

SRSA 1st Executive Council Meeting Atlanta, GA, Feb. 1, 2015

MINUTES

1. Call to Order (Dr. Robert Zabawa, SRSA President):

- Meeting convened at 8:30 am.
- In attendance: Dr. Jim Young Choi, Dr. Kenneth Robinson, Dr. Robert Zabawa, Dr. James Bukenya, Dr. Doug Constance, Dr. Doug Smith and Dr. Marion Simon.

2. Welcome (Dr. Robert Zabawa, SRSA President):

- The president welcomed and thanked all council members for their continued service to the association.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (Dr. James Bukenya, Secretary):

- The secretary presented the minutes of the previous (2014) Executive Meeting in Dallas, TX.
- Dr. Robinson moved a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Dr. Simon. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted.

4. Mid-Year Executive Council Meeting:

- A conference call was scheduled for the mid-year executive meeting but only 3 members of the council were present. Thus, no official association matters were discussed and no minutes were recorded for this meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report (Dr. James Bukenya, Treasurer):

Account Balance (January 31, 2015)

Cost and Revenue Items	Revenue	Expenses	Account Balance
Carry Over Balance (Feb.5, 2014)	\$6,242.67		
2014 Annual Meeting Expenses			
Presidential Reception (Dr. Doug Constance)		\$ 87.32	
Award Plaques		\$ 112.50	
Award Banquet & Conference Breaks		\$ 1,799.61	
Copy editor's fees		\$ 600.00	
SAAS Registration Fees		\$ 1,530.00	
Copyright Royalty (EBSCO)	115.46		
2014 Annual Meeting registration	\$3,780.00		
Membership dues	\$20.00		
Journal Submission fees	\$220.00		
Total	\$10,378.13	\$4,129.43	\$6,248.70

- Dr. Simon moved a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Dr. Robinson. The motion passed and the report was accepted.

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

No report was presented. Ms. Jessica Burk resigned as webmaster and currently there is no one serving in this capacity.

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

- Three issues were published in 2014: Volumes 28:3, 29:1; and 29.2.
- Received 28 submissions in 2014, the same number as 2013.
- Vol. 29.3 is in process: probably three articles and two research notes.
- International submissions have continued though many are rejected by the editors as inappropriate for JRSS.
- 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 subsidy for Dr. Brooklynn Wynveen 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 – 28 submitted: ((5 – accept), (13 – reject), (5 – R and R), and (5 - under review).

Based on 2009 – 2013 submissions the acceptance rate is 42%.

Other business:

- 1) Financial support for Copy Editor: Dr. Brooklynn Wynveen has copy edited 11 articles and research notes that were published in 2014. She is paid \$100 per article/research note and \$50 per commentary for her services, for a total of \$1,150 for 2014. As noted above, SHSU Sociology will pay \$1,000 to Dr. Wynveen for this service. We request that SRSA Council approve the payment of \$150 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 editorial staff informed the SRSA council in November 2014 that they will officially resign as of 2015 meeting in February in Atlanta. The Editor will continue processing the papers submitted during the 2014 period. The editor informed council that at this time JRSS is not accepting new submissions, though they continue to have inquiries. The editorial staff noted that they have enjoyed their time as editors and look forward to working through the transition with the new editorial staff and the continued success of the JRSS.

Dr. Zabawa moved to accept the Journal Editors report and was seconded by Dr. Robinson. The motion passed and the report was accepted.

8. Program Chairs Report (Dr. Smith):

- 53 pre-registration [mostly students]
- 63 lunch orders were placed for the banquet.
- No breaks were ordered due to the high cost for the luncheon (\$49 per person).

- Dr. Smith brought most of the items (refreshments) for the President's Reception.

Dr. Zabawa moved to accept the report and was seconded by Dr. Robinson. The motion passed and the report was accepted.

9. Awards Chair's Report (Dr. Robinson)

- There was only one submission for the Student Paper Award
- For the other awards, there was no submissions. Two abstracts had been submitted for the professional paper but were later withdrawn.

Dr. Zabawa moved to accept the report and was seconded by Dr. Bukenya. The report was accepted.

10. Other Business

- Program Chair Elect: Council members were encouraged to talk to their colleagues in search of suitable people to serve in this role.
- Journal Editor's Selection Process: Dr. Constance suggested that council forms a committee to set up a process to identify a new editor.
- 2nd Executive Council Meeting was scheduled for Feb. 3, 2015 at 9:00 am in Room 6715.

Dr. Robinson moved a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dr. Simon.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.