

**Council Meeting  
Teaching and Learning Section  
American Sociological Association  
Saturday, August 12, 2006  
Vargas Restaurant  
Montreal, Canada**

**Approved minutes 10-2006**

**Present:** Diane Pike, John F. Zipp, Wava Haney, Norman A. Dolch, Susan St. John-Jarvis, Idee Winfield, Kathleen McKinney, Keith Alan Roberts, Beverly Jane Rowe, Wendy Ng, Stephen A. Sweet, Susan A. Farrell, Tom Van Valey, Ed Kain, Maxine Atkinson, Marion Hughes, Darlaine Gardetto.

**Introduction and Welcome:** Diane Pike, section chair, welcomed everyone to the section council meeting and asked them to introduce themselves. She distributed black leather bookmarks with this quote from Emile Durkheim: "Pedagogy depends on sociology more closely than any other science". Buttons were also distributed to everyone with the saying "If you teach, you belong! ASA-STL". Diane noted that these were to be distributed widely through regional meetings and she hoped that council members were doing so.

**Secretary & Treasurer's Report:** Norm Dolch then gave the Treasurer's report and a copy is below. As of May 31, 2006, the section had a balance of \$9,967 in its account. A budget for 2006-07 was presented with little change from previous years. Also presented was a summary of section membership and net assets from 1989 through 2006. Dolch requested that council explore a limit of \$250 over which the council might vote on expenditures. This would simply formalize past procedures but also would provide guidelines for the treasurer and chair. The reports were accepted.

**Chair's report and committee reports:** These were all written and available on our web site (on the "2006 Council Meeting Agenda" link). Written copies were distributed by Chair Pike along with the agenda for the council meeting. The brief synopses capture comments made by the respective chairs at the meeting.

**Pre-conference:** This was and is a very successful event. Our focus was on senior faculty this year. During its first year, the pre-conference focused on new teachers and all the costs and expenses were handled by the section. In years 2 and 3, ASA cosponsored the pre-conference handling the publicity and registration. Does the section want to continue the pre-conference? If ASA does

the pre-conference, it may or may not be scheduled. Who will do the planning? It is time for others to take over the leadership.

Awards: There were many good nominations. Thanks for submitting them.

Cooperative Initiatives (ad hoc): A meeting of representatives from the regional association teaching committees is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. The section will co-sponsor the high school meeting scheduled for Chicago this year. The one in Indianapolis last year was very successful. Please come to the reception with the Education Section and we will then reflect on its benefits. If we do it again, which section would we like to do it with? The American Library Association is interested in some liaisons for projects on information and teaching.

Membership: We now have 662 members. The brochures for distribution at regional meetings are back in print. Plans are to have a banner for display at the regional meetings.

Program: Teaching workshops are placed on the program by other sections and the ASA Program Committee. Although the section is supportive of this, it is confusing to some. We should ask the presenters to be section members. In the future, we might consider post conferences as well as the possibility of pre-conferences. We should also be aware of the teacher preparation programs of regional associations.

Teaching Awards Nominations (ad hoc): The council recommended that the committee should facilitate rather than actually make nominations for the ASA Teaching Award. The committee was asked study wording for a recommendation to council next year.

### **Continuing Business:**

Nothing was done on furthering the goals of the section or on revising the by-laws.

### **New Business:**

John Zipp, incoming chair, will select someone to replace Susan Farrell who is now chair elect.

Betsy Lucal was appointed chair of the Awards Committee and Susan St. John-Jarvis was appointed to chair the Membership Committee.

The council agreed to support the ASA effort on Teaching Ethics. Carla Howery is the contact person for this initiative.

Diane asked for volunteers to work on an ad hoc committee on how the section can support SoTL. Kathleen McKinney volunteered to Chair it and Idee Winfield and Maxine Atkinson volunteered to help.

There was discussion of being inclusive and bring new persons into section affairs. John Zipp committed to doing this as the new section chair.

There was a brief discussion on how to spend funds and the committee of Ballentine, Haney, and Kain will continue working on this.

A proposal by Stephen Steele to add one corporate and one nonprofit member to the Council was discussed. It will take a By-Law change and will receive study. Along with a moderator for the new ASA Forum, this proposal and ideas from the ASA Student Forum Advisory Board are continuing business of the Council.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

## Treasurer's Report 2006

### Proposed Budget for July 1, 2006 – May 31, 2007

#### Revenue

Prior Year Balance	9,967.00
Section ASA Allocation	<u>2,306.00</u>
	\$12,273.00

#### Anticipated Expenses

Annual Meeting Reception	600.00
Newsletter	50.00
Awards	200.00
Other	<u>450.00</u>
	\$1,300.00

#### Increase (Decrease) in

<u>Net Assets</u>	\$10,973.00
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Category	2005– 2006 Budget	Actual Expenses as of May 31, 2006	2006 – 2007 Draft Budget
<b>Revenue</b>			
Prior Year Balance Forward	\$7,696.00	\$7,316.00	\$9,967.00
Section Allocation	\$2,176.00	\$2,306.00	\$2,306.00
Dues Income	\$367.00	\$370.00	\$370.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$10,239.00</b>	<b>\$9,992.00</b>	<b>\$12,643.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Annual Meeting Reception	\$600.00		\$600.00
Annual Meeting Other	\$1,008.00		
Newsletter		\$25.00	\$25.00
Awards			\$200.00
Other Expenses	\$150.00		\$450.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,758.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$1,275.00</b>
<b>Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$8,481.00</b>	<b>\$9,967.00</b>	<b>\$11,368.00</b>

**SECTION ON TEACHING AND LEARNING IN SOCIOLOGY  
RECENT HISTORY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES**

<u>Year</u>	<u>July Section Membership</u>	<u>Net Assets</u>
1989	406	\$4,149.76 (5/17)
1990	410	\$3,594.83 (5/31)
1991	424	\$2,937.89 (11/18)
1992	427	\$2,997.75 (5/31)
1993	433	\$3,346.24 (8/1)
1994	431	\$2,856.75 (5/31)
1995	422	\$1,804.76 (6/30)
1996	421	\$1,860.11 (6/30)
1997	417	\$1,256.81 (6/30)
1998	404	\$1,851.45 (6/30)
1999	434	\$2,466.99 (6/30)
2000	371	\$3,705.87 (6/30)
2001	380	\$4,933.95 (6/30)
2002	444 (8/1/02)	\$5,324.04 (6/30)
2003		\$7,257.00 (5/31)
2004		\$7,259.00 (5/31)
2005	650 (8/14/05)	\$7,316.00 (5/31)
2006	662 (7/24/06)	\$9,967.00 (5/31)

Please find in the appendices all the Committee Reports for your review and the newsletters.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Pike