

Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA)
 Ist Executive Council Meeting, Feb. 5, 2012
 Birmingham, Alabama

MINUTES

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by the President (Dr. Thomas Gray) at 8:18am.

Confirmation of Minutes of the Mid-Year Executive Council Meeting (May. 20, 2011, Conference Call)

- The Treasurer/Secretary (James Bukenya) presented a summary of the minutes for the previous mid-year executive council meeting conducted via conference call on May 20, 2011.

Treasurer's Report (James O. Bukenya)

- The treasurer presented the current status of the association's finances which reflected the following:

Cost Summary for the 2011 SRSA Annual Meeting (Corpus Christi, Texas)

Presidential Reception	<i>\$138.62</i>
Award Plaques	<i>\$187.00</i>
Award Banquet	<i>\$1,571.79</i>
Refreshments for meeting rooms	<i>\$266.22</i>
Program printing cost	<i>\$164.60</i>
Honorarium	<i>\$1,180.25</i>
Copy editor's fees	<i>\$1,050.00</i>
SAAS Registration Fees	<i>\$1,440.00</i>
Student Award	<i>\$200.00</i>
Refund for 2011 registration	<i>\$360.00</i>
Total Cost	<i>\$6,558.48</i>

Account Balance (Feb. 4, 2012)

Cost and Revenue Items	Revenue	Expenses	Account Balance
Carry Over Balance (Feb. 4, 2011)	\$12,236.41		
Conference registration (2011)	\$4,780.00		
Conference expenses (2011)		\$4,328.23	
Copy editor's fees (2011)		\$1,050.00	
Honorarium (2011)		\$1,180.25	
Membership dues (2011-2012)	\$160.00		
Journal Submission fees (2011 – 2012)	\$630.00		
Total	\$17,806.41	\$6,558.48	\$11,247.93

Dr. Anna Kleiner moved the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Dr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report.

Webmaster's Report (Doug Smith)

- Updating of the website is still ongoing.

- Minimal changes since the webmaster took on additional duties as Departmental Chair at his institution.
- 2 issues were uploaded last year.
- Requested for pictures from members that could be uploaded on the website.
- The association has a face book page but not active.
- Requested for information on the Black Belt project.

The web master's report was accepted.

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

- Three issues have been published in 2011: special Volume 25:3 on the Michigan State School of Agrifood Studies; special Volume 26:1 on Social Issues with Unconventional Natural Gas Development, and Vol. 26:2 (open submission).
- The editors were contacted by the National Agricultural Library regarding indexing in Agricola. They (thanks to Doug Smith's hard work) have submitted the metadata to the Library and are awaiting reply/comment. They pledged to pursue other indexing opportunities during the year.
- There is a plan for JRSS to be approached by a major publishing firm to be part of their suite of publications.
- Copy Editor Brooklynn A. Wynveen continues to improve the quality of JRSS articles.
- Copy editor was paid last year (2011) and requested that the copy editor be paid again this year (2012).
- Book Review Editor Ed Reeves continues to perform this function admirably.
- Dr. Reeves (Book Review Editor) asked members to volunteer for book reviews on books they may consider useful to the membership.

Submission Status:

- 2009 – 17 submitted: (9 – accept); (8 – reject)
- 2010 – 20 submitted: (6 – accept); (16 – reject)
- 2011 – 22 submitted: (4 – accept); (11 – reject); (5 – under review) (the submissions for the special issues are not included in the totals reported)
- Based on 2009/2011 submissions/completions to date, the acceptance rate is 35%.

Three special volumes in process:

- Rural Veterans Health Issues (edited by Hilda R. Heady, Senior Vice President and Chair, Rural Health Research and Policy Group, Atlas Research LLC). This issue includes 10 papers, plus a Commentary and two book reviews. (near completion: VOL26:3).
- Community-Based Research: Analysis of Outcomes for Learning and Social Change (edited by Anna Kleiner, Katie Kerstetter, and John Green); (12 papers are under review: plan to Vol27:1 or 27:2)
- Rural Health (edited by Dr. Jin Young Choi, SHSU); (15 papers are in "full paper development stage: plan to be Vol 27:3 or later; may be split into two issues if necessary).

The report was accepted.

Program Chair Report (Dr. Keiko)

- The total number of registered participants was 62 (35 professional, 25 students and 2 retirees)
- For the award banquet luncheon he budgeted for and paid for 62 participants.
- Dr. Keiko made a request to the general membership to consider pre-registration, even if the check is not mailed with the registration form, to help with the count and preparations.

The report was accepted.

Awards Committee Report (Dr. Andrew Zekeri)

- The chair of the award committee presented names of the SRSA 2012 award recipients.
 1. Excellence in Extension -- Rachael Carter
 2. Outstanding Professional Paper -- James O. Bukenya
 3. Outstanding Student paper -- Jessica Gouldthorpe and Joy Goodwin (University of Florida)
- Dr. Zekeri proposed that we should have two student awards: Graduate and Undergraduate levels.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08am.