Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA)
2nd Executive Council Meeting, Feb. 5, 2013
Orlando Florida

MINUTES

Call to Order
- Meeting was called to order by the President (Dr. Andrew Zekeri) at 8:07
- In attendance: Dr. Andrew Zekeri, Dr. James Bukenya, Dr. Robert Zabawa, Dr. Kenneth Robinson and Dr. Doug Smith (briefly).

Confirmation of Minutes of the First Executive Meeting (Feb. 3, 2013, Orlando, Florida)
- The Secretary (James Bukenya) presented a summary of the minutes for the previous executive meeting conducted in the morning Feb. 3, 2013. Dr. Zabawa moved a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Dr. Robinson. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report (James O. Bukenya)
- The treasurer presented the current status of the association’s finances and indicated that at the request of the Program Chair (Dr. Zabawa), he had paid the Association’s hotel/conference room cost ($1,876.19) and reception cost ($3,001.38) for a total amount $4,877.57.
- The treasurer asked all executive members who had incurred conference related expenses to submit their receipts for reimbursement.

Dr. Zekeri moved a motion to accept the treasurer’s report seconded by Dr. Zabawa. Report was accepted.

Journal Editors' Report (Douglas H. Constance and Gene L. Theodori)
- No report.

Program Chair Report (Dr. Zabawa)
- The total number of registered participants was close to last year’s numbers.
- For the award banquet luncheon he budgeted for 70 participants.
- Dr. Zabawa asked the program chair elect (Dr. Robinson) to push for pre-registration to get a more accurate count for likely participants.
- 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.

Dr. Zekeri moved a motion to accept the report seconded by Dr. Robinson. Report was accepted.

Awards Committee Report (Dr. Keiko)
- No report.

Other Business
- Awards:
  - Council would like to revisit the process of Award nomination and selection to make sure that the guidelines are followed.
  - Council approved the modification of the Student Award to Student Presentation. Thus, the Student Paper Award will be based on a student paper presentation, and three (3) Awards will be given out: 1st Place $100 with a certificate, 2nd Place $50 with a certificate and 3rd Place receives only a Certificate.
Council noted that we need to revisit the journal submission fee and it was suggested that this issue needs to be discussed further with the Journal Editors during the Mid-Year Executive Meeting. One idea that was presented would require instituting a page fee in addition to the submission fee.

Council also noted that during the Mid-Year Executive Meeting we should discuss the process of recruiting another Co-Editor who will step in when Doug leaves the editorial team.

The proposed date and venue for the Mid-Year Executive Meeting is Atlanta Georgia on June 14-15, 2013.

Dr. Robinson moved a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dr. Zabawa. Meeting was adjourned at 9:41.