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MARCH 2-3, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

American Sociological Association

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Via Zoom

Participants: Prudence Carter (President), Joya Misra (President-elect), Cecilia Menjivar (Immediate Past President), Mignon Moore (Vice President), Jennifer Reich (Vice President-elect), Nina Bandelj (Immediate Past Vice President), Monica McDermott (Secretary-Treasurer), Jessica Calarco, Tressie McMillan Cottom, Cedric de Leon, Crystal Marie Fleming, Lorena Garcia, Neda Maghbouleh, Gilda L. Ochoa, Victor Ray, Victoria Reyes (March 2 only), Daisy Reyes, Alyasah Sewell, Van Tran, Nancy Kidd (executive director, non-voting); **Staff:** Les Briggs, Mark Fernando, Jeannie Haubert, Michelle Randall, Hedy Ross, Preeti Vasishtha, Heather Washington, Valerie Wright. **Guests:** Art Alderson, John Diamond, Odis Johnson Jr., Dina Okamoto (for organizational sustainability only).

President Carter called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Eastern on March 2.

1. Approval of the agenda

A motion was made by Tran to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Bandelj. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Consent agenda

Carter presented the consent agenda which included approval of August 9-10, 2022 Council meeting minutes; December 14, 2022 Council meeting minutes; two-year Council meeting calendar; conflict of interest disclosures as unproblematic and not requiring any special action; procedures for electing committee chairs; revised editor guidelines; revised article submission question regarding IRB; guidelines for naming section awards; policy for individual representation for groups receiving awards; guidelines for section award recognition; revised dissertation award requirements; section dues increases for those requesting them; section name change proposals; LGBTQ status committee project proposal; policy for peer review of documents; plan to operationalize the leadership start date change; and new COPAFS representative.

A motion was made by Misra to approve the consent agenda without the revised editor guidelines. Seconded by Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Revised editor guidelines

Publications Committee proposed that Council revise the DEI language in the editor guidelines that are used to solicit editorial proposals. Council discussed the proposal.

A motion was made by V. Reyes to approve the revised editor guidelines if the proposal remains unchanged after discussion with Publications Committee about some questions. Seconded by Ray. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Investment review

Secretary-Treasurer McDermott directed the Council's attention to the most recent quarterly report from our investment manager and engaged the Council in a discussion of the performance of our portfolio.

5. 2022 budget projection

While the 2022 calendar year has ended, the 2022 books have not yet closed. McDermott provided year-end projections for Council discussion. Discussion ensued.

6. Organizational sustainability

Council engaged in discussion about the financial future of the association.

Council took a break at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

7. MFP campaign update

Deputy Director Washington provided Council with an update on the work staff has been doing to prepare for this development effort. Council discussed the roles it can play in making this a successful effort.

8. Annual Meeting Redesign Committee update

President-elect Misra and Vice President Bandelj provided the Council with an update on the work of the Annual Meeting Redesign Committee, and discussion ensued.

9. Institutional affiliations on name badges

Council discussed the trial effort to remove institutional affiliations from name badges in 2022.

A motion was made by Sewell to make institutional affiliations on badges optional. Seconded by Garcia. Motion failed with 3 for and 3 abstentions.

A motion was made by de Leon to continue removing affiliations from Annual Meeting name badges for the 2023 Annual Meeting and then revisit this question in advance of the 2024 Annual Meeting. Seconded by Menjivar. Motion carried with 2 against and 2 abstentions.

10. Extended abstracts

Council discussed the trial effort to accept both full papers and extended abstracts, rather than just full papers, for the Annual Meeting.

Council took a break at 2:27 p.m. and reconvened at 3:02 p.m.

A motion was made by McDermott to table this discussion until August. Seconded by Ochoa. Motion carried with 7 against and 2 abstentions.

11. New Community proposal

Council discussed a proposal for a new South Asian Sociologists Community.

A motion was made by Menjivar to approve a new South Asian Sociologists Community. Seconded by Maghbouleh. Motion carried unanimously. (One recusal from discussion.)

12. Bylaws revision proposals

Council discussed a new bylaws revision proposal and considered the ballot language that will be used for all of the ballot revision proposals going to the membership in the spring.

A motion was made by Cottom to approve the rationale text as presented for the two bylaws amendment proposals Council previously approved putting on the spring ballot. Seconded by Moore. Motion carried with one abstention.

A motion was made by Tran to put a bylaws amendment proposal on the 2023 membership ballot stipulating that all Council members will elect the Council member-at-large on the Executive Committee, rather than an election by the Council members-at-large. Seconded by Fleming. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Leadership nominations and invitations

Council discussed several issues related to the nominations processes used for leadership positions in the association.

A motion was made by Ray to approve a policy that only one officer at a time can be from a given institution, with the exception of a situation in which an already elected officer changes institutions during a term, along with a stipulated hierarchy of positions. Seconded by Cottom. Motion carried with 5 against.

A motion was made by Tran to approve a policy that Council members can serve on standing committees only in seats that are stipulated for Council members. Seconded by Maghbouleh. Motion carried with one against and one abstention.

A motion was made by Tran to approve a policy that someone is permitted to run for only one position on the ASA-wide election ballot each year, along with a stipulated hierarchy of positions. Seconded by Menjívar. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by de Leon to approve a policy that if someone loses an election for President, Vice President, or Secretary-Treasurer, they will be ineligible for nomination for that position again for the next three election cycles. Seconded by Tran. Motion carried with 5 against and one abstention.

A motion was made by Bandelj to grant the Executive Committee authority to discuss not only nominee considerations that come to their attention through the formal ethics disclosure process, but also other issues that are raised related to fiduciary-level concerns, with the possibility of determining that a nominee should not be considered for a leadership position. Seconded by V. Reyes. Motion carried with 2 abstentions.

A motion was made by Tran to grant the President discretion to make decisions about issues that arise in the course of making leadership position invitations, in consultation with the Executive Committee if the President deems that necessary. Seconded by Bandelj. Motion carried with one against and 2 abstentions.

Council adjourned for the day at 4:35 p.m. and reconvened on March 3 at 11:04 a.m.

14. Sexualities journal

Council discussed a proposal submitted by the ASA Section on Sexualities for a new section journal. The proposal went through substantial analysis indicating that it is a viable publication that would fill a gap in sociology and sexualities research and would align with the association's DEI objectives.

A motion was made by Tran to launch a new Sex and Sexualities section journal pending approval by the ASA Section on Sexualities. Seconded by McDermott. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Executive session

Council went into executive session at 11:19 a.m. to discuss editorships for *American Sociological Review* and *Sociological Theory* and issues related to the Committee on Professional Ethics. (Three recusals from ASR discussion and three recusals from ST discussion.)

Council took a break at 12:56 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Staff members left the meeting at 2:36 p.m. and Council discussed the executive director performance review.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.