

American Sociological Association

**SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION
Business Meeting Minutes**

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(submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Karen A. Hegtvedt, Emory University)

Forty-six section members attended the business meeting. Out-going section chair, Guillermina Jasso ran the meeting. She first announced the Cooley-Mead talk for later in the day. She also indicated the formation of an ad-hoc committee to review the by-laws, consisting for herself and in-coming section chair, Jane Sell. Then reports from various committees were given.

Budget. The section is in good fiscal health, largely owing to the reduced costs associated with publishing the newsletter electronically rather than as a paper newsletter. In addition to income from the section allocation and dues, the section received a small amount (\$242) in royalties from the *Handbook of Social Psychology*. After the costs of the annual meeting, it was projected that the section would have a net increase in assets of about \$564, bringing the expected balance for 31 December 2004 to \$5646.

Nominations. Joe Whitmeyer chaired the committee. He and his committee members were thanked. Winners were announced: Murray Webster (chair-elect), Lisa Troyer (secretary-treasurer), and council members Diane Femlee and Michael Lovaglia, and student member Stephanie Bailey.

Professional Affairs. No problems or complaints were brought to this committee during 2003-04.

Graduate Student Affairs. Chair, Anne Eisenberg, thanked her committee members: Henry Walker, Jan Stets, Norman Goodman, and Iris Chu. She noted that eleven papers were submitted for the graduate student paper award. The papers ranged in terms of their theoretical and methodological approaches as well as the substantive issues that they addressed. Matthew Bradshears (University of Arizona) won for his paper "Mapping Blauspace: The Use of Log-Multiplicative Models to Measure the Strength of Homophily." Honorable mentions went to Laura Auf der Heide (University of Arizona) for "Specific Others and Self-Esteem: A Model Testing Difference in Black and White Eighth-Grade Students" and to Clayton Peoples (Ohio State University) for "Inter-Legislator Relations and Policymaking: A Social Psychological Study of Roll Call Voting."

Cooley-Mead Award. Rebecca Erickson thanked her committee members, Edward Lawler, Lisa Rashotte, Lynn Smith-Lovin, and Clara Sabbagh. She announced that Karen S. Cook of Stanford University won the award for 2004. Dr. Cook is the first woman to win the award.

Newsletter. New newsletter editor Gretchen Peterson explained that she was getting accustomed to the new software the section purchased in order for her to publish the newsletter electronically. As the summer issue had been delayed, she handed out copies of that at the meeting. She also encouraged submissions.

Introduction of New Section Chair. Dr. Jasso introduced Jane Sell as the new section chair. Dr. Sell thanked Dr. Jasso for her service as section chair and then she commented briefly on some potential changes that will be coming in the by-laws. The proposed changes will be announced prior to the business meeting next year.

New Business. Several section members commented on various issues. Cecilia Ridgeway asked people what their reading was with regard to the status of social psychology in the field. There seemed to be some agreement that the discipline seems more open to social psychological mediation in terms of the “space” between structures and the individual. Linda Francis commented on her reading of the job bulletin: few social psychology jobs seem to be available. But Lisa Troyer noted that there are a large number of “open” positions, which could bode well for strong social psychology candidates. And John DeLamater suggested that there are many jobs in family and in race – substantive areas in which a social psychologist may fit in.