President Alejandro Portes convened the Council at 2:30 p.m. He welcomed new members and elected officers. He thanked Past President Jill Quadagno and those Council members who had attended the annual business meeting of the ASA. He also indicated that, in deference to priority issues on the agenda, he would hold a special meeting of the Publications Committee. Executive OfficerFelice Leonetti announced that the special meeting would be the first meeting of the 1999-2000 Council.


Secretary Leonetti stated that resolutions from the ASA's Executive Officers and officers were communicated to the ASA membership. He also noted that the 1999-2000 Council thanked the outgoing 1998-1999 Council for their service.

The first item of business was the approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes from the February 1999 meeting were presented and approved.

2. Report of the President
President Portes expressed regret that the year is ending on a negative note, reflecting the crisis over the American Sociological Review (ASR). He reminded Council members that, when Council is deliberating on confidential issues, the content of the proceedings is the being kept confidential. He also noted that confidentiality is a collective responsibility of everyone on Council. He stated that disclosures of confidential information had led to negative events that could have been avoided. Council member England noted that Council was asked to discuss whether confidentiality was set forth in the ASA's Consolidated Code of Ethics. The ASR confidentiality policy was reviewed. Council had little to no information about the ASR, which led to the belief that the ASR confidentiality policy was more stringent than the ASA's. The ASR confidentiality policy was reviewed. Council agreed with the recommendation of the Council on Publications regarding the American Sociological Review. Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution of the Council on Publications: The Council approved the following resolution regarding the American Sociological Review:

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