

October 1, 2003

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Chair, Economic Sociology Section

RE: Annual Report

I. Summary of Business Meeting. There were about 70 members present.

Agenda

1. Announcements of awards: 2003 Ronald Burt Student Paper Award, "*Intertwined and Relational Environments of Organizations*" by Francisco J. Granados, University of Minnesota.

2003 Viviana Zelizer Best Book Award, *The Architecture of Markets*, by Neil Fligstein, University of California at Berkeley.

2. Discussion of Future Meetings: Suggestions were made to try and cooperate with other sections. In particular, people were interested in working with the Culture Section and the Occupations, Organization, and Work Sessions.

3. Volunteers were asked to serve on the Awards Committee. Richard Swedberg, Cornell University and Ezra Zuckerman, MIT agreed to serve.

4. Volunteers were asked to edit the newsletter. Kieran Healy, University of Arizona agreed to do it.

5. We also asked for nominations for Council and Chair-elect. The following people were nominated:

Chair-Richard Swedberg, Paul Hirsch, Mark Granovetter

Council: Roberto Fernandez, Bruce Carruthers (sorry!) Mark Suchman, Akos Rona-Tasa, Bill Roy, Jens Beckert

We also agreed to seek out nominations from the wider membership via the email link.

6. We also discussed keeping up the momentum of gaining new members. We decided to try and put out a campaign to existing members to encourage students and others to sign up.

7. Members were asked for new business. None was offered.

## II. Procedures used to get nominations for officers

1. We discussed nominations at the Council meeting
2. We asked for nominations at the meeting of the Section
3. We intend to solicit nominations from all members via our email link
4. Bruce Carruthers, Northwestern University, agreed to serve as chair of the Nominations Committee.

## III. Review of Activities and Plans for the future.

The Section is one of the fastest growing and already is in the top 16 in terms of total members. Our sessions have been well attended. Besides the 4 sessions the Section organized at this year's meeting, there were 6 other regular Economic Sociology sessions. Another good omen for the future is the very large number of graduate student members in the section.

After the meeting, I decided to get in touch with the Section Chairs of Culture and OOW. The Culture and Economic Sociology Sections will hold a joint party next year at the ASA meetings in San Francisco. One of our regular sessions will be "Culture and the Economy" and it will be organized by Paul Hirsch, Northwestern University. Our other two sessions will be the "Media Mergers", organized by Eric Klinenberg, NYU and "The Sociology of Consumption" organized by Dan Cook, University of Illinois.

We are also going to do a two year cooperative effort with the Section on Occupations, Organizations, and Work. We will co-sponsor sessions with them both years. This year, the session will come out of their allotment. It will be organized by Arne Kalleberg, University of North Carolina and has the title "Changes in the Economy and Changes in Work". The next Chair, Nicole Biggart, UC-Davis, is pleased with this arrangement.