1. Introduction and Approval of Minutes from 2010 Business Meeting
Monica Casper, Incoming Section Chair, brought the meeting to order with 34 persons in attendance. The first order of business was approval of the minutes from the 2010 Business Meeting; the minutes were approved with no changes.

2. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report
See attached report for details. No questions were asked of the Secretary-Treasurer.

3. Committees
Casper called for Section members to volunteer for work on Section committees for awards, session planning, membership, and other business. Members should contact Casper to express their interest in a particular position.

4. Media
Casper expressed her intention to increase the visibility of Section activities through electronic media, especially through improvements to the Section website and the creation of a Section Facebook page.

5. Awards
Merton Award: David Hess gave the citation for the 2011 Robert K. Merton Book Award, presenting the award to Kelly Moore for her book, "Disrupting Science: Social Movements, American Scientists, and the Politics of the Military, 1945-1975" (Princeton 2008). Hess chaired the selection committee for the Merton Award, working with Daniel Breslau and Catherine Bliss. Kelly Moore was on hand to receive her award.

Hacker-Mullins Award: Amit Prasad presented the Hacker-Mullins Award for the best student paper to Michael Strand for, "Where Do Classifications Come From? The DSM-III, the Transformation of American Psychiatry, and the Problem of Origins in the Sociology of Knowledge" (published in Theory and Society in 2011). An Honorable Mention was also given to Daniel Navon for his paper, "Genomic Designation: How Genetics Can Delineate New Phenotypically Diffuse Medical Categories" (published in Social Studies of Science in 2011). Prasad chaired the award committee along with Carrie Friese and Sabrina McCormick. Neither student was able to attend the meeting to receive their award.

SKAT Paper Award: Abby Kinchy presented the Section’s new award for the best published article. The award this year was given to Mathieu Albert, Suzanne Laberge, and Brian D. Hodges for their paper, "Boundary-Work in the Health Research Field: Biomedical and Clinician Scientists’ Perceptions of Social Science Research" (published in Minerva in 2009). Jennifer Croissant and Elizabeth Popp Berman worked with committee chair Kinchy to select this year’s winner. The authors were present to accept their award.

Following the presentation of the award, Kelly Moore announced the new name for the paper award: the "ASA SKAT Star-Nelkin Article Award," commemorating the work of the late STS scholars Susan
Leigh Star and Dorothy Nelkin. This name was proposed to the SKAT Council earlier in the day at the annual Council meeting and was formally approved. Moore explained the importance of Star’s and Nelkin’s contributions to the sociology of science, knowledge, and technology. As Moore noted: “Although they used very different approaches to understand the mix of the social and the scientific—Star was drawn to understand information, knowledge systems, and the constitution of the social and technical, while Nelkin focused her attention on policies and controversies—both scholars shared a fearlessness in developing new areas of scholarship in the field and in always pushing themselves into entirely new areas of research, research that was, when they introduced it, often at the edges of contemporaneous sociologies of science but which later became part of the sociological canon.”

6. Session Planning for 2012 Meeting
Casper asked members to propose session topics for next year's meeting in Denver. The theme for next year's meeting is, "Real Utopias: Emancipatory Projects, Institutional Designs, Possible Futures." Casper described some of the topics discussed earlier in the day at the Council meeting. Members in attendance then proposed the following ideas for sessions: “the next big thing in STS” (perhaps as an invited session); a pre-conference workshop on a selected topic; science and democratic politics; race/ethnicity/diversity; “care” in science; transnationalism and science; a critical approach to interdisciplinarity; the end of the Space Shuttle program (or space exploration more generally); science funding; science and the sociology of expectations; and disasters/epidemics.

7. Other Business
Kelly Moore discussed her new position with the National Science Foundation and her desire to strengthen the STS components of the Program on Science, Technology, and Society. She called on Section members to contact her with questions about applying for NSF support. Moore noted that the wording of the Program Solicitation for proposals will be changed after November 1, and also emphasized a new data management plan requirement for all NSF proposals. These management plans require that data be “traceable,” though practices and standards for these requirements vary by discipline.

Casper described her book series on biopolitics that she edits with Lisa Jean Moore for NYU Press. Please contact her with ideas for new books, especially from mid- and late-career scholars.

Casper also asked members to suggest potential names for the SKAT Section Newsletter.

Casper ended the meeting after all business was concluded.

-Minutes submitted by Christopher Henke, SKAT Secretary-Treasurer, September 5, 2011.
SKAT Secretary/Treasurer’s Report
Christopher Henke
August 2011, Las Vegas

Financial
In 2010 the Section took in $2566 and spent $2740. Our main expenses included our section reception at the annual meeting last year and expenses for our Section Awards. Our income was derived from our section allocation from ASA and section dues. We received no donations to the section in 2010 or thus far in 2011. In 2011 our income should rise slightly, due to an increase in membership---2010 was a low year for most sections throughout the ASA in terms of memberships, but indications thus far is that they are up again in 2011. Our main expenditures are again going to be spent on our section reception and for section awards, projected for approximately $3000 in 2010. As of the end of the second quarter on June 30, we had a balance of $5933 in our account.

Membership
Section membership in 2010 was 477, down 10 members from 487 in 2009 and down 22 from our total of 495 in 2008. In 2010 the median section membership for all ASA sections was 442, so our section was 35 members above that mark. In 2010 we had 14 low-income, 170 student, and 293 regular members. Significant among those numbers was an increase of 9 in the number of student members balanced against a drop of 18 regular members. As of the end of July 2011, we have 470 members, though we will likely add members by the time membership closes at the end of September 2011 (for context, last year at this time we had 458 members and finished the year with 477.)