

Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA)  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$100 with a certificate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$50 with a certificate and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.