section Council Meeting

Hilton San Francisco

August 10, 2009

Submitted by Nan E. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer, 2006-2009 and Kyle Crowder, Secretary-Treasurer-Elect

Council Meeting was called to order by Chair, Wendy Manning, at 7:15 AM.

Council Members Present: 11 (Manning, Frankenberg, Elo, Raley, Brewster, Hernandez, Crowder, White, Hunter, Hummer, Johnson)

Dr. Manning welcomed Chair-elect Bob Hummer, Secretary-Treasurer-elect Kyle Crowder, and the new members of Council present (Hernandez, Hunter, and White).

Dr. Manning announced that section elections were done on time this year and thanked John Iceland for his role in collecting nominations.

Dr. Manning brought out highlights of the Section and overviewed our 2009 sessions at the ASA meetings.

Dr. Manning asked Chair-Elect Bob Hummer to discuss his plans for the 2009-2010 year. Dr. Hummer stated that he had no new initiatives – rather, he will facilitate a continuation of the regular agenda of Council.

Dr. Manning suggested that job announcements relevant to section members continue to be included with more general section announcements rather than constitute a second set of announcements. Council agreed.

Council discussed maintenance of the section webpage which is updated irregularly by the ASA office. Dr. Hummer plans to continue to utilize the website to disseminate information about awards and section events.

Dr. Manning asked Elizabeth Frankenberg, who chaired the 2008-2009 Award Committee for Best Graduate Student Paper, for an annual report on behalf of the Committee (other members of that Award Committee were Drs. Jeffrey Morenoff, Elizabeth Fussell, and Lori Hunter). Dr. Frankenberg announced that her Committee had judged over 20 graduate student papers, had found two papers especially worthy, but had selected only one paper for the award. This year's winner is Nathalie Williams, of the University of Michigan, for her paper entitled "Coping with Conflict: Do Community Organizations Moderate the Effect of Armed Conflict on Migration?"

Dr. Manning asked Suzanne Bianchi, who chaired the Otis Dudley Duncan Book Award Committee, for an annual report on behalf of the Committee (other members of that Award Committee were Drs. Lynne Casper, Christine Himes, and Craig St. John). Dr. Bianchi announced that her Committee had received 17 books for review but had eliminated the two co-edited books. Of the remaining books, the Committee chose "Generations of Exclusion: Mexican Americans, Assimilation, and Race," by Edward E. Telles and Vilma Ortiz.

Dr. Manning announced the winner of the Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award, since the Committee Chair for this award

was Michael Hout, who is not a member of Council. Other members of that Award Committee were Dennis Hogan, Jeralyn Cossman, and Liana Sayer. The award was won by Guillermina Jasso, Douglas Massey, Mark Rosenzweig, and James Smith, coauthors of "From Illegal to Legal: Estimating Previous Illegal Experience among New Legal Immigrants to the United States" (IMR, vol. 42, no. 4, 2008),

Dr. Manning asked Nan Johnson, out-going Secretary-Treasurer, to report on matters regarding membership and finance. Dr. Johnson distributed a written report to Council and asked that the in-coming Secretary-Treasurer, Kyle Crowder, include it in the Fall 2009 Newsletter to the Section. She went on to report that as of June 30, 2009, membership had increased by 63 people over the same date last year and tops out now at 493 members. Dr. Manning noted that it takes 400 members for a Section to be recognized by the ASA Executive Office. Thus, we are in no danger of being disbanded for lack of sufficient membership.

Dr. Johnson noted that if we could raise our membership by 107 more people to reach 600, then our Section would qualify for another Papers Session at the 2010 ASA meetings in Atlanta. Dr. Johnson suggested that the new Council might consider strategies to campaign for new members.

Dr. Manning pointed out that at next year's ASA meetings in Atlanta, our Section Day will be the last day (August 17, 2010). That means our Section will be allotted an extra session.

Dr. Johnson's report on Section Finances was optimistic. As of June 30, 2009, the Section had \$8,855. However, encumbrances of \$2,520 for the Section's joint reception on August 10, 2009 with the Sociology of Family and of \$1,175 for our Awards Ceremony at this same reception will carry our funds down to \$5,160. She expressed concern over the high costs of the joint reception due to the wastage of food not consumed. Drs. Hummer and Crowder agreed to work together to find an off-site restaurant at the ASA convention next year, since out-of-hotel restaurants will be cheaper venues for a reception than in-hotel restaurants will be.

Dr. Johnson thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as Secretary-Treasurer during 2006 - 2009. She pledged to cooperate with Dr. Crowder during his transition into the role.

Dr. Manning asked for any additional comments. Our new graduate student representative to Council, Elaine Hernandez, offered to organize a round-table or a happy hour that will appeal to, and integrate, graduate students in this section.

Dr. Hunter, who is on the Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, announced that she is the editor of the journal entitled "Population and Environment." Dr. Hunter said she would be willing to edit a special section of the journal using papers submitted by graduate students and professionals to our Awards Committees.

Given the large number of competitive papers and books submitted to this year's awards committees, Dr. Manning suggested that Council might consider adding more awards.

Meeting adjourned.



Minutes of the 2009 Business Meeting

Hilton San Francisco
August 10, 2009
Submitted by Nan E. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer, 2006-2009

Business Meeting was called to order by Chair, Wendy Manning, at 5:30 PM.

Section Members Present: 26 (Frank Bean, Stephanie Bohon, Karin Brewster, Sonalde Desai, Irma Elo, Elizabeth Frankenberg, Kathleen Mullan Harris, Elaine Hernandez, Robert Hummer, Nan Johnson, Hiroshi Kojima, Dan Lichter, Andrew London, Terry Labow, Wendy Manning, Molly Martin, Dudley Poston, Heather Rackin, Kelly Raley, Rachel Sullivan Robinson, Sharon Sassler, Judith Seltzer, Susan Short, Megan Sweeney, Stewart Tolnay, Michael White)

Dr. Manning welcomed the members to the Business Meeting. She introduced Dr. Bob Hummer, who will take over as Chair of this Section for 2009 - 2010.

Dr. Hummer noted that the 2010 annual meetings of ASA will be held from August 14 - 17 in Atlanta. Our Section Day will be the last day (August 17), and that will qualify us for an extra session.

Dr. Manning announced that Dr. Hummer needs to get our ideas for next year's sessions by September 15.

One idea suggested is that since the next U.S. Census of Population and Housing will be held in 2010, we might want to devote a special session to Census issues. In any case, email your ideas to Bob (rhummer@prc.utexas.edu) by September 15.

John Iceland chairs the Nominations Committee. He welcomes volunteers to run for committee assignments.

Dr. Suzanne Bianchi, chair of the Otis Dudley Duncan Award Committee (other members are Lynne Caspar, Christine Himes, and Craig St. John), announced that 17 books had been submitted to the Committee. The winning book is "Generations of Exclusion: Mexican Americans, Assimilation, and Race," by Edward Telles and Vilma Ortiz. Drs. Telles and Ortiz accepted their plaques from Dr. Bianchi.

Dr. Michael Hout, chair of the Distinguished Sociology of Population Paper Award Committee (other members are Dennis Hogan, Jeralynn Cossman, and Liana Sayer), announced that this award was won by Guillermina Jasso, Douglas Massey, Mark Rosenzweig, and James Smith for their article entitled "From Illegal to Legal: Estimating Previous Illegal Experience among New Legal Immigrants to the United States," published in *International Migration Review*, vol. 42, no. 4 (2008), pages 803 - 843. Willie Jasso, the only coauthor present, accepted the award on behalf of her coauthors. All four authors receive a plaque for this award.

Dr. Elizabeth Frankenberg, chair of the Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (other committee members are Jeffrey Morenoff, Elizabeth Fussell, and Lori Hunter), announced that over 20

papers were submitted by graduate students for this competition. The 2009 award goes to Nathalie Williams, a graduate student from the University of Michigan, for her paper entitled "Coping with Conflict: Do Community Organizations Moderate the Effect of Armed Conflict on Migration?" Ms. Williams accepted her plaque, and will receive a check for \$500 to help cover her costs of travelling to San Francisco.

Dan Lichter chaired the portion of the program in which the Section on the Sociology of the Family made two awards. The William J. Goode Award goes to Pamela Stone, author of "Opting Out: Why Women Really Quit Careers and Head Home" (University of California Press). Harriet B. Presser is this year's winner of the Distinguished Career Award. Both Dr. Stone and Dr. Presser were present to accept their awards.

Dr. Manning reported that in the Council Meeting this morning, it had been suggested that the Section on the Sociology of Population should add more awards. She asked the Section to think about whether this is desirable and for whom new awards should be named.

Secretary-Treasurer Nan Johnson reported on the membership of the Population Section. Currently, there are 493 members, an increase of 63 over the membership size on June 30, 2008. We are not in danger of losing our status as a Section, since only 400 members are needed for that status. However, if the Population Section can gain 107 more members, we will qualify for an additional session at the annual meetings.

Secretary-Treasurer Johnson also reported on the financial status of the Population Section. As of June 30, 2009, we had \$8,855 in our treasury, which is an increase of \$375 over our net assets held on June 30, 2008. We have an encumbrance of \$2,520 to cover our half of the Joint Reception with the Section on the Sociology of the Family, which immediately follows this Business Meeting and is in this room. Of this amount for the reception, \$375 is for a bartender and \$2145 for platters of vegetable crudites and artisan cheeses. Dr. Johnson lamented that at the joint reception last year, much food went uneaten. A suggestion was made to ask the hotel to donate unused food from our reception to a food bank or a homeless shelter. Dr. Johnson announced that to reduce the costs of holding a reception, the Chair (Robert Hummer) and Secretary-Treasurer (Kyle Crowder) for 2009 - 2010 will seek an out-of-hotel venue for next year's joint reception in Atlanta.

The other category of encumbrance to the current Population Section budget is \$1175 for conference calls, plaques, and graduate-student travel support in association with our section's three awards.

Dr. Johnson thanked the Population Section for having elected her to serve as Secretary Treasurer for the past three years.

Dr. Manning invited further comments or discussion. No new items were raised.

Call for 2010 Award Nominations

Otis Dudley Duncan Award

The 2010 Otis Dudley Duncan Award will be presented to the author(s) of a recent book that has made significant contributions to social demography. Books published in the last three calendar years (2007-2010) will be considered. Please send nominations by email to the Committee Chair, with copies to the other Committee members. Send copies of nominated books to all three Committee members. Nominations and books should be sent by **February 15, 2010**.

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Award for Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population

The Sociology of Population Section seeks nominations for an award recognizing an outstanding published article in demography or population studies by a sociologist. The nomination deadline is **April 10, 2010**. To be eligible, articles must have a 2008, 2009 or 2010 publication date. Self-nominations are accepted. Accompany nominations with a short letter explaining the significance of the work and its contribution to the sociology of population. Send the nominating letter and an electronic copy of the article by email to: Lynne Cossman, Chair Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population Award Committee: lynne.cossman@ssrc.msstate.edu

Sociology of Population Section Student Paper Award

The Sociology of Population Section announces the call for papers for the Student Paper Award in social demography. The deadline for submission is **May 1, 2010**. This award consists of a certificate and support for travel expenses to attend the 2010 ASA meeting in Atlanta. The following are criteria for submission:

1. The unpublished or published paper can be sole-authored or have multiple student authors. While there is no page limit, papers should be concise and focused. This is not a dissertation award competition. No faculty co-authors are allowed.
2. All authors must be currently enrolled in graduate school or have completed their Ph.D. degrees on or after January 1, 2010.
3. The paper must use a sociological perspective to address an issue of relevance to contemporary demography, broadly defined. Purely technical papers are not eligible.
4. The paper need not be on the ASA program.
5. Membership in the Population Section of the ASA is not a requirement for this award.
6. The cover page of the paper should include a title and an abstract, but should have no other identifying information, such as name, university affiliation, address, or acknowledgements. A single copy of a cover paper containing the author's name, affiliation, address, and other identifying information should be included. The paper should be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper either via email or by surface mail post-marked by the deadline date.

Send your paper and the name and telephone number of the registrar of your degree-granting university to: **Lori Hunter**, Chair of the Population Section Student Paper Award Committee, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, Campus Box 468, Boulder, CO 80309-0468, Lori.Hunter@Colorado.edu

For more information on section awards visit

<http://www2.asanet.org/population/awards.html>



Section Events for 2010 Meeting Taking Shape

Planning for the 105th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association is currently underway. The meeting will be held August 14-17, 2010 in Atlanta, GA. The theme of the meeting will be "Toward a Sociology of Citizenship."

Under the leadership of Section Chair Bob Hummer, the Population Section Council has been busily planning our section events for the meeting. The section will sponsor four regular paper sessions plus an open roundtable session. Here is what we have planned:

Session Title #1: Health Disparities

Session Type: Open Submission
Session Organizer: Isaac W. Eberstein; Florida State University

Session Title #2: Immigration and Citizenship

Session Type: Open Submission
Session Organizer: Jennifer Glick; Arizona State University

Session Title #3: Demography of Race and Ethnicity

Session Type: Open Submission
Session Organizer: Reanne Frank; Ohio State University

Session Title #4: Sex, Pregnancy, and Parenthood: Social and Biological Contexts and their Consequences

Session Type: Open Submission
Session Organizer: Susan Short; Brown University

Session Title: Population Section Roundtables

Session Type: Open Submission
Session Organizer: Rob Warren;

University of Minnesota

Watch for the ASA call for submissions in just a few months and consider submitting your work.

Section activities will take place on August 17 (we will rotate back to the first day of the meetings in 2011).

In a slight departure from past practice we will venture away from the conference hotel for our Population Section Reception and Award Ceremony. The reception will be held at Max Lager's American Grill and Brewery in Atlanta on the evening of Monday, August 16, 2010. Watch for details in the next newsletter but make your plans now to join us in Atlanta.

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The purpose of the Section on Sociology of Population is to foster the development of the study of population within the context of sociology

As of September 2009, the section has 502 members, including 6 low income members and 107 student members.

If you have ideas for enhancing the section, especially for increasing membership and student participation in the section, or would like to volunteer for a section committee, please contact Bob Hummer or any of the section officers.