

Annual Report for the Section on Social Psychology

For membership year 2014-15

Prepared by Timothy J. Owens, Past Chair of the Section.

October, 2015



Introduction

Dear Section Past Chair;

Section Annual Reports are an important tool for building your section's institutional memory and history. In addition, they are one of the most valuable tools that the Association has to assess the vitality of your section. These reports are read and discussed by the Committee on Sections at its Fall/Winter meeting. Afterwards they are retained in the ASA's Sections archive and will be available upon request for future section members and officers.

Annual Reports should cover your section's activities during your term as chair, or approximately from the end of the previous year's Annual Meeting to the end of this year's.

Please send your completed report to the Executive Office by October 15th of this year. We prefer your reports are sent in electronic format rather than in print. Any printed materials sent to us will be converted into an electronic format.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions, comments or concerns. I am here to assist you. Thank you for your hard work and creativity over these last several years, and congratulations for the successful completion of your term as Chair of your Section.

Sincerely,
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Section Governance

This first section of the report details your section's governance activity during the last year.

Section Business Meeting

2015 Social Psychology Business Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2015

Hilton, Chicago

Recorded by: Jessica L. Collett

Tim Owens called the meeting to order at 11:30am.

58 people were in attendance (pages 5, below). Note: The business meeting was on the afternoon of the last day of the annual ASA meetings.

The meeting began with Tim thanking the outgoing council members: Alison Bianchi and Tim Hallett, and graduate student rep, Aaron Silverman. He also announced Amy Kroska as the chair-elect and Steve Benard and David Schaefer as new council members.

- Tim substituted for Steve Hitlin and gave the outstanding recent contribution award to Ken Kolb, for *Moral Wages* (UC Press). Ken was not in attendance, so we will send him his plaque.
- David Melamed gave the award for the graduate affairs committee. Of 23 submissions, they chose "Formal Rights and Informal Privileges for Same-Sex Couples": Long Doan, Annalise Loehr, and Lisa Miller. Each winner got \$200 toward travel to the ASA meeting.
- Justine Tinkler (chair of the graduate investigator award committee) introduced this year's winner, Bianca Manago (Indiana). Bianca was given \$1000 to use toward her research costs on her project on status and stigma.
- Nothing to report from the Nominations Committee.
- Tim made an announcement for the membership committee. The strategy the committee used was a gentle reminder to people who hadn't renewed last year and this prompted 25-30 people to re-up. We currently have about 614 members, a little down from last year. We are in fine shape, but do not want to drop below 600.
- Richard Serpe (chair of the endowment committee) gave an update on the current state of the award. To date, 85 people have donated, with an average donation of \$525 apiece, bring us to \$43,500. Of that, about \$7500 came this year and \$2900 this week. No new givers this year. We need another \$50,000 to endow this. Richard challenged 200 people to give \$50 a year for five years, which would bring us \$50,000. The committee will be working on this, but please consider how you can contribute.
 - You can contribute online (PayPal takes 3%). You can send checks to Jessica at Notre Dame. Donations are tax deductible. Book royalties are another option people might consider.
- Nothing to report from the Professional Affairs Committee.
- The Graduate Advisory Committee also gave an update. They hope to institutionalize this committee through a vote this year. They also hope to develop a mentoring system over the next few months. The networking reception they planned for after the social psychology reception was a big success. They got some funds from Tim Owens to support that reception.
- Jessica Collett (secretary-treasurer) gave an update on membership and the budget. The ASA is anticipating that we will have 656 members at the end of the year, including a number of students that shows vitality in the section. We spent a lot of money last year, but this year is better. We started the year with about \$5000, the ASA gave us \$2500 and \$800 in dues. This year our expenses at the ASA look like they'll be \$3000, perhaps a

little less. We're in good shape with the off-site reception and not decreasing the balance like we did last year. Some other measures that helped us this year was people donating royalties and making contributions directly to the section instead of the GSIA. The section is in good financial shape. We expect to still have \$7000 in our account at the end of the year.

- The newsletter editor (Bridget Welch) was unable to attend, but Tim Owens gave an update on the newsletter – a time-consuming and important job. Bridget is stepping down as she moves to the University of South Dakota and Jennifer McLeer (Christopher Newport University) volunteered to take it over. She is excited to take her new position and also agreed to take over as webmaster (a much less time-consuming job than the newsletter).
- Richard Serpe (*SPQ* editor) gave the report.
 - Donileen Loseke is stepping down from Deputy Editor. She will be replaced by Michael Flaherty (a current board member).
 - Every manuscript will now be reviewed by at least one member of the board. Logistically, this is a burden on the board, so they proposed to increase the size of the board and ASA agreed. They will phase these members in. There is significant gender and racial/ethnic diversity on the board.
 - There is a special issue coming up on *Methods*, edited by Jane Sell and Kathy Charmaz. Those submissions are due in December.
 - Jan and Richard hoped to create a social media presence. This is growing slowly. Both Twitter and Facebook are being used to promote the articles.
 - Jan and Richard reintroduced research notes. There will be 2-3 in the December issues. This could be either a manuscript originally submitted as a research note or R&Rs that are encouraged to be research notes.
 - Jan and Richard hope to have more papers in each issue than in the past (although this means that papers will need to be shorter).
 - SNAPS have been under-utilized, so *SPQ* is going to work this year on trying to support those. Jan and Richard have been talking to *Teaching Sociology* and *TRAILS* to see how they can increase the visibility of these articles.
 - The impact factor has gone down a little bit (from 1.6 to 1.4). The five-year impact factor (currently 3.27) will now be published on the Sage site).
 - The average time for review was 32.2 days (submission to decision letter).
 - The acceptance rate was down a little bit, to 9.3%. Without the desk rejects, it's 12.2%.
- Tim Owens updated people on new business: We will be developing a junior mentoring program (for grad students and assistant professors). Also, we decided to contribute \$250 a year from the section for three years to support a graduate student mixer at each ASA meeting (this year Tim Owens donated \$150 of his own funds).

Tim Owens passed the gavel and Japanese skill toy to Cathryn Johnson, marking the beginning of her tenure as chair.

Cathy thanked Jessica, Bridget, Tim, and others for all their hard work for the section this year and told the section that she is thinking about the ASA next year (the theme is Rethinking Social Movements) and will be reaching out to people to put on committees.

Jane Sell and Karen Hegtvedt thanked Tim again.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06pm.

Business Meeting Attendees

Bianci, Alsion	Melamed, David	Watts, Alexander
Boyle, Kaitlin	Miller, Lisa	Webster, Murray
Collett, Jessica	Mize, Trenton	Yarrison, Fritz
Culatta, Elizabeth	Murphy, Chantrey	Yoon, Jeongkoo
DeLamater, John	Owens, Timothy	Zelditch, Morris
Dippong, Joseph	Parker, Robert	Zhao, Jun
Doan, Long	Peterson, Gretchen	Doerer, Sharon
Falci, Christina	Piliavin, Jane	Piece, Kayla
Foschi, Martha	Powell, Brian	Santifellow, Renee
Gallagher, Mary	Ridgeway, Cecilia	Cho, Toon
Hallett, Tim	Rogers, Kimberly	Ellison, Christopher
Hegtvedt, Karen	Ruch, Alexander	Markowski, Kelly
Hunt, Matthew	Savage, Scott	
Johnsen, Eugene	Schaefer, David	
Johnson, Cathryn	Sell, Jane	
Johnson, Monica	Serpe, Richard	
Kalkhoff, Will	Shank, Daniel	
Kerns, Kristen	Silverman, Aaron	
Kroska, Amy	Stryker, Sheldon	
Loehr, Annalise	Tinkler, Justine	
Long, Brooke	Troyer, Lisa	
Manago, Bianca	Wagner, David	
Meeker, Barbara	Walker, Lisa	

Section Council Meeting

2015 Social Psychology Council Meeting Minutes

*August 24, 2015
Tavern at the Park
Chicago, IL*

Attendance: Alison Bianchi, Jessica Collett, Elizabeth Culatta, Tim Hallett, Cathryn Johnson, Amy Kroska, Kathryn Lively, Trenton Mize, Tim Owens, David Schaefer, Richard Serpe, Aaron Silverman, Jan Stets, Peggy Thoits, Bridget Welch.

Tim Owens (TO) called the meeting to order at 11:35am.

The council approved the 2014 minutes that had been circulate via email.

Committee Reports:

1. Cooley-Mead. Brian Powell (BP) served as chair. Murray Webster was chosen as the recipient. Brian will give the award and Alison Bianchi will introduce Murray. Unfortunately it's scheduled for the last day, bad timing.

2. Outstanding Contribution. Steve Hitlin (SH) served as chair. This is a book year. The winner is Ken Kolb's book, *Moral Wages*.
3. Graduate Student Paper Award. Sarah Thebaud (ST) served as chair. The winners were Long Doan, Annalise Loehr and Lisa Miller from Indiana University for their *ASR* article, "Formal Rights and Individual Privileges for Same-Sex Couples."
4. Graduate Investigator Award. Justine Tinkler (JT) served as chair. Bianca Manago (Indiana) was given the award (and \$1000 for research funds).
5. Nominations Committee. Dawn Robinson (DR) served as chair. This year's committee had to create a slate to replace the chair-elect (Amy Kroska) and two council members (Jody Clay-Warner and Kathryn Lively).
6. Membership Committee. The current number is close to 615. It will increase after the meeting. Last year is was 650. TO shared that he thought was to send emails to the non-renewers, as this netted a number of additional members. There was a suggestion to keep this up.
7. Endowment Committee (GSIA). Richard Serpe (RS) served as chair. We did not get as much done this year as we hoped, but we did send emails in the last few weeks to outstanding pledges and people who had been generous in the past and had a great response. The balance is now \$42,404. About \$8,000 was added in 2014-15 alone.
 - a. RS will craft an email for the entire section about the history of the award as well as information on the awardees. The secret will be to get a large number of people contributing, not necessarily large contributions. If 100
 - b. Karen Hegtvedt (KH) and RS have been discussing a challenge, where some people will commit contributions or matching if the section is able to reach certain goals (like on some NPR drives, etc.).
 - c. The goal is \$100,000, with some of it invested and some of it liquid. Jan Stets (JS) reported that we need the full amount for this award to last into perpetuity. Also, we would like to increase it in the future to at least \$2,000, but that's not possible at current rates.
 - d. RA believes that investment will be more lucrative with more money as a balance for ASA to use (e.g., there may be a sliding scale of returns based on our initial contribution).
 - e. Peggy Thoits (PT) asked if the funds are currently earning interest.
 - f. **The council unanimously decided that we should ask the ASA what minimum they need to be invested and voted to put 80% in an interest-earning account if that's possible.**
8. Professional Affairs (Murray Webster): Nothing to report.
9. Graduate Advisory Committee: Trent Mize (TM) updated us about the graduate student mixer, which went well. There is interest among the graduate students about starting a mentoring program. The idea is that mentees and mentors would meet at the ASA, organized by the Graduate Advisory Committee. The GAC plans to create a survey to determine the students' needs, gauge interest, and take ideas and suggestions – the survey is basically to gather information. We would send it to the student members of the section. The same committee has used the email list on previous surveys with great success.
 - a. Although originally developed for students, the idea of including assistant professors and post-docs was suggested (by Bridget Welch) and there was support for the wider net.
 - b. RS offered to administer the survey through the survey research lab at Kent State.
 - c. TH suggested that the advisory committee prioritize interest areas so that mentees can get the most helpful feedback from their mentors.
 - d. TH also commented that to have over 200 student members was impressive and spoke well to the health of the section.
 - e. **We need to add to the elections that we change the bylaws to formalize both the Graduate Advisory Committee and the Endowment Committee.**

- f. TO donated \$150 to the afterparty/happy hour to ensure that we wouldn't dip too far into the section's budget. Although he didn't mean to set precedent, **the council decided to give them \$250 for three years and then to revisit the policy in 2018. This was unanimously supported by the council members.** Anyone who gets a free drink from this policy must be a member.

Budget Update

1. Jessica (JC) gave a summary of the base account (our beginning balance of 2013-14 was \$10,000, but we entered this year (2014-15) with \$5,300). We haven't had as much of an issue with the budget this year because we spent less money this year than we did last year, plus there was an increase in people submitting royalties and other donations specifically for the section. This, plus having the section reception off-site, puts us in a better financial place this year (at about \$6,742 after the meeting costs). The reception this year was \$1700, because we shared with the emotions and altruism sections. We also gave fewer awards this year because we didn't have the honorable mentions or multiple authors, etc. and the travel costs for the graduate student winners were significantly less than in years past. This year JC emailed to ask people whether they would prefer plaques or certificates, saving on the plaques.
 - a. CJ is already working on Seattle for next year, in hopes of having an off-site reception. It is impossible to pay for an on-site reception in most cities with the budget allocation from the ASA. Seattle is likely to be an expensive city.
 - b. **The council voted to approve the budget.**
 - c. The council thanked Jessica for her work as secretary-treasurer.

Newsletter Report:

1. Bridget Welch is stepping down, but will be helping the new editor (Jennifer McLeer, Christopher Newport University) with the Fall newsletter to help out.
2. Bridget has started a number of initiatives that Jennifer will likely continue: e.g., checking with SPQ to see if there is anything they would like to include, having former students interview their advisors for newsletter features on voices of experience.
3. Jennifer will also be taking over the website, a relatively simple task compared to newsletter.
4. The council thanked Bridget for all of her hard work.

SPQ Update

1. Jan (JS) gave an update.
2. Donileen Loseke is stepping down as deputy editor to be the president of SSSP. Michael Flaherty (Eckerd College) will be taking her place. They will swap places (Michael is currently on the editorial board, so Doni will take his place as he takes hers as DE).
 - a. The ASA approved increasing the editorial board from 30-36 so that there can be one editorial board member on each manuscript. The increased size will spread the work around.
 - b. These board member additions will be staggered in over years.
3. There will be a special issue on Methods with a deadline in December. The issue is expected to appear December 2016 or March 2017. Jane Sell and Kathy Charmaz are the editors.
4. SPQ is now on Facebook and Twitter, with an improved social media presence. There is talk of creating a #hashtag for the journal. The editors are thinking about how to increase their following on these sites.
5. They are also trying to track SNAPS and the visibility of these shortened versions of articles. If they are not being used, the editors want to eliminate this resource because it is a lot of work for authors. There is the possibility that it will be linked up with Trails. But, if it turns out that there isn't increased interest in the SNAPS, they may just get rid of them.
 - a. TH asked what the issue is with SNAPS. The problem is not the authors, it is that people aren't using them and so JS and RS feel bad asking people to put the extra work in.

- i. TH mentioned how helpful it has been for him, as his own SNAP was published in an edited volume.
 - b. TH recommended the Facebook page “Shared Teaching Resources for Sociology”
 - c. PT suggested a newsletter section in SNAPS.
- 6. The impact factor dropped a bit this year (1.406, from 1.647). The five-year impact factor is more similar (3.276) and they are planning to put this on the website.
- 7. There is about a 9% acceptance rate.
- 8. Numbers this year (August 1st-July 31st) are holding constant (214 manuscripts).
- 9. Reviews are in an average of 21 days, with an average length of decision of 32 days. This should be attractive to authors, as they get a rather quick decision.
 - a. They couldn’t do this without a phenomenal research community and the editorial staff at Kent State and Riverside, including Ryan Trettevik who has been doing a wonderful job as Managing Editor. There is constant communication between editors. Having the journal between two universities has not been an issue with technology.
- 10. The September issue is on its way and December is almost done and is in copyediting.
- 11. The research notes have been an important addition. Two or three might appear in December.
- 12. In general, there will be more articles in each issue and shorter articles, allowing more people from the research community to appear in the journal. However, this is a bit more work on SPQ’s end, as they need to review and accept more articles and move them through the publication process.
- 13. March will have the Cooley-Mead award and will be the first backlog. There has been an issue with not having any type of queue of articles.
- 14. TH asked if the shorter articles (fewer words) are a policy or just a trend.
 - a. JS explains that ASA’s position is that SPQ is not associated with the section and that the editors can make their own judgment about the length of articles and other guidelines.
 - b. There are only 420 pages, so what JS and RS thought they would like to see is more 9,000 word articles rather than longer articles (12,000).
 - i. Qualitative pieces can be 10,000 or 10,500.
 - c. RS explains that the word count has been rising over the last few years.
 - d. TH suggests that these limits could decrease the diversity of the articles because qualitative sociologists won’t even think of sending something to a journal with such tight requirements. This also puts authors in a bind with reviewers, who expect more from the authors to provide evidence.
 - i. RS and JS suggested that they are sensitive to that and suggested that they will update the website to reflect their flexibility, particularly with early submissions.

Additional Business

- 1. Alison Bianchi suggested that we thank Tim Owens for his hard work this year.
- 2. Tim suggested that we thank Jan and Richard.
- 3. CJ is looking forward to next year and soliciting any suggestions for her year as section chair.
 - a. Council decided to keep meeting over lunch (at restaurants) at the meetings.
 - b. There will be three sessions plus the Cooley-Mead next year.
 - i. One of the paper sessions might be on the theme of the overall meeting (TO), perhaps the social psychology of activism (PT).

Tim adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm

State of the Section Budget

An operating budget for the coming year was approved by the Section Council.

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Report for Current Year

Note: All shaded areas are self calculating. This budget template only covers activity for your section's primary account. Any restricted accounts and endowments must be monitored and reported on separately. Please use the Notes field to provide information on miscellaneous or other expenditures.

For more information please contact the Section Coordinator, Justin Lini (lini@asanet.org)

Expenditures			
Annual Meeting			
	Amount	Code	Notes
Reception	\$1,720.00	37300	off-site (Beef & Brandy)
Other Meeting Expenses	\$369.96	37310	council lunch (Tavern at the Park)
Misc	\$159.80	37320	grad student mixer (Plymouth Bar & Grill)
Other		37370	
Total	\$2,249.76	n/a	
Awards			
	Amount	Code	Notes
Student Awards	\$600.00	37360	\$200 each, 3 authors
Award Plaques	\$75.00	37360	
Misc		37360	
Other		37360	
Total	\$675.00	n/a	
Communications			
	Amount	Code	Notes
Website		37330	
Misc		37370	
Other		37370	
Total	\$0.00	n/a	
Miscellaneous			
	Amount	Code	Notes
Membership		37370	Gift Memberships <i>may not</i> be funded from allocated funds. Funds must be raised for this purpose.
Misc		37370	
Other		37370	
Total	\$0.00	n/a	
Summary			
	Amount	Notes	
Total Expenditures	\$2,924.76		
Current Year's Income	\$3,487.00		
Carryover Balance	\$5,330.00	From Net Assets, Beginning Balance in Q1	
End of Year Balance	\$5,892.24		

Income			
Source	Amount	Calculated	
Section Allocation	\$2,368.00		
Description			
Levied Dues	\$548.00	Special	
Description	This is through 3rd Quarter (Period ending September 30, 2015)		
Contributions	\$530.00	n/a	
Description	This is through 3rd Quarter (Period ending September 30, 2015)		
Royalties	\$41.00	n/a	
Description	This is only through 2nd Quarter (Period ending June 30, 2015)		
Outside Contributions		n/a	
Description	Funds donated from individuals/entities outside the section.		
Miscellaneous Income		n/a	
Description	Anything not captured above. Please replace this text with a description		
Miscellaneous Income		n/a	
Description	Anything not captured above. Please replace this text with a description		
Total	\$3,487.00	n/a	

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Budget for Next Year

Use this sheet to assist with planning for the next year. **All operating budgets must be approved by the section council.**

Note: All green shaded areas are self calculating. This budget template only covers activity for your section's primary account. Any restricted accounts and endowments must be monitored and reported on separately. Please use the Notes field to provide information on miscellaneous or other expenditures.

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Budgeted Expenditures			
Annual Meeting	Amount	Code	Notes
Reception	\$2,500.00	37300	
Other Meeting Expenses	\$400.00	37310	council lunch
Misc	\$250.00	37320	graduate student mixer
Other		37370	
Total	\$3,150.00	n/a	
Awards	Amount	Code	Notes
Student Awards	\$500.00	37360	
Award Plaques	\$100.00	37360	
Misc	\$20.00	37360	certificates
Other		37360	
Total	\$620.00	n/a	
Communications	Amount	Code	Notes
Website		37330	
Misc		37370	
Other		37370	
Total	\$0.00	n/a	
Miscellaneous	Amount	Code	Notes
Membership		37370	Gift Memberships may not be funded from
Misc		37370	
Other		37370	
Total	\$0.00	n/a	
Summary	Amount	Notes	
Budgeted Expenditures	\$3,770.00		
Estimated Income	\$2,266.00		
Carryover Balance	\$5,892.24	Brought over from current year's report	
Est. End of Year Balance	\$4,388.24		

Estimated Income			
Source	Amount	Calculated	
Section Allocation	\$2,266.00	(Members*2)+A	633
Description	<p>"A" is determined by the overall membership size: Sections with fewer than 200 members receive a base allocation of \$500. Sections with less than 300 members but more than 200 members receive a base allocation of: (# of section members minus 100) multiplied by \$5. Sections with more than 300 members receive a base allocation of \$1,000. In addition the section receives two dollars from dues of each member. To calculate this amount enter your section's membership in the shaded box on the left. See your monthly membership report update for these numbers.</p>		
Levied Dues	\$0.00	Special	
Description	<p>Any dues raised by the sections in excess of the base rate go directly to the section's coffers. The base rate is \$10 for regular members, \$5 for students and \$10 for associate (low income) members. Subscription Fees for Section Journals are not added here. To calculate this, add regular members to the light shaded box, student members to the middle shaded box, and low income members to the dark shaded box on the left hand side. See your monthly membership report update for these numbers.</p>		
Contributions		n/a	
Description	<p>These are funds raised from members.</p>		
Royalties		n/a	
Description	<p>Royalties donated by members or generated through other activities.</p>		
Outside Contributions		n/a	
Description	<p>Funds donated from individuals/entities outside the section.</p>		
Miscellaneous Income		n/a	
Description	<p>Anything not captured above. Please replace this text with a description</p>		
Miscellaneous Income		n/a	
Description	<p>Anything not captured above. Please replace this text with a description</p>		
Total	\$2,266.00	n/a	

The Previous Year

This section discusses your section's activities during your term as Section Chair.

Overview

We had four section sessions in the traditional format, which highlighted the diversity of theory and research sociological social psychology. We also had a shared roundtable with the section on emotion. Because Council meets outside of the session, we used the first half of the session for a Cooley-Mead award address by Murray Webster.

Recruiting and Retention Efforts

The chair (T. Owens) sent an e-mails solicitation to members encouraging renewal and to enroll student members. He also sent two special e-mails in the fall and early summer to former members who had not renewed their section membership.

Our section membership increased slightly from the year before. Importantly, nearly one-third of our members are students. This bodes well for the section's future and vitality.

Communications Strategy

We have a thrice-yearly newsletter, which was delivered on time. We also use the listserv capability provided by ASA. We are in the second started this year a Facebook page, which has over 100 of members. These techniques were all consistent with our communication goals for members.

We had a rough transition with the webpage moving to being maintained by ASA at a new location. We had repeated issues of information being in multiple places, or not being updated, even though it had been submitted by the Chair to ASA. This caused some confusion with respect to committee memberships and award deadlines or requirements. We hope these problems have been ironed out for the year ahead.

Statements, Notes, Observations

None.

The Coming Year

This portion of the report discusses your section's plans for next year.

Elections and Nominations

Dawn Robinson (chair), Alison Bianchi, Diane Felmlee, Peggy Thoits, and Christina Diaz (graduate student member) served as our nominations committee, which was appointed by the Chair in consultation with Council. This year we elected Amy Kroska as Chair and Stephen Benard and David Schaefer to Council. There was no election for secretary-treasurer or student member this year.

Plans for the coming year.

We will conduct our usual sessions at the next meeting. We are also planning to move our section reception off-site as a cost-cutting maneuver. We will also address some bylaws updates.

Statements, Notes, Observations

None.

The Association and the Executive Office

This is your opportunity to put items onto the agenda of the Committee on Sections and ASA Staff.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the ASA Council and Committee on Sections?

We would like ASA Council to explain better the relationship between the money that our section takes in as dues and the money we receive as a section. We are surprised at what a modest percentage of our dues revenue we actually receive.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to ASA Staff?

We are pleased with our interactions with ASA staff, apart from issues with communications regarding updating the website.

Statements, Notes, Observations

None.
