

**SRSA Business Meeting
February 5, 2006
Orlando, FL**

Tricia called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

2005 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Gene Theodori read the minutes of the 2005 business meeting in Little Rock, AR. Don Albrecht motioned that we accept the minutes. Dreamal Worthen seconded the motion.

TREASURERS REPORT

Gene Theodori read the Treasurer's report. Balance as of February 3, 2006 was \$6,894.27. George McDowell made a motion to accept the minutes. Roz Harris seconded the motion.

2006 PROGRAM REPORT

19 sessions (1 poster session; 5 panel sessions; 1 special workshop; 12 regular paper sessions)
A total of 29 papers were accepted for this year's program.

35 professional registrants
14 student registrants

PROGRAM CHAIR-ELECT ELECTION

Don Albrecht nominated Gene Theodori as next program chair elect. Nomination passed unanimously.

SOUTHERN RURAL SOCIOLOGY

Tricia Dyk reported for Ntam on the journal. Volume 20(1) (2004) was printed and distributed in 2005. Volume 20(2) will be a special issue on southern rural entrepreneurship. Guest editors for volume 20(2) are Kenneth L. Robinson and Ralph D. Christy. Volume 20(2) is at the technical editor (under final technical review).

Volume 21(1): 9 articles submitted, 4 accepted, 4 declined, 1 under final review.

Volume 21(2): 11 articles submitted, 1 accepts, 3 declined, 1 under final review, 2 under revise and re-submit and 4 under first review.

Tricia noted that the current editors (Ntam and Robert) three year term is drawing to a close today. She explained that Council was charged with selecting a new editor and that Doug Smith has been selected. She also explained that Council has recommended that the journal go electronic as soon as possible.

Don Albrecht talked about the letter he mailed to members regarding electronic publishing and a journal name change. He noted that from the feedback he received there is consensus on switching to electronic publishing. However, he said the membership is split on changing the name of the journal.

Don stated that Council has agreed to switch immediately to electronic publishing and study the name change of the journal.

Doug Smith talked about proposed changes to *Southern Rural Sociology* as he assumes the role of editor. Doug plans to put together a panel of associate editors. This panel will include individuals from 1862 and 1890 institutions and individuals outside of the land grant university system.

Roz Harris asked what it would take to put back issues on the web. Tricia said that SRSA has copyright information for all articles since Conner's editorship. SRSA has permission to disseminate articles via electronic means with those copyrights.

Bo Beaulieu asked about future page charges. Discuss ensued regarding a submission fee as opposed to page charges. According to Bo, SRSA may still need to charge page charges, because submission fee may not cover costs associated with the journal.

Doug Smith agreed to develop a budget and plan regarding operations of the journal and submit to Council no later than the mid-year meeting.

NEXT SECRETARY-TREASURER

Don Albrecht announced that Ed Reeves will be the next Secretary-Treasurer.

TASK FORCE ON RURAL EDUCATION

Glenn Israel reported that the members of the Task Force who attended the RSS meeting last year in Tampa met and began planning. The Task Force sponsored some session at the RSS meeting last year. More importantly, the Task Force held a couple of sessions at the SRSA meeting. The Task Force plans to put together sessions again this year for the RSS meeting in Louisville. Doug Smith agreed to contact colleagues in KY about putting together a special panel at the RSS meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tricia Dyk mentioned that the deadline for abstract submission for the RSS meeting is the end of the month. She reminded folks that there are minority travel funds available. Dreamal reminded individuals that the RSS minority travel funds are available for students and faculty.

Don Albrecht reminded everyone that the President Elect is chair of the awards committee. Individuals need to begin thinking about nominations for next year.

PASSING OF THE GAVEL

Tricia passed the gavel to Don. Don presented Tricia with a plaque recognizing her on a job well done as president of SRSA.

Glenn Israel made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dreamal seconded the motion.