

# SRSA Business Meeting, San Antonio, TX

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**February 9, 2016**

## **MINUTES**

1. Call to Order (Dr. Kenneth Robinson, SRSA President):
  - Meeting convened at 4:17 pm
  - In attendance: 12 Members.
  
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:
  - Council discussed the minutes of the last year's (2015) business meeting. The minutes were amended to correct a typo (*Editors' Report*).

Dr. Smith moved a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Dr. Simon. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted.
  
3. Treasurer's Report (Dr. James Bukenya):
  - The treasurer submitted a print out of the current financial statement.

### **Account Balance (JANUARY 31, 2016)**

<b>Cost and Revenue Items</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Account Balance</b>
Carry Over Balance (Feb.5, 2015)	\$6,248.70		
2015 Annual Meeting:			
Presidential Reception		\$139.62	
Award Plaques		\$37.50	
Award Banquet & Conference Breaks		\$5,262.62	
Program printing cost		245.38	
Copy editor's fees		\$150.00	
SAAS Registration Fees		\$2,515.00	
Copyright Royalty (EBSCO)	57.83		
Annual Meeting registration	\$8,755.00		
Membership dues	\$60.00		
Journal Submission fees	160.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,281.53</b>	<b>\$8,350.12</b>	<b>\$6,931.41</b>

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

4. Webmaster's Report (Dr. Smith):

- The webmaster reported that there were still challenges in accessing the website on the Auburn University server. Auburn administrators have issues with allowing someone who is not affiliated with the university to post materials on their network/server.
- The webmaster proposed for Council to consider subscribing to another host, such as GoDaddy, and move the site away from Auburn in the long-run.
- In the short-run, Dr. Zabawa volunteered to contact his Auburn colleagues, since he holds a joint appointment at Auburn, to see if they can give him access and permission to maintain and post material on the SRSA website.

Dr. Bukenya moved a motion to accept the webmaster's report and was seconded by Dr. Zabawa. The motion passed and the report was accepted.

5. Editor's Report (Dr. Smith):

Published one issue of the Journal of Rural Social Sciences last year.

- I started out with no articles previously under review. From last meeting to this meeting, I received 23 manuscripts. Of those:
  - 1 was unconditional accept
  - 6 were revise and resubmits (of which 3 have come back in and been accepted)
  - 5 were rejected
  - 6 are currently out under review and 5 still need to be reviewed (2 of those came in in the last two days)

There are two special issues underway:

- one is a new issue on rural crime (it should be ready within the month)
- one is a new issue on methods (it is currently being reviewed and should be ready later this year)

I also plan to discuss a special issue on rural recreation and tourism

So we have two special issues and with the presidential address we have 5 manuscripts. So this year we can go back to 3 issues.

Impact Factor

- Last year:
  - 2-Year Google Scholar-based Impact Factor: 1.06
  - 5-Year Google Scholar-based Impact Factor: 1.77
- This year:
  - 2-Year Google Scholar-based Impact Factor: 1.86
  - 5-Year Google Scholar-based Impact Factor: 5.28

## ISSUES:

Status of the Committee to find the next editor

Location of Website

Editorial Board.

I sent out a request for help in finding reviewers recently to the 31 members of the editorial board. I got responses from 8. I plan on culling the current board and replacing them with individuals from other social science disciplines to better represent the vision and mission of the journal.

We be reviewed by the editorial board.

- The interim editor observed that many of the members on the editorial committee are not responsive to requests, and suggested that there will come a time when he will drop members if they continue to be non-responsive.
6. Issue of Double Submission: The interim editor informed Council that there is one article published in the journal that was also published in another journal. The editorial team is in the process of reviewing the issue and most likely will drop the article from the journal.

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

### 7. Program Chair's Report:

- 54 papers and posters were received
- Several people from Kentucky State University have volunteered to help with registration and setting up for the conference.

Dr. Green moved to accept the report and was seconded by Dr. Smith and the report was accepted.

### 8. Award Chair's Report:

Excellent in Extension: Louie Rivers, Jr., J=Kentucky State University

Excellent in Research: Jin-Young Choi, Sam Houston State University

Professional Paper Award: Gray and Liebrand, USDA

There was one student who had submitted an abstract but did not follow up.

Dr. Marion moved to accept the report and was seconded by Dr. Green and the report was accepted.

### 9. Other Business:

- Program Chair Elect: Dr. Zabawa nominated Dr. Jin-Young Choi and was seconded by Dr. Simon. With no other nomination, Dr. Jin-Young Choi was selected as the Program Chair Elect.
- A suggestion was presented to change the Award Ceremony from Monday to Sunday to address the issue of fewer lunch options since most restaurants are closed on Sunday when our meeting starts. Following a lengthy discussion, it was suggested that we keep the Award Ceremony on the usual schedule. As a follow up, It was suggested that Council presents this issue to SAAS to see if SAAS can start a practice of compiling a list of restaurants than might be open on Sunday in the respective host venues.
- It was also mentioned that Council should voice SRSA members' dissatisfaction with the rooms/locations assigned to SRSA.

Dr. Jin-Young Choi moved a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Green.

Meeting adjourned at 5.05 pm.