

**Social Psychology Section of ASA Business Meeting  
Report to ASA  
Linda D. Molm, Chair 1998-1999**

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**ASA SECTION ON SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**1999 Council Meeting**

August 7, 7:15 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome, introductions, announcements
  2. Highlights of 1998-99
  3. Brief Report on Committee Activities
  4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Don Reitzes)
  5. Section Newsletter Report (Jan Stets)
  6. Update from SPQ Editors (Lynn Smith-Lovin/Linda Molm)
  7. Old Business
- Institutional Memory: update on efforts
- Concerns with the Section's long-term financial health
8. New Business
- New Section Listservs: implementation and policy issues
9. Remarks/Announcements from Chair-Elect (Lynn Smith-Lovin)

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**SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION**

**Council Meeting, August 7, 1999**

Minutes

The meeting convened at 7:15 a.m. 10 members of the Council were present.

Welcome and Announcements: Linda Molm, section chair, welcomed and congratulated the newly elected members, and summarized the program activities of the section. This year, these are spread across three days. Events include (1) a very successful joint reception held the previous evening, (2) a three-session mini-conference on social inequality immediately following the council meeting, (3) the business meeting, followed by the Cooley-Mead Award ceremony and address, and (4) section roundtables the next day. Attendance at all of these events was encouraged.

Committee Activities: Committees worked very effectively this year. All committee chairs report that their work went smoothly, and several specifically mentioned the usefulness of the web reports of past chairs. Jan Stets, chair of the membership committee, was present at the Council meeting, and reported that section membership continues to increase and is now close to 700.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Don Reitzes reported that the section budget is in much better shape this year than last year, with spending, down and revenues up. Therefore, expected total assets as of Dec. 31, 1999, are approximately \$600 more than at the same time last year. The new ASA budget structure, increased membership, shared reception costs with two other sections, and the waiver of the bar service fee at the reception all helped.

Section Newsletter and Web Site Report: Members of the Council thanked Jan Stets for agreeing to serve as newsletter editor for one more year. The newsletter continues to run smoothly and within budget, thanks to Jan's excellent work. Peter Burke was also thanked for his role in developing and maintaining the section web site.

Update from SPQ Editors: The Editors of SPQ (Linda Molm and Lynn Smith-Lovin) reported on the journal, noting that it is the last year of their editorship. Nominations for the next editor were encouraged, as were submissions for a special millennium issue of the journal, which will be published in December 2000.

#### Old Business:

(1) Institutional Memory Update: One of the main activities of the past year was an effort to implement procedures for addressing "institutional memory" problems, as discussed at last year's Council meeting. Linda Molm announced that concise summaries of the responsibilities and duties of all committee chairs are now posted on the section web site. Thanks were extended to last year's committee chairs, who wrote these reports, and to Peter Burke, who put them on the web. Similar reports for the section chair and secretary/treasurer will be written and posted in the coming year

(2) The Section's Long-Term Financial Health: In view of the much more positive financial picture this year, the Council decided that there is no need at this time to pursue possible avenues for raising additional funds.

#### New Business:

New Section Listservs: Linda Molm described the two new listservs created for the section by ASA (a one-way announcement listserv, for announcements from officers to members; and a true discussion listserv, for the membership) and thanked Peter Burke for his help in developing them. The Council discussed possible guidelines for the listservs, but deciding that the need for guidelines could better be considered after some period of use.

Remarks by Chair-Elect: Lynn Smith-Lovin announced that the theme for next year's section sessions will be the state of social psychology at the millennium. The sessions will again be organized as a mini-conference, with three invited panels representing the three faces of social psychology. She also distributed committee memberships for 1999-2000, which were approved by Council.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 a.m.

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## **ASA SECTION ON SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

### **1999 Business Meeting**

August 7, 2:30 p.m.

#### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Highlights of 1998-99
3. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Don Reitzes)
4. Section Newsletter Report (Jan Stets)
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Graduate Student Affairs (Spencer Cahill)  

Presentation of the Graduate Student Paper Award
  - b. Cooley-Mead Award (Peter Kollock)
  - c. Nominations (Cathryn Johnson)
  - d. Membership (Jan Stets)
  - e. Professional Affairs (Jacqueline Cashen)

6. Old Business

Institutional memory: update on efforts

Section's long-term financial health

7. New Business

New section listservs

Report from Council Meeting,

8. Comments and Announcements from Lynn Smith-Lovin, Chair-Elect

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**SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION**

**Business Meeting, August 7, 1999**

Minutes

The meeting convened at 2:30 p.m.

Present: 51 members (see attached sign-up sheets)-

Welcome and Announcements: Linda Molm, section chair, welcomed those present and described the highlights of the section program. Events include a very successful joint reception held the previous evening, a three-session mini-conference on social inequality that preceded the business meeting and was well-attended, and the Cooley-Mead Award ceremony and address, immediately following, the business meeting. Members were also encouraged to attend the section roundtables the next morning. Newly elected section officers were announced and congratulated, and outgoing council members were thanked.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Don Reitzes reported that section finances appear sound. Due to royalty income from Simon and Schuster and the lower cost of the annual reception there will be an expected increase of \$606 in net assets this year. So, the section, which began the year with \$1194, will end 1999 with approximately \$1799 in total assets. However, the long, term decline in annual reserve funds suggests that we may need to consider some ways in the future of generating additional revenue to offset expected rises in expenses.

Section Newsletter and Web Site Report: Jan Stets, newsletter editor, reported that the newsletter continues to run smoothly and within budget. The chair thanked Jan for agreeing to serve as editor for another year, and for her excellent work. Peter Burke was also thanked for his continuing role in developing and maintaining the section web site; he informed the membership of recent updates to the web site.

Committee Reports:

(1)The Graduate Student Affairs Committee (Spencer Cahill, chair) announced that C. Lynn Carr (Rutgers University) won this year's graduate student paper award, with honorable mentions to Kathryn Lively (Vanderbilt University) and Kevin Mihata (University of Washington).

(2)The Cooley-Mead Award Committee (Peter Kollock, chair) chose Harold H. Kelley (UCLA) as the 1999 award recipient. Members were encouraged to attend the Cooley-Mead ceremony and address immediately following the business meeting, at 3:30.

(3)The Nominations Committee (Cathryn Johnson, chair) announced the section election results. Peter Burke was voted chair-elect and Terri Orbuch and Timothy Owens were elected as the new Council members.

(4)The Membership Committee (Jan Stets, chair) announced that section membership continues to increase and is now close to 700.

(5) The Professional Affairs Committee (Jackie Cashen, chair) did not have business this year.

Report from SPQ Editors: The editors (Linda Molm and Lynn Smith-Lovin) reported on the journal, noting that it is the last year of their editorship. Nominations for the next editor were encouraged, as were submissions for a special millennium issue of the journal, which will be published in December 2000.

Old Business:

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(2) Section's Long-Term Financial Health: The chair reported that Council had briefly discussed possible proposals for securing the long-term financial health of the section, but in view of the more positive financial picture this year, the Council decided that there is no need at this time to pursue possible avenues for raising additional funds. Comments from the membership were invited.

New Business:

New Section Listservs: The chair described the two new listservs created for the section by ASA (a one-way announcement listserv, for announcements from officers to members; and a true discussion listserv, for the membership), and thanked Peter Burke for his help 'in developing them. Members commented on the value of the listservs, and briefly discussed Council's recommendation to delay the development of possible guidelines for the listservs until the section has had more experience with their operation.

Remarks by Chair-Elect: Lynn Smith-Lovin announced that the theme for next year's section sessions will be the state of social psychology at the millennium. The sessions will again be organized as a mini-conference, with three invited panels representing the three faces of social psychology. She also announced the chairs of section committees for 1999-2000.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m.

## Section on Social Psychology

### Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

August 1999

|                                     | Credit         | Debit          | Balance        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| As of December 31, 1994             |                |                | <b>2328.57</b> |
| As of December 31, 1994             |                |                | <b>1909.72</b> |
| As of December 31, 1994             |                |                | <b>1376.06</b> |
| As of December 31, 1994             |                |                | <b>1440.67</b> |
| As of December 31, 1994             |                |                | <b>1193.87</b> |
| <b>1999</b>                         |                |                |                |
| Revenues:                           |                |                |                |
| Allocation to Section               | 2332.00        |                |                |
| Dues Income (as of 6/30/99)         | 762.00         |                |                |
| Royalty Income                      | 411.56         |                |                |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>3505.56</b> |                |                |
| Expenses:                           |                |                |                |
| Annual Meeting-Reception (expected) |                | 500.00         |                |
| Annual Meeting-Other Expenses (exp) |                | 250.00         |                |
| Newsletter Expenses (expected)      |                | 1400.00        |                |
| Awards                              |                | 500.00         |                |
| Postage/Misc.                       |                | 250.00         |                |
| <b>Total</b>                        |                | <b>2900.00</b> |                |

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| As of December 31, 1999 (expected in |  |  | <b>1799.43</b> |
| Submitted by Don Reitzes 8/7/99      |  |  |                |