

SRSA GENERAL MEETING

Dallas TX, Feb. 3, 2014

MINUTES

1. Call to Order (Dr. Keiko Tanaka, SRSA President):

- Meeting convened at 4:22 PM
- In attendance: 11 members were in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (Dr. James Bukenya):

- The secretary presented the minutes of the previous annual general meeting in Florida.
- The minutes were amended to add Ms. Cheryl Hudec's name (the recipient of last year's Excellence in Service Award) to the records.
- Dr. Smith moved a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Dr. Robinson. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted.

3. Treasurer's Report (Dr. James Bukenya):

- Account Balance (January 28, 2014)

Cost and Revenue Items	Revenue	Expenses	Balance
Carry Over Balance (Feb.5, 2013)	\$8,816.54		
2013 Annual Meeting Expenses			
Presidential Reception (Dr. Zekeri \$84.28 & Dr. Smith, D. \$64.28)		\$ 148.56	
Award Banquet & Conference Breaks		\$ 4,877.57	
Program printing cost		\$ 199.72	
Copy editor's fees		\$ 1,450.00	
SAAS Registration Fees		\$ 1,765.00	
Copyright Royalty	26.98		
2013 Annual Meeting registration	\$5,440.00		
Membership dues	\$20.00		
Journal Submission fees	\$500.00		
Total	\$14,803.52	\$8,440.85	\$6,362.67

- The treasurer informed membership of registration checks that had bounced back which led the bank to charge the SRSA's bank account for the returned check. The treasurer asked the members to advise him on the best way to handle the situation.
- The members agreed that there was nothing the association can do to collect the funds but instructed the treasurer to send polite email requests to the individuals who issued the bounced checks and ask them to meet their obligations

Dr. Zabawa moved a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Dr. Brooklynn Wynveen. The motion passed and the report was accepted.

4. Webmaster's Report (Ms. Jessica Burk):

No report was presented.

5. Editor's Report (Drs. Doug Constance and Jin Choi):

- Three issues were published in 2013: special Volume 27:3 on Rural Health, and Volumes 28.1 and 28.2 (open submission).
- We received 28 submissions in 2013, a notable increase from previous years.
- Vol. 28.3 is near completion with three articles, one research note, and one commentary. For Volume 28 in 2013 all the issues will be open submission. This is both good and bad: good because we are attracting more submissions, which is necessary to be eventually indexed.
- This is bad because there are no special issues in process. I would like to have one per year as a buffer.
- We continue to receive several international submissions. Many are rejected by the editors as inappropriate for JRSS, but some are sent out for review.
- We are still working with the National Agricultural Library regarding indexing in Agricola.
- SRSA should have a discussion regarding our intentions to be approached by a major publishing firm to be part of their suite of publications.
- Copy Editor Dr. Brooklynn Wynveen continues to improve the quality of JRSS articles.
- Book Review Editor Dr. Ed Reeves has retired and resigned from this role. Should we solicit another Book Review Editor?
- Dr. Jin Young Choi is a valuable asset as Co-Editor.
- Dr. Douglas Clayton Smith is a valuable asset as Managing Editor.
- Ms. Jessica Burk is a valuable asset as Editorial Assistant.
- The Sociology Department at Sam Houston University has agreed to subsidize JRSS with travel support for the Editor in Chief, Co-Editor, and Editorial Assistant, as well a travel support for Dr. Wynveen and a subsidy of \$1,000 per year for copy editing services.

Submission Status:

2009 – 17 submitted: (9 – accept); (8 – reject)

2010 – 22 submitted: (6 – accept); (16 – reject)

2011 – 21 submitted: (9 – accept); (12 – reject)

2012 – 17 submitted: (7 – accept); (10 – reject)

2013 – 28 submitted: (7 – accept), (13 – reject), (3 – R and R), and (5 - under review).

2014 – 1 submitted: (1 – under review)

Based on 2009 – 2012 submissions the acceptance rate is 40.3%.

Other business:

- 1) Financial support for Copy Editor: Dr. Brooklynn Wynveen has copy edited 16 articles and research notes that were published in 2013. She is paid \$100 per article/research note and \$50 per commentary for her services, for a total of \$1600 for 2013. As noted above, SHSU Sociology will pay \$1,000 to Dr. Wynveen for this service. We request that SRSA Council

approve the payment of \$600 to her for duties performed as copy editor for JRSS. Dr. Wynveen's duties as copy editor are essential to maintain the quality of JRSS.

- 2) JRSS editors were charged by SRSA council to prepare a plan to support the financial stability of the journal in relation to the association. In response, we are going to press when we have five "pieces" ready to go. This strategy reduces the time to publication as well as the financial burden per year for copy editor services.

Dr. Zabawa moved to accept the Journal Editor's report and was seconded by Dr. Smith and the report was accepted.

6. Program Chairs Report (Dr. Robinson):

- 43 registration [26 professionals and 17 students]
- 27 participants pre-registered for the conference [17 professionals and 10 students].
- 36 abstracts and 2 posters
- Program chair thanked Drs. Zabawa and Tanaka for allowing their students to help with the registration table.
- Dr. Robinson told the members that he was going to develop a list and a timeline of the conference activities which he will pass on to the in-coming program chair to aid them in getting the job done.

Dr. Wynveen moved a motion to accept the report and was seconded by Dr. Zabawa.

7. Awards Chair's Report (Dr. Zabawa)

- There was no submission for the Service Award and Student Paper Award
- For the other awards, there was no competition since few submissions were received for each category.
- Excellence in Extension: Marion F. Simon
- Excellence in Research: Buddhi R. Gyawali
- Outstanding Professional paper: Brooklynn J. Wynveen
- Dr. Zabawa recommended that for the student paper award, we need to move away from requiring a full paper submission and try student poster competition.
- The membership agreed that starting next year 2015, SRSA will accept student poster competition in place of paper competition. The award committee was asked to work out the details but it was noted that the lead author on the poster has to be a student who will have to present the poster during the judging session.
- Dr. Constance pledged \$100 for the 1st place award for the student poster competition and proposed that the award be named after him "**Doug Constance 1st Place Student Paper Award**".
- Dr. Smith pledged \$50 for the 2nd place award for the student poster competition and also proposed that the award be named after him "**Douglas Clayton Smith 2nd Place Student Paper Award**".

Dr. Wynveen moved a motion to accept the report and was seconded by Dr. Constance.

8. Other Business

- Program Chair Elect: Dr. Constance nominated Dr. Marion Simon and was seconded by Dr. Zabawa. She was voted unanimously as the program chair elect.
- Dr. Constance moved a motion to increase membership fees from \$20 to \$40 for professional membership. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gyawali and after a brief discussion, the membership voted and the motion was passed to increase professional membership.

Dr. Gyawali moved a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dr. Choi.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.