

SRSA General Meeting Atlanta, GA, Feb. 2, 2015

MINUTES

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

- Meeting convened at 4.53 pm.
- In attendance: 21 people.

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

- The president welcomed and thanked all current and future members for their continued support and membership.

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

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

4. 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. Doug Constance. The motion passed and the report was accepted.

5. 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.

6. 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.
- 3) Comments:
 - a. Dr. Hans Bakker volunteered to guest edit a special issue to document the contribution of the 1890s and 1862s. He invited anybody who presented a paper addressing this issue or would like to contribute the special issue to contact him.

- b. Doug Smith volunteered to continue as managing editor for the journal and also to serve as webmaster until a replacement is found.

Dr. Israel moved to accept the Journal Editor's report and was seconded by Dr. Simon. The motion passed and the report was accepted.

7. Program Chairs Report (Dr. Smith):

- 53 pre-registration [mostly students]
- 77 pre-registration [42 professional and 35 students]
- 77 lunch orders were placed for the banquet.

Dr. Israel moved to accept the report and was seconded by Dr. River. The motion passed and the report was accepted.

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

- The Student Paper Award was given to Francisca A. Agbemenu from Tuskegee University.
- For the other awards, there was no submissions. Two abstracts had been submitted for the professional paper but were later withdrawn.

Dr. Constance moved a motion to accept the report and was seconded by Dr. Israel. The report was accepted.

9. Other Business

- Program Chair Elect: Dr. Constance nominated Dr. John Green from the University of Mississippi and was seconded by Dr. Simon. He was elected unanimously.
- Journal Editor's Selection Process: A committee was set up identify a new editor. The members of this committee are Dr. Robert Zabawa and Doug Constance. The president thanked the outgoing editorial team for their services.
- Dr. Simon noted that due to her health she would like to have a co-chair and asked Dr. Buddhi Gyawali to serve with her as co-chair. Dr. Gyawali said that though he could not accept the request at the moment he would consider it in the future.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.