

**SRSA Council Meeting
February 4, 2006
Orlando, FL**

In attendance: Tricia Dyk, Enefiok Ekanem, Don Albrecht, Douglas Smith, Gene Theodori

Tricia called the meeting to order at 8:10 am.

2005 MID YEAR MEETING MINUTES

Gene read the minutes from the 2005 mid year meeting. Tricia motioned to approve the minutes; Don seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gene read the Treasurer's report. Balance as of February 3, 2006 was \$6,894.27. Don moved that we accept the treasurer's report. Enefiok seconded it. Motion carried.

2006 CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY 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.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Don reported on the 2006 awards. Recipient of the Teaching Award – Doug Constance (Sam Houston State University); recipient of the Service Award – Ron Hustedee (University of Kentucky); recipient of the Research Award – Glenn Israel (University of Florida). Recipient of the Student Paper Award – Deborah Harris and J. Michelle Estis-Sumerel (Mississippi State University).

SOUTHERN RURAL SOCIOLOGY

Tricia read the editor's report. 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.

Discussion centered on Doug Smith possibly becoming the new editor of *Southern Rural Sociology*. Doug accepted the role. Discussion then turned to publication venue (electronic vs. hard-copy). Doug agreed to check with Western Kentucky University IT department about setting up a web portal. Doug also agreed to develop a budget and plan regarding operations of the journal and submit to Council no later than the mid-year meeting.

Don talked about the views of SRSA membership on electronic publishing and name change. From the feedback he received, there is consensus on switching to electronic publishing. The membership is split, though, on changing the name of the journal.

Don suggested that as we switch editors we go immediately to electronic publishing and table the name change.

WEBMASTER REPORT

Doug reported on recent updates to the web-page. He agreed to continue as webmaster as he assumes the role of editor.

MID YEAR COUNCIL MEETING

San Antonio was proposed as a possible site for the mid year Council meeting. Don will check on meeting venue for May or June (possibly May 26 and 27). Gene agreed to check with Deborah Tootle and the new Secretary-Treasurer about holding the mid-year meeting on May 26 and 27.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council agreed to nominate Gene Theodori as the next Program Chair Elect. Gene's nomination will be presented to the membership at the general business meeting.

Discussion ensued as to who will be the next Secretary-Treasurer. Gene volunteered to approach Mark Schafer and Andrew Zekeri. Tricia agreed to ask Julie Zimmerman.

Doug made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Tricia seconded.