Introduction
Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section’s vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2021 to August 2022 and a fiscal year from January 2022 to December 2022. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

Section Governance
Provide details of your Section’s governance activity during the period between September 2021 and August 2022.

Business Meeting
Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

Agenda: 2022 ASA Disability in Society Section, Business Meeting
Saturday, August 6, 2022, 5:00-5:30 pm Pacific, Los Angeles

1. Welcome: Linda Blum, Northeastern University (Outgoing Chair)
   Appreciation: **Outgoing Immediate Past Chair, Carrie Shandra, SUNY Stony Brook. Also outgoing: **Justine Egner, **Tara Fannon **Jennifer Brooks (**Unable to attend)

2. Thanks to the 2021-2022 Council (listed on p.2), and welcome 2022-2023 Council (terms begin following this meeting). Welcome to those newly elected:
   • Chair-Elect (3-year term): Dara Shifrer, Portland Sate
   • Secretary/Treasurer elect (3-year term): Michelle Maroto, University of Alberta (and outgoing Program Chair)
   • ** Program Committee Chair (2-year term): Kerry Dobransky, James Madison University
   • Publicity Chair (2-year term): Gabriele Ciciurkaite, Utah State University
   • Membership and Mentorship Chair (2-year term): Alan Santinele Martino, University of Calgary
   • Student Representative (2-year term): Jordan Foster, University of Toronto

And continuing:
   • ** Incoming Chair (3yrs) Robyn Lewis Brown, University of Kentucky
**Secretary/Treasurer (3yrs)** Kenzie Latham-Mintus, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

*Awards Committee Chair (2-yrs Aug 2021-23):* Catherine Voulgarides, City University of New York-Hunter College

**Nominations Committee Chair (2-yrs Aug 2021-23):** Allison Carey, Shippensburg University

**Council Member-at-Large (2-yrs Aug 2021-23):** Jayanti Owens, Brown University

3. **Members: Please Join Us! We're looking for Committee members** (for 2022-23), **Council nominees** (to stand for election for 2023-25), and **a Website guru** (for 2022-23, $250 stipend). See our signup sheet going around!

4. **Section Committee Reports:**
   - **Awards Presentation: Catherine Voulgarides, Chair**
     (Committee members: Hillary Steinberg, Angela Frederick, Nickie Coomer, Brian Gan for the book award; Allison Carey for the graduate student paper award)


   - Treasurer’s Report: Michelle Maroto for Kenzie Latham Mintus
   - Membership & Mentorship Committee Chair Report: Alan S. Martino for Justine Egner
   - Publicity Chair Report: Linda Blum for Tara Fannon
   - Program Chair Report: Michelle Maroto
   - Nominations Chair Report: Linda Blum for Allison Carey

5. **Research in Social Science and Disability** – Call for Vol. 15 just went out, Robyn Lewis Brown and Gabriele Ciciurkaite, coeditors (detailed abstracts due Oct 15). Vol.’s 13 and 14 should be out soon, lots of section members represented.

6. **New Business? And any good news items?** (publications, tenure updates, research opportunities, retirements?)

   - **The passing of the gavel** Incoming Chair: Robyn Lewis Brown – in absentia
   - Adjournment: Linda Blum

Thank you!

**2021-2022 Council Members**

Chair: Linda Blum, Northeastern University (term ends Aug 2022)
Chair-Elect: Robyn Brown, University of Kentucky (Chair for 2022-23)  
Past Chair: Carrie Shandra, SUNY Stony Brook (term ends Aug 2022)  
Secretary/Treasurer: Kenzie Latham-Mintus, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (term ends 2023)  
Program Committee Chair: Michelle Maroto, University of Alberta (term ends 2022)  
Awards Committee Chair: Catherine Voulgarides, CUNY-Hunter College (term ends 2023)  
Membership Committee Chair: Justine Egner, Gunderson Health Systems (term ends 2022)  
Nominations Committee Chair: Allison Carey, Shippensburg University (term ends 2023)  
Publicity Committee Chair: Tara Fannon, NYC Department of Education (term ends 2022)  
Student Representative: Jen Brooks, now postdoc Cornell University (term ends 2022)  
Council Member-at-Large: Jayanti Owens, Brown University (terms ends 2023)

Please note that Business Meeting minutes will be attached separately to this report.

Council Meeting  
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ASA Section on Disability and/in Society, 2022 Council Meeting  
7/28/22 - Detailed Agenda (and Template for minutes)  
6–7:30 pm Eastern, Zoom

Meeting Chair: Linda Blum (Outgoing Chair),  
Minutes: Kenzie Latham Mintus (Outgoing Secretary/Treasurer)

I - Appreciations and Brief introductions:  
- Carrie Shandra, Immediate Past Chair (3 yrs)  
- Robyn Lewis Brown, Incoming Chair (3 yrs)  
- Dara Shifrer, Chair Elect (3 yrs)  
- Kenzie Latham Mintus, Secretary/Treasurer (3 yrs)  
- Jayanti Owens, Continuing Council Member-at-Large  
- Kerry Dobransky, Incoming Program Committee Chair  
- Justine Egner, Outgoing Membership (& Mentorship) Chair  
- Alan Santinele Martino, Incoming Membership (& Mentorship) Chair  
- Gabriele Ciciurkaitė, Incoming Publicity Committee Chair  
- Jennifer Brooks, Outgoing Student Representative  
- Jordan Foster, Incoming Student Representative

In absentia  
- Tara Fannon, Outgoing Publicity Committee Chair
• Allison Carey, Continuing Nominations Committee Chair
• Michelle Maroto, Outgoing Program Chair, Incoming Secretary/Treasurer elect (3 yrs)
• Catherine Voulgarides, Continuing Awards Committee Chair

II - Upcoming Business Meeting Agenda (LA – Sat Aug 6, 5-5:30 pm JW Marriott, Floor Gold Level, Gold Salon 3, immediately after our roundtables):
• Understandably, many skipping LA this year. So I will need help.
• Linda will ask Michelle to take minutes and report on behalf of Kenzie Mintus (Treasurer’s report)
• Linda can present for Justine, Membership (& Mentorship)
• Incoming and continuing leadership unable to attend will be sent minutes: Robyn Lewis Brown, Jayanti Owens, Allison Carey
• Am I missing others who need to report? E.g., Any activity in 21-22 of the Status Committee?

III - Year in Review and Looking Forward (committee by committee):
• Goal 1: to create/build out our 5 committees to help with workload & involve more members (build networks, sustain ties to section)
• Goal 2: to utilize Chair-Elect and At-large Council member and regularize –
• Some successes:

Awards Committee - Thanks Catherine for involving members & past winners!! (Hillary Steinberg, Angela Frederick, Nickie Coomer, and Brian Gan for the book award and Allison Carey for the graduate student paper award)

Goals For 22-23: Increase submissions grad papers – revisit requirement that grads must present at ASA to be eligible

Formalize Distinguished Career in Sociology of Disability Award process

Program Committee - Thanks Jayanti for organizing roundtables for Program to assist Michelle! (Since at-large no regularized responsibilities, Jayanti had multiple responsibilities for Soc of Educ section)

Nominations Chair – Thanks to Allison for great job, excellent slates of candidates.

As she notes, need to recruit potential candidates many, many months ahead – before take on obligations to other sections. Could perhaps ask Chair-elect and/or At-large council member to assist – and/or recruit member volunteers so that this is also a committee (as in other sections)

Publicity Committee:

• Kenzie, Carrie, Linda, and Tara drafted best practices/policies for the Publicity Committee going forward for some clarity on use of different platforms and to comply with ASA rules.
Email listserv: (Tara and Linda) ASA changing communication systems, ending the email listserv, switching to a software system (Linda- beta testing this summer; Gabriele, Robyn, Dara will be taking this on in September)
Social media: (Jen and Jordan) Going well. Twitter (1,128 up from 1,051) and FB (208 from 165) numbers are up a bit. Instagram less active (29) – goal for next year though for new committee to decide.
  o Social media manager: grad student rep (or 2?) - continue stipend $250.? We agreed last year (for 2020 and 2021) but added make sure to revisit and examine budget yearly – and consider next point though.

Less success: website (in addition to ASA’s for our section). Thanks to Carrie for setting up. Carrie and I had hoped to add modestly/update this year but unclear who should take on and how to get folks to have realistic, reasonable expectations. We had thought of stipend mainly for website.

Discussion? Stipend and for ? with return of in-person receptions, budget surplus will decrease quickly.

Membership & Mentorship Committee:

- Membership Numbers: 2022 = 192 (up from 2021 = 186)
- 19 low inc; 56 student; 117 reg

Feb 6, 2022 Mentoring Event, 6pm Eastern, Zoom. Teaching the Sociology of Disability – very successful featuring our distinguished career award winner Allison Carey. Organized by Justine, with Scott Landes and others.

But other suggestions, esp. one-on-one matching, “host” new members for reception no follow-up.

- Two Mentoring sessions in Tues Aug 2nd Zoom Jamboree (publishing -Linda, social media – Alan). Thanks Kenzie, Alan, Scott Landes for organizing!

- Discuss: To Buildup committee – have Chair-elect as regular committee member? Have other member volunteers?

For next year, new committee, questions: continue zoom events, revamp matching, distribute workload? Also, improve communication with Chair and council.

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Awards
Provide a list of Section awards and awardees conferred in the past year.

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Disability Award 2022: Matthew Borus, University of Chicago, "Dispersed Organizing Before the Internet: The Case of the Disability Rag."

**2022 Finances**

Provide a narrative on how the 2022 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2022. Please account for any substantive differences.

We started the year with a balance of **$7,331**.

As of July 31, 2022, our balance is **$8,129**. However, $250.00 (social media manager’s stipend), and $2,064.00 (Aug 2022 reception costs) should be deducted before the close of the calendar and fiscal year (ending December 2022). We anticipate that our balance will be **$5,815** at the end of the calendar and fiscal year.

In income: We received a total of $904 in section allocations (Base = $500; Member (2) = $404).

In terms of expenses: $105.95 was allocated to pay for the graduate student paper awardee gift card (NOTE: Award plaques were donated in kind by Sara Green). $250 was given as a stipend to Jordan Foster as Social Media manager, and $2064.00 was budgeted for the reception (in-person in Los Angeles, CA).

We will end the year with a budget of approximately **$5,815**.

Compared with the proposed budget, we had anticipated $2,800 in expenses and incurred $2,420.

We had anticipated a royalty donation ($1500) from the RSSD series for Volume 13; however, the contributions for Volume 13 have yet to be deposited, which currently leaves us short of our anticipated 2022 end-of-year balance. However, the section is still in good financial health, and we anticipate that RSSD contributions will be part of the 2023 fiscal budget.

**The Previous Year**

Describe Section activities during the period between September 2021 and August 2022.

Provide an overview of the Section’s communications with its members and include explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Section. Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.
In 2021-2022, the section used five platforms for communicating with section membership.

1. The section Listserv was our primary means of disseminating section-related announcements, circulated twice-monthly and as necessary. Tara Fannon, Communications chair, curated the Listserv to include:
   - Member accomplishments: Including promotions, grants, publications, presentations, and public sociological contributions. These were solicited directly from membership.
   - New disability research: By and of interest to section members.
   - ASA-related announcements: Reminders about the annual conference, section elections, and other upcoming ASA deadlines.
   - Funding and mentoring opportunities: Member-sourced grant and networking opportunities were also included.
   - External events of relevance such as calls for submissions and research participants in an effort to broaden our community.
   - Tara Fannon also introduced an occasional “featured section scholar” section of the bi-weekly announcements.

2. The section Twitter account was also very active, thanks to Jennifer Brooks. Jennifer’s posts included adding and following section members, tweeting and retweeting member accomplishments, and announcing ASA deadlines. As of February 7, 2021, the account follows 628 other accounts, has 1,128 [up from 1,051 followers]. Our account can be found here: https://twitter.com/ASADisability

3. The section also has an active Facebook account. It is a public account largely populated by content from contributing section members. It is administered by section members Laura Mauldin, Brian Grossman, Allison Carey, Tommy Horejes, Mark Sherry, and Valerie Leiter. It currently has 208 members [up from 165]. Our account can be found here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ASADisabilitySociety

4. The section also created an Instagram account primarily administered by section members Jennifer Brooks and Jordan Foster. We’ve used Instagram to cross-post mostly about featured scholars. It hasn’t been as active as we would have liked and it’s an area to work on for the incoming communications committee chair. It could be a rich resource going forward with some dedication and technical savvy. We have 29 followers and our account can be found here: https://www.instagram.com/soc_disability/?hl=en

5. The section website hosted on ASA’s website includes information about current officers and awards. The current updated account can be found here: https://www.asanet.org/asa-communities/sections/disability-society
In addition, Tara Fannon and Carrie Shandra maintained an external website for archival materials and other disability-related resources: https://asadisability.wixsite.com/section
Describe the Section’s diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?

One major goal in 2021-22 was to build out our committees, which have often been quite underpopulated, to involve more members, build networks, sustain ties to the section, and further diversity, equity, and inclusion. Google signup sheets were circulated extensively in late summer and early fall 2021 through our listserv as well as at the 2021 remote Business Meeting.

Awards Committee: Chair Catherine Voulgarides and five members, was comprised of both junior and senior, dis/abled and able-bodied scholars of different genders and ethnicities. Book award submissions were received from authors who self-identified across multiple dimensions of diversity including dis/ability, gender, sexuality, and racial-ethnic identity. For the Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, the committee received few submissions, perhaps related to the restriction that papers must be presented at the Annual Meeting to be eligible. The committee will review this policy in 2022-23, with the goal of increasing diversity and participation of graduate students.

Program Committee: we invited our council member-at-large, a junior scholar of color, to join with the Committee Chair this year, a policy that should continue in future years, as the member-at-large is often a junior scholar, with more senior scholars serving as committee chairs. In addition, each of our two sessions were coorganized pairing a senior scholar with a graduate student. However, the lack of a hybrid or remote participation option for the 2022 ASA meeting was problematic for section members and issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion. In order to address this, organizers created their own hybrid options for our section session and the thematic session, which worked well. we acknowledge this decreases opportunities for informal networking somewhat, but it may be a best option going forward as, even without a pandemic, financial constraints limit many given the changing shape of higher education in the US.

Nominations Committee: The recruitment process is an active one that relies on multiple strategies to recruit a diverse pool of candidates, including: soliciting nominations via the business meeting, section newsletter, and section social media, and directly contacting people who (a) expressed interest in the 2021 section business meeting, (b) had run unsuccessfully in the past, (c) had completed a council position who might want to run for a different position, (d) are active in the section and/or (f) who expressed wanting greater involvement in the section. Ultimately, our nominees for the 2022 election were diverse in terms of demographic characteristics, with nominees including both men and women, persons of color, and persons with and without disabilities. Our nominees are also diverse in terms of professional status, with some at an early stage in their careers and others well-respected senior scholars. Finally, our nominees are diverse in terms of institutional type, employed at R1, R2, and liberal arts colleges.

Membership and Mentorship Committee: To increase membership and diversity, equity, and inclusion, this year Council voted to incorporate Mentorship in the charge of the Membership Committee, and to in future years, add more members to the committee itself. In addition, three well-attended virtual mentoring events were held over the year. These were widely advertised through section listserv and social media platforms with
outreach to other sections as well (see below activities outside of the Annual Meeting for details).

Publicity Committee: Please note details under “Communication with Members” above. As this illustrates, communication with section members and potential members to increase involvement and diversity has been and will continue to be a major priority. The committee itself consists of the chair and two graduate students, one of whom was the current graduate student representative, with diversity of status, gender, and dis/ability. This year Council voted to continue the policy of paying $250 stipends to graduate students serving as social media managers for purposes of DEI.

Provide an overview of the section’s programming at the annual meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g. intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

ASA 2022 Conference Sessions - Disability in Society Sponsored Sessions

For the 2022 ASA Conference, the Disability in Society section sponsored one session, co-sponsored a second section with the Section on Sociology of Sexualities, and held a set of roundtables. Such sessions clearly further goals for intellectual exchange and professional networking. (See below list of sessions for furthering goals).

1169 - Invisibility, Disability, and Institutions
Sat, August 6, 8:00 to 9:30am, JW Marriott, Floor: Level 3, Plaza III
Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 min)

Despite the best efforts of the disability community, much about disability and disabled persons remains invisible in today’s world. For many, disability itself can be invisible, which limits access to key resources. For most, policies, especially those implemented during the pandemic, tend to overlook and misunderstand disability. This session interrogates the invisibility of disability across institutions, including work, education, family, healthcare, and government. It highlights how disability intersects with other status characteristics to become more or less visible across contexts. It questions how ableist ideas and practices have rendered disability invisible in the past and continue to do so today, while noting what can be done to make disability more visible.

Session Organizers:
Michelle Maroto, University of Alberta
Kyle Callen, University of Oklahoma

Presider:
Michelle Maroto, University of Alberta

Presentations:
**Deconstructing (In)visibility: Disability Disclosure in the Legal Profession - Fitore Hyseni, Syracuse University; Arzana Myderrizi, University at Albany, SUNY
1710 - Sexualities, Disabilities, and Displaced Bodies (A Joint Panel with the Section on Disability in Society)
Sat, August 6, 2:00 to 3:30pm, LACC, Floor: Level 1, 153C
Session Submission Type: Invited Session (90 minute)

This panel explores the contemporary effects of sexual ableism and compulsory able-bodiedness that perpetuates ableist, heteronormative ideas regarding sexuality. We encourage panelists to explore how racism, cissexism, transmisogyny, and misogynoir compound ableist stereotypes and sexual ableism. In addition to papers focusing on the connections between compulsory able-bodiedness, sexual capital, and displacement, we seek work that centers on how disabled folks crip notions of compulsory heterosexuality. We are seeking papers that use intersectional frames, and we especially desire papers foregrounding the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) as well as transgender, non-binary, agender, intersex, and other gender-expansive people throughout the world.

Session Organizers:
S. L. Crawley, University of South Florida
Emily Ruppel, University of California-Berkeley

Presider:
Emily Ruppel, University of California-Berkeley

Panelists:
**Alison Kafer, University of Texas – Austin (** unable to attend)
Alan Santinelle Martino, University of Calgary
**Justine Egner, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
B. Ethan M Coston, Virginia Commonwealth University

1973 - Disability in Society Roundtables
Sat, August 6, 4:00 to 5:00pm, JW Marriott, Floor: Gold Level, Gold Salon 3

Session Organizers:
Michelle Maroto, University of Alberta
Jayanti Johanna Owens, Brown University

Table 1: Social and Economic Experiences of Disability
Table Presider:
Matthew Gabriel Borus, University of Chicago

Presentations:
Adopting a participatory approach to a Disability Studies informed inclusive program in higher education - Litany Esguerra, University of Illinois at Chicago; Kate Caldwell, University of Illinois at Chicago; Tamara Heller, University of Illinois at Chicago
Disabling pathways: Examining disability, students’ academic trajectories, and future earnings - Gillian Parekh; Rob Brown, York University; David Michael Walters, University of Guelph; Ryan Collis; Naleni Jacob
Disability, race, and economic inequality as a path to food insecurity in Covid-19 - Jesse Shircliff, Utah State University; Jordan Hammon, Utah State University; Carina Michelle Linares, Utah State University; Guadalupe Marquez-Velarde, Utah State University
From Reasonable Accommodation to Incarceration: The Breadth of Disabled Citizenship - Matthew Gabriel Borus, University of Chicago
Making inclusion visible, Building trust for fostering the disclosure of disabilities at work - Rachel Le Marois, emlyon business school; Lisa Danielle Buchter, emlyon business school

Table 2: Health, Wellbeing, and Disability

Table Presider:
Justin T. Maietta, University of Maryland, College Park

Presentations:
**Disability, food insecurity, and nutritional assistance in the context of COVID-19 pandemic: The role of discrimination - Gabriele Ciciurkaite, Utah State University; Robyn Lewis Brown, University of Kentucky
Health state, subjective health, and healthcare access as predictors of happiness - Tatiana Karabchuk, United Arab Emirates University; Fayeza Hasan
Understanding the [in]visible social world of the deafblind people - Tomasz Kasprzak, University of Białystok
What Makes a Disability? Examining Type 1 Diabetes through a Sociological Disability Lens - Justin T. Maietta, University of Maryland, College Park
"Not anywhere near as bad": Social isolation and women’s experiences as amputees during COVID-19 lockdown - Litany Esguerra, University of Illinois at Chicago
Police Interactions with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community: Abuse, Audism, and Accessibility - Gwen Chambers, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs

Other Disability-related Sessions

2525. Thematic Session. Bureaucracies of Ableism
Sun, August 7, 12:00 to 1:30pm, LACC, Floor: Level 2, 402B

Session Organizers:
David Nicholas Pettinicchio, University of Toronto;
Michelle Lee Maroto, University of Alberta

Presider:
David Nicholas Pettinicchio, University of Toronto

Panelists:
**Liat Ben-Moshe, University of Illinois-Chicago
**Rachel Elizabeth Fish, New York University
**Jennifer D. Brooks, Cornell University
**Scott D. Landes, Syracuse University

Sun, August 7, 12:00 to 1:30pm, JW Marriott, Floor: Level 3, Olympic 3

Session Organizer:
Sonny M. Nordmarken, Georgia State University

Presider:
Justin T. Maietta, University of Maryland, College Park

Presentations:
Caring Through It: Mothers' and Daughters' Perspectives on Disability and Interdependence in Financially Struggling White Families - Annaliese Grant, University of Wisconsin - Madison; Rachel Litchman, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Coming Back from Injury: Barriers and Facilitators to Recovery from Spinal Cord Injury - Susan W. Hinze, Case Western Reserve University; Anne Bryden, Case Western Reserve University; Brian Gran, Case Western Reserve University; Kimberly Anderson, Case Western Reserve University

Disabled person, woman, disabled woman? Multiple self-identifications and interpretations of inequalities by French disabled people - Célia Bouchet; Mathéa Boudinet, Observatoire Sociologique du Changement

The Population of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons in the USA - Ross E. Mitchell, Gallaudet University

When is a Sexuality a Disability? The Role of Institutional Distinctions in Collective Identifications - Dustin Kidd, Temple University

Mentoring as part of Annual Meeting:

As part of the section’s goals to increase mentoring opportunities, the programming chair partnered with a graduate student to organize the Disability in Society session, Invisibility, Disability, and Institutions. The two organizers each reviewed the submitted papers, ranked them, and then met to discuss each and decide on a final set of papers. Similarly a graduate student coorganized and presided with a senior scholar for the jointly sponsored section emphasizing the intersection of dis/ability with diverse sexualities. Roundtables were coorganized with a junior scholar and woman of color.
**Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:**

The lack of a hybrid or remote participation option for the 2022 ASA meeting was very problematic for section members and issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion. In order to address this, we decided to create our own hybrid options for our section session and the thematic session. This worked well and we encourage such options going forward as even without pandemic conditions, this enhances inclusion for those with a number of dis/abilities and/or financial constraints given the changing shape of higher education. While it does limit opportunities for informal networking, the DEI benefits may outweigh the costs, as surely most years, many will prefer to attend in person.

Mentoring and DEI:
The Disability in Society Section Reception was held jointly with the Sociology of Body and Embodiment section, Saturday August 6, 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Marriott. To further mentorship, networking, and inclusion, the chairs of each section (L. Blum and K. Gruys) made every effort to introduce folks as they arrived and distribute free drink tickets widely among our approximately 30 attendees.

Provide an overview of the Section’s programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g. webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

To retain and recruit members, we continued our efforts from 2021 at virtual mentoring and networking opportunities outside the Annual Meeting for student, junior, and senior members. Specifically:

- We held a very well attended (40+) virtual mentoring/networking event on teaching Sociology of Disability with the 2021 Distinguished Career award winner, Dr. Allison Carey in February 2022.
- Two additional mentoring sessions were held on Zoom mid-summer as part of the virtual “Sociological Jamboree” organized by three core members and officers of our section (K. Latham Mintus, S. Landes, and A. Santinelle Martino). One session on academic publishing was led by 2021-22 section chair, L. Blum, and the other on social media was led by incoming membership and mentorship committee chair A. Santinelle Martino. Each was well attended (20 to 30 participants) with a majority of the session devoted to lively Q&A.
Minutes: 2022 ASA Disability in Society Section, Business Meeting  
Saturday, August 6, 2022, 5:00-5:30 pm Pacific, Los Angeles (in-person)

In attendance:
Linda Blum, Michelle Maroto, David Pettinicchio, Alexis Bender, Alexandra Krause, Celia Bouchet, Matthew Borus, Catherine Voulgarides, Dara Shifrer, Ross Mitchell

Regrets:
Carrie Shandra, Justine Egner, Tara Fannon, Jennifer Brooks, Robyn Brown, Kerry Dobransky, Gabriele Ciciurkaite, Alan Santinele Martino, Jordan Foster, Kenzie Latham-Mintus, Allison Carey, Jayanti Owens

1. Welcome

Linda Blum (Outgoing Chair) calls the meeting to order and thanks outgoing immediate past chair, Carrier Shandra for their service, as well as other outgoing members, Justine Egner, Tara Fannon, and Jennifer Brooks.

2. Thanks to the 2021-2022 Council and Welcome to the 2022-2023 Council

Linda introduces and thanks the 2021-2022 Council (listed on p.2), and welcomes 2022-2023 Council with terms to begin following this meeting.

Welcome to those newly elected:
- Chair-Elect (3-year term): Dara Shifrer, Portland State
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• **Awards Committee Chair (2-yrs Aug 2021-23):** Catherine Voulgarides, City University of New York-Hunter College  
• **Nominations Committee Chair (2-yrs Aug 2021-23):** Allison Carey, Shippensburg University  
• **Council Member-at-Large (2-yrs Aug 2021-23):** Jayanti Owens, Brown University

3. **Members**

Welcome is followed by a discussion of membership and committees. Linda notes that we’re looking for Committee members (for 2022-23), Council nominees (to stand for election for 2023-25), and a Website guru (for 2022-23, $250 stipend). A signup sheet is passed around.

4. **Section Committee Reports:**

Presentation of Section Committee Reports:

- **Awards Presentation:** Catherine Voulgarides, Chair


  **Outstanding Graduate Student Paper in the Sociology of Disability Award 2022:** Matthew Borus, University of Chicago, "Dispersed Organizing Before the Internet: The Case of the Disability Rag."

  Catherine Voulgarides presents the two awards. Committee members included: Hillary Steinberg, Angela Frederick, Nickie Coomer, Brian Gran for the book award; and Allison Carey for the graduate student paper award. Matthew Borus is present to accept the graduate student paper award. Allison Carey was not able to attend.

- **Treasurer’s Report:** Michelle Maroto for Kenzie Latham Mintus

  Michelle Maroto reviews the Treasurer’s Report. As of June 30th, 2022, our balance is **$8,235**. However, $105.95 (graduate student paper award gift card), $250.00 (social media stipend), and $2,064.00 (reception costs) will be deducted before the close of the fiscal year (ending December 2022). It is anticipated that our balance will be **$5,815** at the end of the fiscal year. Michelle notes that we had anticipated a royalty donation ($1500) from the RSSD series for Volume 13, but the money has yet to be deposited, which currently leaves us short of our anticipated 2022 end-of-year balance. However, the section is still in good financial health, and we anticipate that RSSD contributions will be part of the 2023 fiscal budget.
• Membership & Mentorship Committee Chair Report: Alan S. Martino for Justine Egner

Alan Martino is not present and Linda Blum reviews the Membership & Mentorship Committee Chair Report. The section is working to do more for mentorship and linking this to membership committee to attract more members. For instance, during the previous year, the section held a Teaching the Sociology of Disability Zoom event with about 40 people. The two mentoring sessions associated with the Sociology Jamboree were also well attended. The committee is working toward developing yearly goals and looking for committee members. For future years, the committee will work to focus more on creating mentor matches and events focused on both the academic and non-academic job market.

• Publicity Chair Report: Linda Blum for Tara Fannon

Linda Blum presents the Publicity Chair Report. This section is trying to regularize the publicity with a goal of moving to a committee instead of a single person. We made good progress this year with the Twitter account led by Jordan Foster and Jen Brooks. The account currently has 1,137 followers. Tara Fannon was also in charge of the listserv for the year. In terms of future activities, the section will work to improve the website (doesn't need to be elaborate or with time sensitive information), which is why finding a web guru will be important (there is a $250 stipend for web guru).

• Program Chair Report: Michelle Maroto

Michelle Maroto presented the Program Chair Report. For the 2022 ASA Conference, the Disability in Society section sponsored one session, co-sponsored a second section with the Section on Sociology of Sexualities, and held a set of roundtables. There were also two additional disability-related sessions at ASA – one thematic session and the Disability and Society Regular Session. Michelle also noted that there were some issues in scheduling with the sessions where the two disability sessions were originally scheduled at the same time on Saturday (thankfully, Linda noticed and intervened), and the thematic and regular sessions were scheduled at the same time on Sunday.

• Nominations Chair Report: Linda Blum for Allison Carey

Linda Blum presented the Nominations Chair Report, noting how well Allison Carey has done in finding section members to run for different positions.

5. Research in Social Science and Disability

Linda noted that the call for Vol. 15 (Family) just went out. Robyn Lewis Brown and Gabriele Ciciurkaite are the coeditors (detailed abstracts due Oct 15). Vol.’s 13 (COVID-19) and 14 (Life course) are in production and should be out soon with lots of section members represented.
Michelle Maroto also added a Status Committee update, noting that the committee has met virtually and will be meeting at ASA. Top priorities include pushing for greater accessibility at meetings (i.e., hybrid meetings) and including advice for language around disability within the ASA Style Guide.

6. **New Business? And any good news items?** (publications, tenure updates, research opportunities, retirements?)

Linda notes that members can contact her, Robyn, or Dara with new business and ideas.

- **The passing of the gavel** Incoming Chair: Robyn Lewis Brown – in absentia
- **Adjournment:** Linda Blum

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### 2021-2022 Council Members

**Chair:** Linda Blum, Northeastern University (term ends Aug 2022)

**Chair-Elect:** Robyn Brown, University of Kentucky (Chair for 2022-23)

**Past Chair:** Carrie Shandra, SUNY Stony Brook (term ends Aug 2022)

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Kenzie Latham-Mintus, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (term ends 2023)

**Program Committee Chair:** Michelle Maroto, University of Alberta (term ends 2022)

**Awards Committee Chair:** Catherine Voulgarides, CUNY-Hunter College (term ends 2023)

**Membership Committee Chair:** Justine Egner, Gunderson Health Systems (term ends 2022)

**Nominations Committee Chair:** Allison Carey, Shippensburg University (term ends 2023)

**Publicity Committee Chair:** Tara Fannon, NYC Department of Education (term ends 2022)

**Student Representative:** Jen Brooks, now postdoc Cornell University (term ends 2022)

**Council Member-at-Large:** Jayanti Owens, Brown University (terms ends 2023)
ASA Section on Disability and/in Society, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

7/28/22 - 6–7:30 pm Eastern, Zoom

Meeting Chair: Linda Blum (Outgoing Chair),
Minutes: Kenzie Latham Mintus (Secretary/Treasurer)

Present: Linda Blum, Kenzie Latham Mintus, Carrie Shandra, Dara Shifrer, Kerry Dobransky, Justine Egner, Alan Santinele Martino, Gabriele Ciciurkaite, Jordan Foster

I - Appreciations and Brief introductions:
- Carrie Shandra, Immediate Past Chair (3 yrs)
- Dara Shifrer, Chair Elect (3 yrs)

- Kenzie Latham Mintus, Continuing Secretary/Treasurer (3 yrs)
- Kerry Dobransky, Incoming Program Committee Chair
- Justine Egner, Outgoing Membership (& Mentorship) Chair
- Alan Santinele Martino, Incoming Membership (& Mentorship) Chair
- Gabriele Ciciurkaite, Incoming Publicity Committee Chair
- Jordan Foster, Incoming Student Representative

In absentia
- Robyn Lewis Brown, Incoming Chair (3 yrs)
- Jayanti Owens, Continuing Council Member-at-Large
- Jennifer Brooks, Outgoing Student Representative
- Tara Fannon, Outgoing Publicity Committee Chair
- Allison Carey, Continuing Nominations Committee Chair
- Michelle Maroto, Outgoing Program Chair, Incoming Secretary/Treasurer Elect (3 yrs)
- Catherine Voulgarides, Continuing Awards Committee Chair

II - Upcoming Business Meeting Agenda (LA – Sat Aug 6, 5-5:30 pm, JW Marriott, Floor Gold Level, Gold Salon 3, immediately after our roundtables):
- Understandably, many skipping LA this year. So I will need help.
- Linda will ask Michelle to take minutes and report on behalf of Kenzie Mintus (Treasurer’s report)
- Linda can present for Justine, Membership (& Mentorship)
  o Alan volunteered to present on behalf of Justine
- Incoming and continuing leadership unable to attend will be sent minutes: Robyn Lewis Brown, Jayanti Owens, Allison Carey, Kerry Dobransky, Gabriele Ciciurkaite.
• Am I missing others who need to report? E.g., Any activity in 21-22 of the Status Committee? Linda will check with Michelle and Robyn on that.

III - Year in Review and Looking Forward (committee by committee):
• Goal 1: to create/build out our 5 committees to help with workload & involve more members (build networks, sustain ties to section)
• Goal 2: to utilize Chair-Elect and At-large Council member and regularize –
• Some successes:

  Awards committee - Thanks Catherine for involving members & past winners!! (Hillary Steinberg, Angela Frederick, Nickie Coomer, and Brian Gan for the book award and Allison Carey for the graduate student paper award)
  Goals For 22-23: Increase submissions grad papers – revisit requirement that grads must present at ASA to be eligible
  Formalize Distinguished Career in Sociology of Disability Award process

  Program Committee - Thanks Jayanti for organizing roundtables for Program to assist Michelle! (Since at-large no regularized responsibilities, Jayanti had multiple responsibilities for Soc of Educ section)

  Nominations Chair – Thanks to Allison for great job, excellent slates of candidates. As she notes, need to recruit potential candidates many, many months ahead – before take on obligations to other sections. Could perhaps ask Chair-elect and/or At-large council member to assist – and/or recruit member volunteers so that this is also a committee (as in other sections)

  Publicity Committee:

• Kenzie, Carrie, Linda, and Tara drafted best practices/policies for the Publicity Committee going forward for some clarity, to comply with ASA rules.

  Email listserv: (Tara and Linda) ASA changing communication systems, ending the email listserv, switching to a software system (Linda- beta testing this summer; Gabriele, Robyn, Dara will be taking this on in September)
  o Gabriele mentioned concerns about privacy with Connect—something to be monitored moving forward. Until moving to Connect, Gabriele, Dara, and Robyn should gain access to listserv.

  Social media: (Jen and Jordan) Going well. Twitter (1,128 up from 1,051) and FB (208 from 165) numbers are up a bit. Instagram less active (29) – goal for next year though for new committee to decide.
o Social media manager: grad student rep (or 2?) - continue stipend $250.? We agreed last year (for 2020 and 2021) but added that we must revisit and examine budget yearly – and consider next points.

Less success: website (in addition to ASA’s for our section). Thanks to Carrie for setting up. Carrie and Linda had hoped to add modestly/update this year but unclear who should take on this task, if with reasonable expectations. We had thought of stipend mainly for web guru, but had no volunteers.

Discussion? Stipend? With return of in-person receptions, budget surplus will decrease quickly.

o Discussion on Social Media Manager and Webmaster stipend.
  ▪ Carrie suggests streamlining content production social media, newsletter, and website
  ▪ Kenzie suggests to continue stipends
  ▪ Dara reiterates that publicity has been successful and made important improvements this past year
  ▪ Jordan notes that coordination would have been welcomed over the past year and nix Instagram
  ▪ Alan reiterates that Twitter is the way to go
  ▪ Jordan will continue as Social Media manager (Twitter/Facebook)
  ▪ At business meeting, advertise graduate student webmaster (Wix)
    • Carrie will help onboard
  ▪ Discussion about in-person reception costs
    • Kenzie suggests joining with more sections for receptions
    • Carrie supported idea of stipend and reducing reception costs
    • Dara also weighed in on social media and webmaster and stated that we should invest on website this year and possibly revisit
  ▪ Moving forward all support: $250 stipend for Jordan social media manager and $250 for TBD webmaster
    • Revisit next year

Membership & Mentorship Committee:

- Membership Numbers: 2022 = 192 (up from 2021 = 186)
- 19 low inc; 56 student; 117 reg
  ○ Kenzie notes we get allocation boost at 200 (Linda update: yes, Kenzie was correct, total of just $200 bump – but with no increase in ASA sessions allocated)
Justine states that census official count for the year of section members in Sept. Linda corrected end of August – Linda update: according to the ASA website the date for membership counts for the year is **Aug 31st**

Alan asked about initiatives to increase membership (e.g., gift memberships) Linda update: does tend to assume that we each have positions at universities with large doctoral programs

Justine notes that we used to look through the program for disability-related papers and reach out to non-section members who were presented disability-related work

Jordan suggested reaching out to past members and reinviting them back to the section (Linda adds that ASA will provide this information)

Justine notes that we have had an “uphill battle” with membership numbers for years prior

Feb 6, 2022 Mentoring Event, 6pm Eastern, Zoom. Teaching the Sociology of Disability – very successful featuring our distinguished career award winner Allison Carey. Organized by Justine, with Scott Landes and others.

- Justine suggests clarifying mentoring role and formalize committee structure
  - Highlight increased mentoring over past year and successful relative to previous years
- Online events increases reach, but decide going forward if still wanted
- Linda suggests that Alan may want to take lead on developing plan along with committee
  - Ask Chair-Elect (Dara) to be part of Membership/Mentoring event committee and the at-large council member, as in the past, these officers have had no committee roles.
- Justine suggests always giving the option to the Distinguished Career award to present
  - Linda suggests drafting other recent award winners. Linda update: at present, unless the Awards committee suggests a change, the Distinguished Career Award is not awarded yearly (in fact, has been at long intervals to-date)
  - Feature award winners

This year other suggestions floundered, esp. one-on-one matching or to “host” new members for reception, with no follow-up or volunteers.

- Two Mentoring sessions in Tues Aug 2nd Zoom Jamboree (publishing -Linda, social media – Alan). Thanks Kenzie, Alan, Scott Landes for organizing!

- **Discuss:** To Buildup committee – have Chair-elect as regular committee member? Have other member volunteers?
• For next year, new committee, questions: continue zoom events, revamp matching, distribute workload? – make sure Chair & Council know of plans, improve communication with Chair and council.

III – New business? Open discussion

• Kerry asks when, how, and from whom will we know plan for next year 2023 Annual Meeting (re: hybrid conference)?
  
  o Linda states that ASA communicates via emails to all members, but 2023 status unknown at present. Linda’s later clarification: these communications go to all ASA members. Section Chairs do not receive anything different.
  
  o Program deadlines are early in the fall (comes fast). Linda’s clarification: this is just to set up the sessions with organizers; this information goes live on the ASA website later in the Fall, with paper submission deadlines in January (later clarification, February for 2023).
  
  o Justine notes that we can approach other sections for joint sessions

Thanks so much!!!