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SRSA First Council Meeting (Mobile Alabama, Feb. 6, 2017)

1. Call to Order (Dr. Doug Smith, SRSA President):
 - Meeting convened at 8:00 am.
 - In attendance: Douglas Clayton Smith, Kenneth Robinson, James Bukenya, John Green, Marion Simon and Jin Young Choi.
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:
 - Council discussed the minutes of the previous mid-year conference call which were circulated during the meeting. Dr. Green moved a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Dr. Robinson. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Report:

Account Balance (Feb 4, 2017)

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	
Copyright Royalty (EBSCO)	\$50.26		
Membership dues	\$20.00		
Journal Submission fees	260.00		
Total	\$13,416.67	\$6,658.25	\$6,758.42

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:
 - Dr. Smith purchase 3 domain names (Journalofruralsocialsciences.org, Southernruralsociology.org and Southernruralsociology.org) for SRSA web hosting from GoDaddy.com.
 - 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.
 - Council made a decision and instructed Dr. Smith to contact the IT unit at Auburn University to request that they terminate the links to the old website.

Dr. Choi moved a motion to accept the report, seconded by Dr. Green. The motion passed and the report was accepted.
5. Editor's Report:
 - The editor presented a report noting that 2 issues of the journal had been published: Rural Crime and a Special issue on Research Methodology.

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- He also informed council that there were two issues being planned: African Sociology and Rural Drug Use issues.
- The Editor noted that he has started adding individuals from different knowledge areas on the editorial team.

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

6. Program Chair:

- 26 profession members
- 14 students
- 1 retired member
- 7 members who did not indicate a membership category
- 65 lunches were ordered
- Only 27 conference participants pre-paid

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

7. Awards Chair:

- There were no submissions for Professional Paper, Extension and Teaching awards.
- 3 student papers were received
 - 1st Paper Award: Tristeen Bownes from Tuskegee University
 - 2nd Paper Award: Debaleena Dutta from Tuskegee University

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

8. New Business:

- **SRSA Tax Documents:**
- Dr. Green reported on an assignment he was given during the last meeting noting that, the team at the Transaction Law Clinic (TLC) at the University of Mississippi were still working on the issue and will get back to us with several options.
- Program Chair Elect: Dr. Green asked everyone to think of potential candidates for the position and argue them to attend the business meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.