

**Social Psychology Section of ASA Business Meeting  
Report to ASA  
Edward J. Lawler, Chair 1997-98**

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August 21, 2:30 PM

AGENDA

1. Announcements
2. Highlights of 1997-98
3. Secretary/Treasurer's report (Brian Powell)
4. Section Newsletter Report (Jan Stets)
5. Committee Reports:
  - a. Graduate Student Affairs (Lisa Troyer)
  - b. Membership (Doug Maynard)
  - c. Cooley-Mead Award (Lynn Smith-Lovin)
  - d. Nominations (Tim Owens)
  - e. Professional Affairs (Jeylan Mortimer)
7. Old Business
  - Relationship with other sections
8. New Business
  - Report from Social Psychology Council meeting
9. Passing of the baton: Remarks/Announcements from Linda Molm, Chair Elect

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SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Business Meeting, August 21, 1998

Minutes

The meeting convened at 2:30 PM.

Present: 48 members (see attached signup sheet)

**Announcements:** The section chair overviewed the section day program, consisting of a miniconference on Micro Social Orders, and other activities (Cooley-Mead presentation and reception). He noted that because of an ASA plenary session at 4:30, all of the section

activities would not fit in a single day. The same situation will exist at next year's meeting. New section officers were announced.

Brian Powell noted that the section is gradually drawing down its reserves by running deficits each year. One source of this is the high cost of reception and breakfast (for council meetings) at ASA hotels, but the budget does not allow for special activities such as extra membership mailings. We noted in response to a question that a dues increase for graduate students (and perhaps regular members) was discussed at the Council meeting but a decision was deferred until we have more experience with the new ASA budgeting process for Sections. The Section will have an increase in its base budget from the ASA next year, enhanced a bit by an increase in membership this year.

**Section Newsletter Report:** Jan Stets reports that procedures for producing the newsletter through the ASA are working satisfactorily. Several attendees complimented Jan for her excellent work as editor of the newsletter.

### **Committee Reports.**

(1) **The graduate student award committee (Lisa Troyer, Chair)** announced the winners of the student paper award: Will Kalkhoff and Chris Bamum (University of Iowa).

(2) **The membership committee (Doug Maynard, Chair)** undertook a membership drive, and membership increased from 598 (in July 1997) to 652 (in July 1998). This is the largest one-year increase anyone could remember.

(3) **The Cooley Mead Award Committee (Lynn Smith-Lovin, Chair)** chose Professor David Heise (Indiana University) as the award recipient this year and the presentation was scheduled for the hour following the Business meeting;

(4) **The nominations committee (Tim Owens, Chair)** announced the section election results. Lynn Smith Lovin was elected to chair elect and Don Reitzes to Secretary Treasurer; New council members are Marta Elliott, Robin Simon, and Joanne Kaufman.

(5) **The professional affairs committee (Jeylan Mortimer, Chair)** did not have business this year.

**New Business:** The chair reported on the Council meeting and members discussed the relationship to other ASA sections. Given the new membership criterion of 300 members for sections, the need to join allied sections, such as Emotions, Rational Choice, and Mathematical Sociology, was emphasized by attendees. The desirability of continuing our collaboration with other sections and with the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI) also was affirmed.

**Remarks by Chair Elect: Linda Molm** announced that the theme for next year's section sessions will be social inequality. She described the sessions, two invited and one open, and asked for any feedback. The chairs of Section committees also were announced.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20 PM

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## **SECTION ON SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**Report of the Secretary-Treasurer  
August 1998**

**Balance**

**As of December 31, 1994 2328.57**

**As of December 31, 1995 1909.72**

**As of December 31, 1996 1376.06**

**As of December 31, 1997 1440.67**

**1998:**

Revenues:

Allocation for Section 1951.36

**Dues** Income, (as of 6/30/98) 742.00

Royalty Income 0.00

**TOTAL 2693.36**

Expenses:

Annual Meeting-Reception (expected) 750.00

Annual Meeting-Other Expenses (expected) 200.00

Newsletter Expenses (expected) 1187.07

Awards 480.00

Postage/Miscellaneous 407.42

**TOTAL 3024.49**

**As of December 31, 1998 (expected) 1109.18**

Submitted by Brian Powell

8/21/98

