

ASA SECTION ON SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY 2000 Business Meeting

August 14, 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Highlights of 1999-2000
3. Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Don Reitzes)
4. Section Newsletter Report (Jan Stets; comments from Jane Sell, incoming editor)
5. Webmaster Report (Peter Burke)
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Graduate Student Affairs (Jodi O'Brien)
 - b. Cooley-Mead Award (Karen Hegtvedt)
 - c. Nominations (Richard Serpe)
 - d. Membership (Diane Felmlee)
 - e. Professional Affairs (Geoffery Tootell)
7. Comments from *Social Psychology Quarterly*
 - a. Linda Molm, Outgoing Co-editor
 - b. Cecilia Ridgeway, Incoming Editor
8. Old Business
 - a. Section's long-term financial health
 - b. Section's Listserve
9. New Business
 - a. Report from Council meeting
 - b. Other new business?
10. Comments and Announcements from Peter Burke, Chair-Elect

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Business Meeting, August 14, 2000

Minutes

The meeting convened at 4:30 p.m. with 42 members present (see attached sign-up sheet)..

Welcome and Announcements: Lynn Smith-Lovin, section chair, welcomed members and reported on a successful section day with well attended sessions and spirited discussion. Today's sessions included two of the three Mini-Conference sessions on the State of Social Psychology at the Millennium and the roundtable session. Yet to come today is the Cooley-Mead Award ceremony and reception; and tomorrow morning the final Mini-Conference session is scheduled.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Don Reitzes noted that the section was financially healthy. We ended 1999 with a balance of \$2225.72, which reflected an increase in \$1031.85 from 1998. This can be attributed to: (1) new funding formula from the ASA; (2) royalty income; (3) efforts to reduce annual meeting costs by co-hosting the reception. Revenues for 2000 consisted of an allocation of \$2386 from the ASA (\$2 per section member based on 693 members as of 9/30/99 plus a base of \$1,000) and \$754 section dues (\$2 from 377 regular section members as of 6/30/00). Expenses for 2000 are estimated at \$3,000. So, as long as membership remains more or less at previous levels, the section's operating costs will be close to its revenues, and will carry over most of its assets.

Section Newsletter and Website Reports: Jan Stets has completed her three year term as Editor and announced that Jane Sell will take over the newsletter beginning with the Fall issue. Under Jan's leadership the Newsletter has consisted of three issues a year appearing in September, February, and May with special reports on the annual meetings, Cooley-Mead award winner, and graduate student paper prize winner(s). Jane Sell spoke about her plans for the Newsletter including a piece on the implications of changes in Institutional Review Board (IRB) policies and practices on social science research. Jane applauded Jan Stet's editorship and announced to the membership that Council had unanimously passed a motion thanking Jan Stets for her outstanding service to the section as Newsletter Editor.

Peter Burke is the ongoing Webmaster. Peter reported that the website continues to run smoothly but is used only modestly. He reminded members that the web page is an excellent venue for announcements and provides an efficient way to locate the addresses of section members. He reported that it was decided in Council that the section's listserv would forward announcements of jobs where the specialty area was either open or specifically targeted for candidates with a substantive interest in social psychology. One of his projects for next year is to explore merging the ASA's social psychology section page and our web page. A question was raised from the floor about the feasibility of electronically distributing the Newsletter and thus saving on printing costs. Savings could be used to underwrite graduate student dues. Peter promised to explore the matter.

Committee Reports:

- (1) Jodi O'Brien announced that the Graduate Student Affairs Committee had selected two graduate student prize awardees and an honorable mention. In addition, the committee decided that it is appropriate for the committee to consider repeat submission as long as the author is still a graduate student; and recommend that the name of the committee be changed.
- (2) Karen Hegtvedt reported that The Cooley-Mead Award Committee has selected Morris Zelditch as recipient of the section's Cooley-Mead award.
- (3) Lynn-Smith Lovin noted that both the Nominations and Membership committees worked effectively and there was no business for the Professional Affairs Committee.

Update from SPQ Editors: Lynn Smith-Lovin reported on a healthy and vibrant Social Psychology Quarterly with a stable rate of submissions and acceptances. A smooth transition is in progress as Cecilia Ridgeway assumes the editorship of SPQ. The December issue will be devoted to the theme of The State of Sociological Social Psychology at the Millennium.

Cecilia Ridgeway presented the members with copies of the new SPO masthead including a listing of new and continuing editorial board members. In addition, she noted considering two topics for special issues: (1) social identity theory and European social psychology; and (2) social psychological processes that mediate race and social structure in American society.

Remarks by Chair-Elect: Peter Burke announced that the theme for next year's section session will be agency, interaction, and social structure. There will be a roundtable session, an invited paper session, and *two open submission sessions*. John Delamater reported that he had been approached to write a book on sociological social psychology and after some discussion Peter Burke promised to form a small ad hoc committee to explore section involvement in the project. Finally, Kevin Vryan informed the meeting that he is planning to submit a proposal to the ASA for a regular paper session devoted to graduate student papers in social psychology.

Conclusion: Lynn Smith-Lovin concluded the meeting with thanking council and committee members for their service to the section.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:20 p.m.

SECTION ON SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
Report of the Secretary-Treasurer
August 2000

	Credit	Debit	Balance
As of December 31, 1995			1909.72
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

2000:

Revenues:

Allocation of Section		2386.00	
Dues Income (as of 6/30/00)		754.00	
TOTAL		3140.00	

Expense:

Annual Meeting-Reception (expected)			600.00
Annual Meeting-Other Expenses (expected)			250.00
Newsletter Expenses (expected)			1400.00
Awards			500.00
Printing			250.00
TOTAL			3000.00

As of December 31, 2000		140.00	
(expected increase in net assets)			
As of December 31, 2000		2365.72	
50 (expected total assets)			

Submitted by Don Reitzes
8/14/00

ASA SECTION ON SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY 2000 Council Meeting

August 14, 7:15 a.m.

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6. Summary of Committee Activities (Lynn Smith-Lovin)
 - a. Graduate Student Affairs
 - b. Cooley-Mead Award
 - c. Nominations
 - d. Membership
 - e. Professional Affairs
7. Summary of *Social Psychology Quarterly* Operations (Lynn Smith-Lovin)
8. Old Business
 - a. Section's long-term financial health
 - b. Section's listserv
9. New Business?
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SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Council Meeting, August 14, 2000

Minutes

The meeting convened at 7:15 a.m. with 10 members present.

Welcome and Announcements: Lynn Smith-Lovin, section chair, welcomed and congratulated the newly elected Council members. This year most of the section sponsored events at the annual meeting are concentrated on Monday, August 14th. They include: (1) two of the three Mini-Conference sessions on the State of Social Psychology at the Millennium (with the final session on Wednesday); (2) the roundtable session; (3) Business meeting; (4) Cooley-Mead presentation and address; and (5) the section's reception co-sponsored with two other sections.

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Conclusion: Lynn Smith-Lovin concluded the meeting with thanks to outgoing council members.

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