

Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA)
2nd Executive Council Meeting, Feb. 7, 2012
Birmingham, Alabama

MINUTES

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by the President (Dr. Thomas Gray) at 11:11am.

Confirmation of Minutes of the First Executive Meeting (Feb. 5, 2012, Birmingham)

- The Treasurer/Secretary (James Bukenya) presented a summary of the minutes for the previous executive meeting conducted in the morning Feb. 5, 2012.

Treasurer's Report (James O. Bukenya)

- The treasurer presented the current status of the association's finances and indicated that he had paid the Association's hotel and reception cost in the amount \$3,267.77.
- The treasurer asked all executive members who had incurred conference related expenses to submit their receipts.

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

- No report.

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 asked the program chair (Dr. Zabawa) to push for pre-registration even if the members do not send the check with the registration form.
- The executive discussed the issue of changing the conference dates but could not come to a consensus. Thus, the issue was postponed for extended discussions at the next general meeting.

Awards Committee Report (Dr. Andrew Zekeri)

- Dr. Zekeri proposed that we should have two student awards: Graduate and Undergraduate levels.
- Dr. Zabawa suggested that we include a presentation component on the selection of best student paper award.

Other Business

- Mid-Year executive meeting was scheduled for May 18-19, 2012 in Atlanta.
- The executive approved using association's funds to pay for the hotel rooms during the mid-year executive meeting, but noted that the maximum per room should be \$100.
- In brief, the Council reviewed SRSA's revenue and expenditures and it was noted that SRSA is spending roughly \$80 per article published in JRSS (based on the current figures where it costs roughly \$100 per article edited) while the authors are paying \$20 to \$30 per published article. After a lengthy discussion, the Executive Council unanimously agreed that we need to revisit this issue and it was suggested that JRSS Editorial Team be asked to come up with a proposal to address the cost structure, which currently is unsustainable. It was suggested that such a proposal be presented at the mid-year Executive Council meeting in Atlanta on May 18-19, 2012.

Dr. Gray moved a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dr. Zabawa
Meeting was adjourned at 12:03.