

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION
Council Meeting, August 18, 2003, 7:30-8:15 a.m.
Minutes

In Attendance: Carmi Schooler, Spencer Cahill, Cathy Johnson, David Snow, Jane Sell, Jan Stets, Tim Owens, Karen Hegtvedt, Dawn Robinson, Bob Shelly, Gretchen Peterson, Guillermina Jasso, Jeff Lucas.

Introductions: Chair Carmi Schooler ran the meeting. He welcomed and congratulated newly elected Council members. In addition, he reviewed the section -sponsored events at the annual meeting including: 1) the section's co-sponsored reception; 2) the council meeting; 3) three paper/panel sessions; 4) a roundtable session; 5) the annual Cooley-Mead award ceremony and business meeting. He thanked his ad hoc program committee consisting of Jan Stets and John DeLamater. And he noted that the professional affairs committee had had no work for the year.

Membership Report: It was reported that the section currently had 601 members as of 7-15-03. This number appears relatively stable. Strategies to maintain the number (reminders plus a "push" around the time of the annual meetings) tend to ensure its stability. In addition, the suggestion was made that faculty members might opt to pay for graduate students.

Newsletter: Jane Sell, Newsletter Editor, reported on the issues that were published in the last year, including the two electronic issues. It was announced that Gretchen Peterson would take over as editor. There was discussion about whether we should publish only electronically. The council agreed that perhaps the winter/spring edition should remain a paper edition because it announces the ASA program offerings sponsored by the section.

Nominations: Nominations for council positions for next year went very well. Everyone who was asked to run agreed. Thus elections were nonproblematic.

Graduate Student Affairs Committee: Committee member Jeff Lucas (standing in for chair, Jeff Houser) noted that 15 papers were in this year's paper competition. Steve Hitlin (University of Wisconsin--Madison) won and Koji Ueno (Vanderbilt University) earned honorable mention.

Webmaster: The webmaster, Tim Owens, reported that things have stabilized on the website. He requested that people send him summaries of new books and syllabi to post on the website. In addition, he plans to activate the "counter" so that we learn how many "hits" we are getting.

Budget: Secretary/Treasurer Karen Hegtvedt reviewed budget numbers with the Council. Current assets (before any expenditures for the meetings or the newsletter) were \$5997 (including the beginning assets, allocation of section, and dues income). Based on projections of expenditures (numbers anticipated by the October 2002 budget) and projected costs of annual meeting, it appeared that we would have a deficit of about \$384 of our proposed \$3000 budget. That amount, however, did not take into account the fact that newsletter expenditures were going to be far less than the budgeted

\$1400. By publishing electronic issues, we saved money and thus we expect our budget to be in the black by the end of the year. (Section budget attached).

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION
Business Meeting, August 19, 2003, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Minutes

In Attendance: Fifty-one section members attended the business meeting. Carmi Schooler, Chair of the section, facilitated discussion. Chair-elect Guillermina Jasso took over at the end.

Opening: Dr. Schooler reiterated the issue of membership level that was raised at the Council meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Karen Hegtvedt reviewed information on the section's finances, specifying revenues and expenditures. The content of the review was much the same as in the council meeting.

Newsletter: It was noted that Editor Jane Sell will be sending out her last edition and that Gretchen Peterson will take over as editor. The council's decision to have two electronic issues and one paper issue was announced. Also it was noted that the newsletter is on the homepage.

Nominations: Reiterating what was said at the Council meeting, it was announced to the membership that nominations this year went exceedingly smoothly.

Professional Affairs: Nothing to report.

Graduate Student Affairs: There were 15 papers in the competition this year. The winner, Steven Hitlin, was from University of Wisconsin– Madison and honorable mention, Koji Ueno, from Vanderbilt University. A plaque was presented to Steven and a certificate was given to one of Koji's advisors.

Cooley Mead Award: The Cooley-Mead address followed the business meeting this year. Dr. Peter Burke of University of California Riverside was honored with the award for his work on identity processes.

Membership: It was announced that current membership stood at 601. In addition, mention was made that ASA is considering having a three year running average membership that would be used toward number of sessions granted to a section.

Old Business: John DeLamater announced that the *Handbook of Social Psychology* was out (running \$105 in hardback for a single copy or \$70 for classes greater than five) He wants to donate half of the royalties to the section (5%), but Kluwer/Plenum needs the IRS tax number. There is not yet any discussion of turning the hardback into a paperback. Richard Serpe also noted that his co-editors (with Tim Owens, Peter Burke, and Peggy Thoits) on *Advances in Identity Theory and Research* are donating all of their royalties to the section.

New Business: There was some discussion about the problem of the overlap between sessions sponsored by the emotions section and by social psychology.

Cooley-Mead Award Committee Report

**by
Bob Shelly**

The Cooley-Mead Award Committee included: Bob Shelly (Chair), Rebecca Erickson of the University of Akron, Gary Fine of Northwestern University, Dawn Robinson of the University of Iowa, and Shane Thye of the University of South Carolina. We solicited nominations from the section membership and committee members. Dave Willer also provided a list of individuals who were considered last year. A total of a half dozen social psychologists were given serious consideration by the committee. Committee members rank ordered the nominees and two individuals surfaced as the most favored by the committee. A final ballot of the committee resulted in Peter J. Burke of the University of California at Riverside being named as the award recipient for 2003. The award was presented at the section business meeting in Atlanta. Professor Burke was introduced to the section membership for his award address by Sheldon Stryker, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Indiana University. Professor Stryker is also a recipient of the Cooley-Mead award.