Welcome to New ASA Retired Members!

If you are newly retired, you may be receiving this newsletter for the first time. All ASA Retired Members (by membership category) are also members of the ASA Retirement Network (ASARN). We hope you will enjoy this way of keeping in touch with your colleagues and your profession. (If you do not wish to receive future issues of this newsletter, you may opt out by clicking on the link at the end of the newsletter below.)

ASARN Advisory Board Election Results

Congratulations to our newly elected ASA Retirement Network Advisory Board members:

- Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld
- Marcia Texler Segal
- Stephen F. Steele

Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld will continue service on the board for an additional two years (through August 31, 2022). Marcia Texler Segal and Stephen F. Steele will serve from September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2022, replacing Maxine Baca Zinn and Jeffrey Nash, who will rotate off the board as of August 31, 2020.

2020 ASARN Virtual Engagement Event Activities

Prior to the cancellation of the 2020 ASA Annual Meeting scheduled for August in San Francisco, ASARN had three sessions planned (in addition to the Advisory Board and Business Meeting). Not all of these sessions will be held in the alternative virtual engagement event. The paper/panel session has been cancelled. The workshop on Planning for the Future (co-sponsored by ASARN and the ASA Honors Program), “A Life in Sociology” lecture session, and the Advisory Board and Business Meeting are being planned as virtual events. Register for the 2020 ASARN Virtual Engagement Event here (registration is free for all ASA members) and access the online program through your member portal for information on how to participate in ASARN events as well as other sessions and meetings.

Ask Howie: Questions Solicited for ASARN Lecture Session

Howard S. Becker is the 2020 ASARN “A Life in Sociology” invited lecturer. He would like the virtual session to take the form of questions and answers. He will give brief remarks and then answer questions submitted to him. As he does not wish to see the questions before the session, please send questions by July 27 to Jeff Nash (jeffreyenash@gmail.com). Jeff, with help from other members of the ASARN Advisory Board, will select a number of questions to fit within the time frame of the session.

ASARN Advisory Board and Business Meeting

The ASARN Advisory Board and Business Meeting will occur as a virtual event on August 10. Check the online program in July for details on how to participate.

Proposed Bylaws Revisions. The Advisory Board has approved a series of proposed changes to the current ASARN Bylaws. (See original Bylaws and proposed changes here.) Most changes are either “housekeeping” in that they correct errors, clarify procedures, or update information in the existing Bylaws; or facilitate Advisory Board functions and procedures. All ASA retired members are encouraged to participate in a discussion and vote on the proposed changes during the business meeting. If approved at the business meeting, the proposed Bylaws will be submitted to ASA Council for placement on the 2021 election ballot for a vote by all ASA retired members.

Stay Connected!

ASARN has a discussion listserv, which all retired members may join. If you have not already joined the listserv, click here for instructions. Subscribers may send news or questions to other retired members by sending a message to ASA_Retirement@listserv.asanet.org.

If you are on Facebook, please join the ASARN Facebook group. We encourage group members to post about their professional and personal work and experiences, as well as pass along items of interest to those who are already retired or considering retirement.

Visit the ASA Retirement Network home page

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