

**Council Meeting**  
**Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology**  
**American Sociological Association**  
**Monday, August 13, 2007**  
**Maison Restaurant and Sheraton Hotel**  
**New York City**

**Present:** John Zipp (Chair), Betsy Lucal, Maxine Atkinson, Kathe Lowney, Darlaine Gardetto, Diane Pike, Susan Farrell, Marion Hughes, Steven Sweet, Kathy Rowell, Kathleen McKinney, Lynn Ritchey, Keith Roberts, Susan Ferguson, Susan Belair, Beth Cavalier, Kathleen Tiemann

**Approved Minutes from August 2006.**

**Introduction and Welcome:** John Zipp, Section Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked them for their hard work. He introduced Betsy Lucal as the chair-elect and the new section officers.

**Chair's Report:** All reports are available on the section web site. Written copies were distributed with the agenda for the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathleen Tiemann gave the treasurer's report. As of May 31, 2007, the section had a balance of \$14,715 in its account. However, we will be receiving \$50 per registrant in the pre-conference. She did not have a count on this yet. Also we will be making payments to the presenters at the pre-conference. John estimates that this will total \$1450. A budget for 2007-08 was presented that is similar to those presented for previous years. Finally, a summary of section membership for 1989-2007 was presented. The section broke the 700 member barrier with a total of 713 members. Thanks to the membership committee for their work!

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**Report on Pre-Conference:** Betsy Lucal reported that we had another very successful event. Our focus was "Teachers are Made, Not Born." **A motion** was made to have the same pre-conference theme next year. Motion passed. We agreed to introduce different topics for the pre-conference in subsequent years.

**Committee Reports:** Because all reports are available on our website comments and motions made by the respective chairs are summarized below.

**Awards:** Betsy Lucal and her committee addressed the problem we have with the Mausck award selection criteria and the diversity in kinds of contributions made by people at different colleges and universities. They recommend that we be mindful of the diversity of institutions and try to rotate the award.

We would also like to name an award for Carla Howery to recognize her many years of service. It was proposed that the Howery award would recognize excellence in [contributions to graduate education](#). It was also suggested that [Council consider the](#)

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| [possibility of giving](#) a third award [for excellence in SOTL](#). We agreed to send this back to the Awards Committee so they could work out the criteria so that the Mausckch and Howerly awards are clearly differentiated. After these are worked out, the committee will focus on the SoTL award. Maxine Atkinson agreed to chair this committee.

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**Program:** We had five sessions this year. If anyone is interested in organizing a SoTL session, contact Betsy Lucal.

**Publications:** Kathy Rowell is the newsletter editor. Please encourage department members to contact her with potential newsletter items. **A motion** was made that we recommend to Kathy to go solely to an electronic newsletter on a two year trial basis. Motion passed.

**STLS and SOTL Committee:** Due to time constraints, we agreed to have an email discussion on the recommendations made by this committee.

**Bylaws Review Committee:** Many of the changes are “easy” changes that involve grammar, spelling and minor clarifications (e.g., student representative will serve 2 years, there are 14 representatives on the council, etc). The “hard” issues will be discussed online.

**Use of Section Funds Committee:** We need to discuss whether to continue to fund receptions or whether we should spend our funds in other ways.

| **Sage/Pine Forge Travel Award Committee:** If we do not have a pre-conference, we will have a program to involve students in ASA. If we do have a pre-conference, we will spend this money on scholarships.

| **New Business:** [No new business.](#)

**Council Meetings:** We need to think about whether to have our council meetings over dinner in the future or whether we should schedule a more traditional meeting. Diane Pike recommended that we try a dinner meeting again next year.

Council members thanked John Zipp for making this year so successful.

| Adjourned.

| [Minutes submitted by Kathleen Tiemann.](#)