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SRSA Mid-Year Council Meeting (Conference Call, Aug. 3, 2016)

1. Call to Order (Dr. Doug Smith, SRSA President):
 - Meeting convened at 1:06 pm Central Time
 - In attendance: Doug Smith, Kenneth Robinson, James Bukenya' John Green and Jin Young Choi.
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:
 - Council discussed the minutes of the previous meeting in San Antonio which had been circulated to council prior to the meeting. Dr. Smith moved a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Dr. Green. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Account Balance (August 3, 2016)

Cost and Revenue Items	Revenue	Expenses	Account Balance
Carry Over Balance (Feb.9, 2016)	\$6,931.41		
2016 Annual Meeting Expenses			
Presidential Reception (Dr. Doug Constance)		\$157.51	
3 Award Plaques		\$119.85	
Award Banquet & Conference Breaks		\$4,410.00	
Program printing cost		0.00	
SAAS Registration Fees		\$1,780.00	
2016 Annual Meeting registration	\$6,155.00		
Domaine name renewal and website hosting fees		190.89	
Membership dues	\$0.00		
Journal Submission fees	170.00		
Total	\$13,256.41	\$6,658.25	\$6,598.16

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

4. Webmaster's Report:

- Following up on an assignment given to him at the last meeting, Dr. Smith looked at several options and selected to purchase 2 domain names (Journalofruralsciences.org and Southernruralsociology.org) for SRSA web hosting from GoDaddy.com at \$240.00. The purchase came with an additional third domain name at no charge (Southernruralsociology.org).
- All the information from the old web site has already been migrated to the new site which is up and running. All the three domain names lead to the same site.
- Dr. Smith intends to contact folks at Auburn University to request that they turn off the old web site and replace it with a page redirecting visitors to the new site.
- The hosting cost was paid for the initial 3 years at a discount (240.00) but after the 3-year the full cost per year will be roughly \$120 per year.

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

5. Editor's Report:

- The editor presented a report noting that 17 articles have been received so far. 1-article has been accepted, 2-articles have been rejected and 14-articles are still under review.

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- The latest issue of the journal was uploaded on the new web site. All the copy editing for this issue was completed by the editor (No copy editor fees were incurred).
- The Rural Crime Special Issue with 5-6 articles is almost completed with copyright agreements being returned.
- Another issue on Methodology by Dr. Israelis is in the second phase of the review process.
- The editor is anticipating other issues on 1890s and Rural Leisure.
- The editor is working on changing the composition of the editorial board. He sent out invitations to 55 individuals from other closely related areas of study to serve as editorial members to broaden the journal's coverage.
- Dr. Green reported on the assignment he was given during the last meeting to inquire on what it would take for Publishers like Taylor and Francis to purchase JRSS. One major question that came up was whether SRSA will be offering the whole of JRSS as a catalog or just the Volumes from the date of purchase! He noted that offering the whole JRSS catalog would be more appealing to potential buyers.
- It was also expressed that the number of issues published per year matters. A question was whether JRSS can put out 4-issues per year.

Dr. Bukenya moved a motion to accept the report, seconded by Dr. Green. The motion passed and the report was accepted.

6. Program Chair:

- Has not received any information or materials from previous program chair (Dr. Simon).
- Still waiting to hear from SAAS on the dates and arrangements for the 2017 program.
- Working on sending out a call for paper draft. Dr. Green noted that he has help on the human resource side from his Center.
- It was requested that the Name Tags for the Executive Council members be printed including the offices they occupy.

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

7. Program Chair:

- Dr. Simon was not present

8. New Business:

- **SRSA Tax Documents:**
- Dr. Green reported on an assignment he was given during the last meeting noting that, he spoke to Dr. Marie Cope the Director of the Transaction Law Clinic (TLC) at Mississippi University. Dr. Cope agreed to have her students take on our case as a class project but requires the SRSA President to sign an agreement indicating that TLC and its students are not providing any legal advice.
- Dr. Green moved a motion that: The through the Executive Council, SRSA Partner with TLC at Mississippi University to help SRSA with getting SRSA's Incorporation and tax documents organized. The motion was seconded by Dr. Choi and was unanimously approved.
- Dr. Green asked the secretary to send him a copy of the 1099 form that was issued to the Association.

Dr. Green moved a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Robinson.

Meeting adjourned at 2: 16 pm.