

**ASA Section on Social Psychology
2001 Council Meeting
August 19, 2001 7:15 am**

Agenda

1. Welcome and Announcements (Peter Burke)
2. Highlights of 200-2001 (Peter Burke)
3. Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Don Reitzes)
4. Section Newsletter Report (Jane Sell)
5. Webmaster Report (Peter Burke)
6. SSSI Liaison (Michael Flaherty)
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Nominations (Dawn Robinson)
 - b. Professional Affairs (Elizabeth Menaghan)
 - c. Graduate Student Affairs (Herman Smith)
 - d. Cooley-Mead Award (Jonathan Turner)
 - e. Membership (Susan Sprecher)
8. Comments from *Social Psychology Quarterly* (Cecilia Ridgeway)
9. Old Business
 - f. Section's long term financial health
 - g. Section sponsorship of new SP Volume
10. New Business?
11. Comments and Announcements from Philip Bonacich, Chair Elect

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Council Meeting, August 19, 2001

Minutes

The meeting convened at 7:15 a.m. with 14 members present.

Welcome and Announcements: Peter Burke, section chair, welcomed and congratulated the newly elected Council members. This year the section-sponsored events at the annual meeting included (1) the section's reception co-sponsored with the section on Emotions; (2) council meeting; (3) a roundtable session; (4) an invited panel session on agency, interaction, and social structure; (5) 2 paper sessions on agency in social interaction and agency in social structures; and (6) the annual business meeting and Cooley-Mead ceremony.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Don Reitzes noted that the section remains financially healthy. We ended 2000 with a balance of \$2253.79, which reflected an increase of \$877.73 over the last 5 years. Revenues for 2001 consisted of an allocation of \$2302 from the ASA (\$2 per section member based on 651 members as of 9/30/00 plus a base of \$1,000) and \$792 section dues (\$2 from 391 regular section members as of 9/30/00). Expenses for 2001 are budgeted at \$3,000. So, as long as membership remains more or less at current levels, the section's operating costs will be close to its revenues, and we will be able to carry over most of our assets.

Section Newsletter and Web Site Reports: Jane Sell, Newsletter Editor, thanked contributors to the newsletter. Council discussed a recommendation that given increased publication costs that the Newsletter publish two hard copy issues (possibly Fall and Spring), and an electronic version (Summer) with an option for interested members to receive paper copies through the mail upon written request. The recommendation will be presented to the section membership at the Business meeting. It was suggested that savings from the electronic distribution of the Newsletter be used to increase the amount given to graduate student award winners to cover their travel expenses to the annual meetings.

Peter Burke announced that he is willing to serve one more year as Webmaster, thus search for a successor needs to begin. Volunteers for the position are encouraged to contact Phil Bonacich. He reported that the web site continues to run smoothly and encouraged Council to remind members that the web page is an excellent venue for announcements and provides an efficient way to locate the addresses of section members. He welcomes suggestions for other uses of the site.

SSSI Liaison: Michael Flaherty spoke of his goal to keep information flowing between the section and the SSSI and there was discussion about the possibility of announcing forthcoming articles both in Social Psychology Quarterly and Symbolic Interaction.

Summary of Committee Activities: Dawn Robinson, chair of the Nominations Committee, thanked committee members and reported that there was active interest and numerous nominations suggested by committee members. Peter Burke announced there was no need for action by the Professional Affairs Committee and that after vigorous discussion the Graduate Student Affairs Committee decided not to give a graduate student paper award. The Cooley-Mead Award Committee has selected Edward J. Lawler as recipient of the section's Cooley-Mead award.

Update from SPQ Editors: Cecilia Ridgeway reported on a healthy and vibrant Social Psychology Quarterly with special issues planned on social identity theory and social psychological perspectives on race. She hopes to encourage more submissions by advertising the journal to colleagues in other ASA sections. It was suggested that forthcoming articles in SPQ be announced on the section's list serve.

Old Business: The Council discussed the possibility of the section paying the costs of graduate student membership in the ASA and the Social Psychology section as a strategy for recruiting new members. While the cost of paying the \$5 membership for more than 250 graduate students may be beyond the means of the section, a recommendation that faculty volunteer to pay the membership dues for a graduate student was strongly encouraged. Peter Burke reminded council members that an edited volume on Social Psychology is being prepared under the editorship of John DeLamater. The volume is not formally under the sponsorship of the section but John has offered to contribute its royalties to the section.

New Business: Peter Burke suggested that given the importance of the section's size for both the ASA allocation and for retaining the 4 sessions allocated to the section, it would be prudent to routinize procedures for maintaining and increasing the section's membership. One strategy would be to annually mail section registration material to names on the ASA list of dropped section members. Another strategy would be to ask the ASA to provide a list of all members that identify social psychology as an area of interest and send section material to them. A third possibility mentioned would be to remind section members annually to encourage their graduate students to join the section (or better yet for faculty members to pay the first year's dues for an interested graduate student or two).

Remarks by Chair-Elect: Philip Bonacich announced that he is actively seeking volunteers to serve on all of the section's committees. He also mentioned that the theme for next year's section sessions will be on the impact of ascriptive characteristics on social inequality, with sessions on the expectation states theory and inequality, as well as another session on other social psychological perspectives on the topic, an open session, and a roundtable session.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 a.m.

ASA Section on Social Psychology 2001 Business Meeting

August 19, 2:30pm

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SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Business Meeting, August 19, 2001

Minutes

The meeting convened at 2:33 p.m. with 46 members present.

Welcome and Announcements: Peter Burke, section chair, welcomed members to the annual meeting. This year most of the section-sponsored activities had already occurred including: the reception co-sponsored with the section on Emotions; council meeting; roundtable session; and the first of two invited panel sessions on agency, interaction, and social structure. Immediately after the business meeting the section will hold its annual Cooley-Mead ceremony and the second panel section is scheduled for tomorrow morning.

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Section Newsletter and Web Site Reports: Jane Sell, Newsletter Editor, thanked contributors to the newsletter and especially Peter Burke and Jan Stets for their assistance. She asked members to send in the names of new Ph.D.s working in social psychology so that they can be acknowledged in the Newsletter.

The Chair noted that Council had recommended that given increased publication costs that the Newsletter publish two hard copy issues (possibly Fall and Spring), and an electronic version (Summer) with an option for interested members to receive paper copies through the mail upon written request. The recommendation was presented and approved by the members present. In the discussion that followed, it was suggested that savings from the electronic distribution of the Newsletter be used to increase the amount given to graduate student award winner to cover their travel expenses to the annual meetings.

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action by the Professional Affairs Committee. Herman Smith, chair of the Graduate Student Affairs Committee, thanked committee members and told the meetings that after reviewing the 7 submitted paper the committee unanimously decided not to make an award this year. The suggestion was made that the criteria for evaluating papers be prominently featured in all announcements of the award competition and especially in the Newsletter. It was reported also that The Cooley-Mead Award Committee has selected Edward J. Lawler as recipient of the section's Cooley-Mead award.

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New Business: Sheldon Stryker announced to the members that a ballot initiative will be sent to all ASA members concerning a proposal to decouple ASA membership dues from ASA journal subscriptions, and urged members to carefully consider the matter and its implications for association.

Ed Lawler reminded members that the next meetings of the International Sociological Association (ISA) will be in Brisbane, Australia. The deadline for members is October 31, 2001, and with 4 more members the social psychology section can have another session.

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SECTION ON SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
Report of the Secretary-Treasurer
August 2001

	Credit	Debit	Balance
As of December 31, 1996			1376.06
As of December 31, 1997			1440.67
As of December 31, 1998			1193.87
As of December 31, 1999			2225.72
As of December 31, 2000			2253.79
 2001:			
Revenues:			
Allocation of Section		2302.00	
Dues Income		792.00	
TOTAL		3094.00	
 Expense:			
Annual Meeting-Reception (expected)			800.00
Annual Meeting-Other Expenses (expected)			200.00
Newsletter Expenses (expected)			1400.00
Awards			600.00
TOTAL			3000.00
As of December 31, 2001		494.00	
(expected increase in net assets)			
As of December 31, 2001		2747.79	
(expected total assets)			

Submitted by Don Reitzes
8/19/01