

Committee on Publications Conference Call
Meeting Minutes
American Sociological Association
January 23, 2020

Participants. Elected members: Abigail Saguy (Chair), Julie Adams, Syed Ali, Mary Bernstein, Philip Cohen, Nancy Naples, Nancy López, Mary Romero, Kristen Schilt, Kristin Turney, and Debra Umberson. Editors: Yasemin Besen-Cassino, Matthew E. Brashears, David Brunsma, Amy Burdette, Mustafa Emirbayer, Michele Lee Kozimor, Omar Lizardo, Rory M. McVeigh, Tim Owens, Leslie S. Paik, Rashawn Ray, Linda Renzulli, Brent Simpson, and Mike Vuolo. Staff: Nancy Kidd (Executive Director), Karen Gray Edwards (Director of Publications), Jamie Panzarella (Publications Manager). Guest: Japonica Brown-Saracino (Chair, ASA Community and Urban Sociology Section) was present for the agenda item regarding *City & Community*.

Call to Order. Chair Abigail Saguy called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and explained the logistics of using Zoom video conferencing for the meeting. A voice roll call was taken. Saguy then reviewed the format of the meeting as well as the expectations of confidently for all participants. Saguy explained that all agenda items will be discussed with the Committee and editors present. Then the Committee will move into executive session without editors for further deliberation and voting on issues. [Note that for ease of comprehension, in these minutes we have included the ultimate vote on each issue immediately following the description of the item, though in fact the votes were all taken together in executive session at the end of the meeting.]

Agenda. Saguy drew the Committee's attention to the agenda in the meeting materials.

Motion: To approve the meeting agenda as presented. Carried.

Updates. Saguy pointed out two updates in the meeting materials, a future meeting date and a progress report on the appointment and launch of the ad hoc committee tasked with addressing issues related to data sharing.

August 2019 Meeting Minutes. Saguy indicated that the draft minutes for the last committee meeting are in the meeting materials.

Motion: To approve the minutes from the August 2019 Committee on Publications meeting as presented. Carried.

Socius Article Processing Charge Waivers. Since its inception, *Socius* has allowed unrestricted waivers of the article processing charge for authors who indicate they are unable to pay, with a plan to revisit this policy in light of three years of usage data. Committee on Publications discussed these data.

Motion: To recommend to Council the ongoing implementation of the current policy. Carried.

Teaching Sociology Special Issue. Committee on Publications discussed a proposal from the editor of *Teaching Sociology* to publish a special issue on "Teaching Sexualities" with guest editors Andrea Miller, Shantel Gabriel Buggs, and J.E. Sumerau.

Motion: To approve the Teaching Sociology special issue proposal. Carried.

Society and Mental Health One-Time Page Increase for 2020. Committee on Publications discussed a request from the editors of *Society and Mental Health* for a one-time page increase of 36 pages for 2020 to resolve the remaining transitional backlog from the previous editor and bring the journal closer to the accepted standard of publishing papers two issues after their acceptance.

Motion: To approve the request for additional pages for Society and Mental Health in 2020. Carried.

Sociological Methodology Proposals. *Sociological Methodology* editor Vuolo presented three proposals to the Committee for discussion: move from an annual volume to multiple issues per year, add a short article format option, and revise the journal's mission statement.

Motion: To recommend to Council all of the Sociological Methodology proposed changes. Carried.

City & Community One-time Page Increase for 2020. The Community and Urban Sociology Section Chair Brown-Saracino presented a request for an additional 460 pages for *City & Community* in 2020. Discussion ensued.

Motion: To approve 260 additional pages for the March 2020 special issue on "Centering Small Cities" plus an estimated 160 pages to allow for acceptance of 50% of current revise and resubmit manuscripts and 10% of initial review manuscripts. Carried.

Executive Session. The Committee moved into executive session at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the routine reviews and editor applications for the *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Theory*, and *Social Psychology Quarterly*. The Committee also discussed the proposal from the Political Economy of the World-System section for the next editor of the *Journal of World-Systems Research*.

Motion: To recommend to Council ranked lists of editor candidates for American Sociological Review, Sociological Theory, and Social Psychology Quarterly. Carried.

Motion : To support the Political Economy of World-System section's selection for the next editor of Journal of World-Systems Research. Carried.

The Committee moved out of executive session at 1:48 p.m.

Section Journal Policies. Executive Director Kidd presented a set of policy proposals, developed in collaboration with the sections that have journals, designed to align section journal policies with the policies for ASA-wide journals to ensure clarity, fairness, and inclusion. Discussion ensued.

Motion: To recommend to Council the section journal policies as presented. Carried.

Revised Editor Selection Guidelines. Director of Publications Edwards presented some proposed revisions to the language in the ASA Editor Selection Guidelines regarding deputy editors that was meant to address earlier requests of the Committee. Discussion ensued, and the Committee requested some modifications to the proposed revision.

Motion: To approve the modified Editor Selection Guidelines as amended in discussion. Carried.

Removing Embargo on Accepted Manuscripts. The Committee discussed recommending to Council eliminating the 12-month embargo on posting accepted manuscripts in repositories beyond the personal website and institutional repository of the author. It would be an additional step towards open access for sociological scholarship.

Motion: To recommend to Council removing the 12-month embargo on posting accepted manuscripts on repositories beyond personal websites and institutional repositories. Carried.

Response to Possible Executive Order. Committee member Cohen introduced three proposals for Committee consideration in response to the ASA's signature on a recent letter to President Trump expressing concern about an Executive Order related to scientific publishing rumored to be coming out with almost no notice or consultation with the scientific community: express opposition to the decision by the ASA to sign the December 18, 2019 letter, express support for federal policy eliminating the 12-month waiting period before the free dissemination of federally-funded research outputs, and recommend to the ASA Council that they support such a policy and prepare the association for the impact such policy may have on the association's business model. Discussion ensued.

Motion: For the Committee on Publications to express opposition to the decision by the ASA to sign the December 18, 2019 letter. Carried.

Motion: To encourage Council to discuss implications of the existing embargo and possible changes to the policy and to urge decisionmakers to consult with the scientific community before making executive orders. Carried.

Executive Session. The Committee moved into executive session at 2:15 p.m. to continue deliberation and vote on all of the agenda items. [Note, again, that these votes are reflected above in the meeting minutes.]

Adjournment. Saguy adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.