February 2021 Meeting Minutes
ASA Publications Committee
Meeting Minutes
American Sociological Association
February 4, 2021

Participants: Elected members: Kristin Turney (Chair), Julia Adams, Syed Ali, Philip Cohen, George Danis, Marlese Durr, Gary Alan Fine, Nancy López, Kristen Schilt, Christine Williams. Staff: Nancy Kidd (Executive Director), Karen Edwards (Director of Publications), Jamie Panzarella (Publications Manager)
Editors: (present for relevant agenda items only) Lynn Chancer (Rose Series), Linda Renzulli (Sociology of Education), Justine Tinkler (Social Psychology Quarterly).

Call to order
Chair Turney called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Eastern. Turney called the roll, reviewed the format of the meeting, and explained the expectation of confidentiality for all participants.

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Schilt to approve the agenda as presented by the Chair. Seconded by Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

August 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Adams to approve the August 2020 Publications Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Schilt. Motion carried.

Social Psychology Quarterly Special Issue on Race, Racism, and Discrimination

Publications Committee discussed a proposal from the editors of Social Psychology Quarterly (SPQ) for a special issue on Race, Racism, and Discrimination to be edited by Corey D. Fields and Verna M. Keith along with SPQ co-editor Justine Tinkler.

A motion was made by López to approve the special issue as presented. Seconded by Adams. Motion carried.

Additional Rose Series Co-editor (executive session)

Publications Committee discussed a proposal from the editors of the Rose Series to add an additional editor to the current editorial team.

A motion was made by Fine to recommend to Council approval of an additional editor for the current Rose Series editorial team. Seconded by Ali. Motion carried.

Routine Review and Discussion of Editor Applications for Sociology of Education (executive session)
The chair of the Sociology of Education (SOE) editor selection subcommittee for the 2022 SOE editorship presented a summary of the state of the journal, the editorial search process that has been undertaken, and the subcommittee’s recommendations. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by López to recommend to Council the next editor of Sociology of Education. Seconded by Durr. Motion carried.

ASA Style Guide Entries for Race/Ethnicity and Gender

In a previous meeting, Publications Committee approved new approaches to entries for race/ethnicity and gender in the ASA Style Guide and appointed a subcommittee to operationalize the approach. The subcommittee presented its recommendations, which were vetted by several sections and status committees, and discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Cohen to approve recommending the new ASA Style Guide entries to Council as presented. Seconded by Durr. Motion carried.

Author Questions on Sharing Data and Research Materials

In a previous meeting, Publications Committee approved recommending to Council the release of a statement called “sharing data and research materials in a context of ethical and inclusive production of knowledge” and asked a subcommittee to develop questions about sharing data that should be asked of authors when submitting manuscripts. The subcommittee presented its recommendations, and discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Durr to bring to Council for consideration the questions presented by the subcommittee with one amendment. Seconded by Cohen. Motion carried.

Best Article Awards

Publications Committee discussed the possibility of developing a policy about offering best article awards for ASA journals. This discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Turney announced a break at 1:50 p.m. The Committee reconvened at 2:01 p.m.

Diversity of ASA Journal Authors

ASA staff presented some informal research on the race/ethnic and gender diversity of ASA authors across journals. Publications Committee discussed the implications of these data. Publications Committee’s thoughts will be shared with Council at their next meeting.

Editorial board nominations (executive session)

Publications Committee discussed nominations for the Rose Series and Socius editorial boards.

A motion was made by Ali to approve editorial board nominations as presented. Seconded by Adams. Motion carried.

Editorial Extensions (executive session)
Publications Committee discussed the possibility of offering term extensions to several current editors in accordance with ASA policy.

   A motion was made by Durr to offer extensions of up to two years to the editors of several journals. Seconded by Adams. Motion carried.

New business (executive session)

Chair Turney adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m. Eastern.