

**Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA)
General Meeting, Feb. 7, 2011
Corpus Christi, Texas**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order (morning of Fe. 7)

- Meeting was called to order by the President (Dr. Anna M. Kleiner) at 4:16pm.
- 14 members were in attendance.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting (2010 Orlando)

- The Treasurer/Secretary (James Bukenya) presented a summary of the minutes for the previous (2010) general meeting conducted in Orlando Florida. [The minutes were taken by the former Treasurer/Secretary, Dr. Edward B. Reeves).
- Dr. Anna M. Kleiner moved the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Dr. Terrance Thomas seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

a) Treasurer's Report (James O. Bukenya)

- he 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. Douglas Clayton Smith seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report.

b) Webmaster's Report (Doug Smith)

- Updating of the website is still ongoing and noted that his working with the editorial team and that the new issues of the journal have been uploaded to the SRSA website.

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 Vol. 26(2) or Vol. 26(3)).
- 4) Updated SRS/JRSS info with EBSCO
- 5) SRSA makeover (ImageWest), including JRSS.
- 6) Editorial Board structure attached.

d) **Program Chair Report** (Dr. Andrew Zekeri)

- The total number of registered participants was 36 (24 professional and 12 students)
- For the luncheon he budgeted for 50 participants and 49 showed-up to the award banquet luncheon.

e) **Awards Committee Report** (Tom Gray)

- f) The chair of the award committee presented names of the SRSA 2011 award recipients.
- g) Dr. Lionel J. (Bo) Beaulieu, Mississippi State University, Excellence in Extension Award.
- h) John Zippert (Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund) Excellence in Public Service Award
- i) Dr. Glenn Israel, University of Florida, Excellence in Teaching Award.

- j) Dr. Gene Theodori, Sam Houston State University, Excellence in Research Award.
- k) Babatunde A. Obembe and Swagata "Ban" Banerjee, Alabama AM University, Outstanding Professional Paper Award
- l) Ms. Katy Williams, Texas AM University, Outstanding Student Paper Award
- m) The award committee chair (Dr. Gray) requested that SRSA Council approve reimbursing Mr. John Zipert (recipient of the 2011 SRSA service award) for the cost of his travel to the conference.
- n) 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.

o) Program Chair Elect/President

- Dr. Robert Zabawa from Tuskegee University was nominated and selected (in his absence) as program chair elect.

3. Other Business

- There was an extended discussion on the issue of whether to produce a proceeding from the SRSA's presented papers. Following the lengthy discussion it was agreed upon that it was not cost effect. The membership asked the executive committee to revisit the issue and make a recommendation.
- Dr. Gray moved a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dr. Terrance Thomas
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:02.