

**Minutes for Social Psychology Section Business Meeting, Boston, MA**  
August 1, 2008

The meeting was convened at 4:30PM by Lisa Troyer.

75 Section members were in attendance.

Troyer asked for Committee Reports.

**Committee Reports**

**Nominations Committee:** The chair of the Nominations Committee was not present. Lisa noted that the Committee had done an outstanding job of generating an excellent slate of candidates for the elections. She announced the newly elected officers and Council members: Debbie Carr (Council), Tim Owen (Council), Sarah Harkness (Council), Dawn Robinson (Chair-Elect). Lisa congratulated the new Council members and Chair-Elect and also noted the Sections appreciation to all those who ran for office and encouraged them to consider standing for election again in the future.

**Newsletter:** Kathy Kuipers noted her thanks to members of the Section for their contributions to the newsletter over the past year and encouraged continued submissions. Lisa thanked Kathy for her outstanding work on the newsletter.

**Webmaster Report:** Lisa thanked Tim Owen for his ongoing work as the Section's Webmaster for several years. Tim indicated that the Web site was easy to maintain and noted his appreciation to the membership for sending him announcements and postings to keep the site fresh. Lisa noted that Tim was interested in passing this post onto someone else in the Section and asked the membership to consider taking it on. She requested that anyone interested in becoming the Section's Webmaster contact her or incoming chair Karen Hegtvedt.

***Social Psychology Quarterly* Editor:** Gary Fine could not attend the Section's Business Meeting. Lisa reported that the journal was in excellent shape, with a steady stream of manuscript submissions. Under Gary's editorship, the circulation has grown and the time-to-decision on manuscript is now down to just 56 days. This is quite an accomplishment, by comparison to other journals that ASA fields. Lisa also noted that Gary had reported the ASA Publication Committee's interest in re-launching a monograph series. She stated that Gary felt it would be beneficial to the Section and encourages members who feel likewise to let members of the Publications Committee or ASA Council know.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** Amy Kroska could not attend the ASA Meeting and Council member, Jeremy Freese presented the Secretary/Treasurer's report. The budget is very strong, with a current balance of about \$15,582 as of the last budget report from ASA. Due to the generosity of Section members who have contributed book royalties, the Section had a net income of about \$2,800 Meeting costs will The Section members

discussed the possibility that we have too much money. We considered different uses of the money: (1) a Mid-year conference and (2) extra student funding. Troyer encouraged section members to send her or Chair-Elect Karen Hegtvedt suggestions.

**Membership Committee:** Stuart Hysom and Lisa Rashotte reported that membership continues to hold steady at 627 members. While this is down from the high of 670 last Fall, the Section expects to pick up around 40-50 members via registration at the annual meeting.

**Professional Affairs:** The Committee had no business to report.

**SSSI Liaison:** The liaison, Kent Sandstrom, was not present to make a report.

**Graduate Student Affairs Committee:** Troyer asked to defer the report from the Graduate Student Affairs Committee until after new business, because the Committee would announce the Student Paper Competition award winners just before the Cooley-Mead Lecture.

**Cooley-Mead Award Committee:** Troyer asked to defer the report until the end of the meeting as the segue into the Cooley-Mead Lecture.

### **New Business**

**Job Reception:** Concern that the Sections job reception competes with the ASA employment service and might otherwise creating some unfairness in the job market had been brought to Troyer's attention. Consequently, the job reception was not held this year. Section members discussed alternatives for framing this reception, which has not been a reception in which members are interviewing for jobs, but rather an opportunity for networking in an informal social environment. It was noted that the reception does provide professional socialization and other benefits for students, as well as more seasoned section members. Section members encouraged the section officers to try to reinvent the reception as a professional networking reception.

**Monograph Series:** Gary Fine was not present, but Troyer reported that he had advised the section council that the ASA Publications Committee is considering re-initiating a monograph series, perhaps along the lines of the Rose Monograph Series that the Association formerly offered. Troyer noted that Gary had suggested that such a monograph series could be very beneficial to social psychology. He had asked that if others share this opinion, it would be good to let the ASA Publications Committee or Council members know.

**Graduate Student Affairs Committee:** Ann Eisenberg began her report by thanking other members of the Committee. She then noted the Honorable Mentions for the Award:

Daniel Menchik & Xiaoli Tian (University of Chicago) for “Context into Text: The Semiotics of Email Interaction”  
Jooyoung Lee (UCLA) for “Battlin’ on the Corner: Techniques for Sustaining Play”

The 2008 Student Paper Award Winner was then announced:

Jenna Howard (Rutgers University) for Negotiating an Exit: Existential, Interactional, and Cultural Obstacles to Disidentification.

Troyer thanked the Committee for its work.

Troyer then invited the section membership to attend the section reception, which would immediately follow the Cooley-Mead Lecture. Sh called for adjournment, noting that the Cooley-Mead Committee’s report would be given by Peter Callero as a prelude to the Cooley-Mead Lecture, being given by the award winner, Jane Piliavin.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05PM.