

Committee on Publications Minutes American Sociological Association

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Participants: Elected members present were Abigail Saguy (Chair), Mary Bernstein, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Philip Cohen, Nancy Naples, Kristen Schilt, David Takeuchi, and Veronica Terriquez. Incoming elected members present as observers were Julia Adams, Nancy López, and Debra Umberson. Editors present were Richard Carpiano, Mustafa Emirbayer, Rory McVeigh, Timothy Owens, Leslie Paik, Rashawn Ray, Linda Renzulli, Fabio Rojas, Susan Roxburgh, Michael Sauder, Brent Simpson, and Stephen Sweet. Incoming editors present were Amy Burdette, Michele Kozimor, and Michael Vuolo.

Staff: Nancy Kidd (Executive Director), Karen Gray Edwards (Director of Publications), and Jamie Panzarella (Publications Manager).

Guests: Thomas Mankowski and Andrew Thompson (SAGE Publishing) and Elisabeth Clemens (Ad Hoc Committee on Open Data) were present for the report and discussion of the Ad Hoc Committee on Open Data.

Chair Abigail Saguy called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and introductions were made. Saguy reviewed the format of the meeting for the incoming members. Each agenda item will be discussed in detail with the full group in attendance. At the conclusion of those discussions, the Committee will revisit each issue in executive session, without editors or guests present, before taking votes. Saguy also clarified the process for conflicts of interest during discussion and voting.

Agenda. *A motion was made by Bonilla-Silva to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Seconded by Schilt. Motion carried unanimously.*

Updates. Director of Publications Edwards updated the committee on the state of invitations for editor extensions.

January 2019 Meeting Minutes. *A motion was made by Schilt to approve the minutes from the January 2019 Committee on Publications meeting as presented. Seconded by Bernstein. Motion carried unanimously.*

Update on Editor Selections Activities and Nominations for Editors Candidates. Director of Publications Edwards explained that the editor selection process has begun for the editorial terms beginning in 2021 for the *American Sociological Review*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, and *Sociological Theory*. Publications Manager Panzarella reported on responses to initial letters of invitation. Saguy encouraged committee members to submit more nominations as soon as possible. There was some discussion about steps ASA can take to address barriers to taking editorships and there was agreement that Edwards will facilitate the development of a document for deans that explains the benefits to the university of housing a journal editor.

Sociology of Education Page Request. *Sociology of Education* editor Renzulli requested a one-time 24-page increase for 2019. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Bernstein to approve the proposal for 24 additional pages for SOE in 2019. Seconded by Bonilla-Silva. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Editorships. The Committee discussed two questions related to deputy editors.

First, should assistant professors be eligible to serve as deputy editors? There is currently no policy prohibiting this, and the committee decided not to take any action to amend that.

Second, should deputy editors be identified in applications for editorships?

A motion was made by Saguy to remove the language from the editor application guidelines telling applicants not to include the names of deputy editors. Seconded by Schilt. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Saguy to ask Edwards to revise the editor application guidelines to clarify the definitions of editors, deputy editors, and other editorial board members (associate editors). Editor applications must include information about all editors or co-editors, but applicants are not obligated to provide names of potential deputy editors. Potential editors should be asked to discuss how they plan to use their deputy and associate editors. The revised editor application guidelines will be reviewed by the Committee on Publications at its next meeting. Seconded by Terriquez. Motion carried with 7 for and 1 abstention.

A motion was made by Naples to ask current editors what roles their deputy editors and other members of their editorial board play and report the information to the Committee at its next meeting. Seconded by Saguy. Motion carried unanimously.

Editorial Board Nominations. The Committee discussed nominations for new editorial board members for ASA-wide journals and the ASA Rose Series.

A motion was made by Saguy to approve all editorial board nominations as presented. Seconded by Schilt. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee also asked Edwards to pass along specific messages to various editors regarding their efforts toward increasing diversity among editorial board members.

Report from SAGE. Edwards directed the committee's attention to a detailed written report from SAGE which was included in the meeting materials. She also elaborated on two new SAGE initiatives, a new ASA journals web portal and a new sharing option for online content.

The committee took a break at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

Report of the Open Data Committee. At the January 2019 meeting, the Committee on Publications asked committee chair Saguy to appoint an ad hoc committee to evaluate the broad set of issues related to open data for ASA journals. Members of the ad hoc committee included Syed Ali, Elisabeth Clemens, Omar Lizardo, Nancy Naples, and Kristen Schilt.

Schilt provided an overview of the work done by the ad hoc committee, with additional information provided by Clemens. The ad hoc committee proposed that the Committee on Publications should have

a discussion with editors about the relevant issues they are seeing with respect to open data and the Committee decided to proceed with that discussion.

A motion was made by Saguy to form an ad hoc committee to create a statement regarding conditions for sharing data and research materials in a context of ethical and inclusive production of knowledge which will be discussed at the January 2020 meeting of the Committee on Publications with the goal of making a recommendation to ASA Council in March 2020. Seconded by Cohen. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Terriquez to ask the ad hoc committee to also review the question about sharing data currently asked of all authors submitting manuscripts to incorporate some of the key points of the Committee on Publications discussion. The proposed new language will be considered by the Committee on Publications at its next meeting. Seconded by Schilt. Motion carried unanimously.

There was agreement that Saguy will appoint the ad hoc committee.

Note that the Committee, invited editors, and other guests met until 11:30 a.m. at which time there was a break. At 11:40 a.m. the elected committee members reconvened in executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.