

**Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA)
 Executive Council Meeting
 February 6, 2011
 Omni Marina Tower Hotel
 (Marina Riviera 4 Meeting Room, 8:00 a.m.)**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order (morning of Feb. 6, 2011)**
 - Meeting was called to order by the President (Dr. Anna M. Kleiner) at 8:17am.
 - The president welcomed members of the Executive Council and thanked them for attending and for their continued dedication to the association.
 - Executive Council members in attendance included: Anna M. Kleiner, Thomas W. Gray, Keiko Tanaka, James O. Bukenya, Douglas H. Constance, Thomas Terrance, Gene L. Theodori and Douglas Clayton Smith.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting (2010 Atlanta Executive Council Meeting)**
 - The Treasurer/Secretary (Dr. James O. Bukenya) presented the minutes for the meetings that was conducted in Atlanta, GA.
 - Dr. Douglas Clayton Smith moved the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Dr. Keiko Tanaka seconded the motion.

3. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Treasurer's Report (Dr. James O. Bukenya)**
 - The treasurer presented the current status of the association's bank account which reflected the following:

Bank Account Balance (Feb. 4, 2011)

Carry Over Balance —July 9, 2010	\$12,086.41
Total Deposits—July 10, 2010 to Feb. 4. 2011	\$300.00
Total Payments— July 10, 2010 to Feb. 4. 2011	-\$150.00
Balance—Feb. 4, 2011	<u>\$12,236.41</u>

- Dr. Thomas Terrance moved the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Dr. Gene L. Theodori seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report.
- In a discussion that followed, Dr. Bukenya asked the editors to send the names and category (membership, journal fees, etc) of all checks forwarded to him.
- Dr. Douglas H. Constance (Co-Editor) agreed and noted that he will start keeping a log for all checks mailed to the treasurer.

b) Webmaster's Report (Doug Smith)

- Updating of the website is still ongoing.

c) Journal Editors' Report (Douglas H. Constance and Gene L. Theodori)

Two issues have been published for 2010 [Vol25(1) and Vol25(2)]; both are open submission issues. Volume 25(3) is the special issue on the Michigan State School and is still in process. Two other special issues are in process. Copy editor Ms. Brooklynn A. Wynveen has improved the quality of the final product substantially. Our plan is to publish 3 issues per year in preparation of getting better indexed. We are indexed by EBSCO but that is the only source at this time. It is then our plan for JRSS to be approached by a major publishing firm (e.g., Wiley) to be part of their suite of publications. We have not made any progress of the ImageWest/re-branding issue. We have decided that at the moment what we would prefer is to develop a new logo for JRSS and have taken steps at SHSU to support that effort.

Submission Status:

2009 – 17 submitted: (9 – accept); (8 – reject)

2010 – 20 submitted: (5 – accept); (11 – reject); (3 – R&R); (1 – under review).

2011 – 3 to date: (all under review)

*the submissions for the MSU special issue are not included in the totals reported

Based on 2009/2011 submissions/completions to date: Rejection rate is 58%.

Three special volumes in process:

- 1) *Theorizing the Global Agrifood System: Contributions of the Michigan School of Agrifood Studies in Global Governance and Technoscience* (edited by Jason Konefal and Maki Hatanaka, SHSU). Status: 8 papers, plus Introduction, plus Commentary. Still in process. Some papers at page proof stage; some at copy-edit; some not yet to copy-edit stage. (Will be VOI25(3))
- 2) *Social Issues Associated with Unconventional Natural Gas Development* (edited by Gene Theodori, SHSU). Status: Received a total of 7 energy-related papers. Four of the papers dealt directly with the call for papers (i.e., social issues associated with unconventional natural gas development). Three of those four papers were accepted; one was rejected. Of the remaining three energy-related papers, one has been accepted.
- 3) *Rural Veterans* (edited by Hilda R. Heady, Senior Vice President and Chair, Rural Health Research and Policy Group, Atlas Research LLC, and Adjunct Faculty at Georgetown University). Status: 17 abstracts submitted; 11 accepted for paper development; full papers due 2-7-11 for review process. (Targeted to be either VOL26(2) or VOL26(3)).

Other business:

- 1) Updated SRS/JRSS info with EBSCO
- 2) SRSA makeover (ImageWest), including JRSS.
- 3) Editorial Board structure attached.
- 4) Financial support for copy editor, Brooklynn A. Wynveen.

The editors requested that SRSA Council approve the payment of \$1050 to Ms. Brooklynn A. Wynveen for duties performed as copy editor for JRSS. Ms. Wynveen copy edited 9 articles, 1 research note, and 1 commentary that were subsequently published in JRSS in 2010. They requested that she be paid \$100 per article/research note and \$50 per commentary for her services. The editors noted that Ms. Wynveen's duties as copy editor are essential to elevate the quality of JRSS in support of the plan to consistently produce three issues per year and thus enhance the probability of being indexed more frequently.

Following an extended discussion, the Council approved a one-time payment of \$1050 to Ms. Brooklynn A. Wynveen for services rendered and noted that any future payments and amount will require the approval of the council.

d) Awards Committee Report (Dr. Tom Gray)

- The chair of the award committee presented names of the SRSA 2011 award recipients.
- Dr. Lionel J. (Bo) Beaulieu, Mississippi State University, Excellence in Extension Award.
- John Zippert (Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund) Excellence in Public Service Award
- Dr. Glenn Israel, University of Florida, Excellence in Teaching Award.
- Dr. Gene Theodori, Sam Houston State University, Excellence in Research Award.
- Babatunde A. Obembe and Swagata "Ban" Banerjee, Alabama AM University, Outstanding Professional Paper Award
- Ms. Katy Williams, Texas AM University, Outstanding Student Paper Award
- The award committee chair (Dr. Gray) requested that SRSA Council approve reimbursing Mr. John Zippert (recipient of the 2011 SRSA service award) for the cost of his travel to the conference.
- A request was also made for a check in the amount of \$200 for the student paper winner (Ms. Katy Williams) and the Council approved both requests.

e) Program Chair (Dr. Andrew Zekeri)

- There was no report since Dr. Zekeri did not attend the meeting. He was managing the registration table.

Other Business

- Dr. Bukenya moved a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dr. Terrance Thomas
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:08.