January 2022 Meeting Minutes  
ASA Publications Committee  
January 28, 2022  
(Zoom Meeting)

**Members Present:** Kristin Turney (chair), Julia Adams (late arrival), Jean Beaman, Ellen Berrey, George Danns, Marlese Durr, Gary Alan Fine, Nancy López, Aldon Morris, Jennifer Randles, Saher Selod, Nancy Kidd (Executive Director, non-voting)

**Staff Present:** Karen Edwards, Jamie Panzarella

Chair Turney called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Eastern.

1. **Approval of the agenda**

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

2. **July 21, 2021, Publications Committee meeting minutes**

   A motion was made by Fine to approve the July 21, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Danns. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **City & Community special issue**

   Publications Committee discussed a proposal for a special issue of *City & Community* on environmentalizing urban sociology.

   A motion was made by Fine to approve a special issue of *City & Community* on environmentalizing urban sociology with guest editors Hillary Angelo and Miriam Greenberg. Seconded by Durr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Best article awards**

   Publications Committee continued an earlier discussion about the pros and cons of offering awards for best article in a particular journal.

   A motion was made by Durr to recommend to Council a policy disallowing best article awards for individual ASA journals, both ASA-wide and section. Seconded by Fine. Motion carried with 9 for and 1 abstention.

5. **Report on editor conversations about diversity, equity, and inclusion**

   Kidd provided Publications Committee with an overview of several conversations held by the editors over a period of months regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion in our publishing activity. The editors have committed to ongoing conversation on this topic in order to maintain focus and create accountability. An ad hoc subcommittee was formed to create a recommended definition of diversity for the editors to consider in their ongoing efforts.

6. **Executive session**
Publications Committee moved into executive session at 4:50 p.m. to discuss the routine reviews and editor applications for Contexts, the Journal of Health and Social Behavior, and the Rose Series in Sociology. The Committee also discussed editor extensions and an editorial board nomination.

A motion was made to recommend to Council editor candidates for Contexts, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, and the Rose Series in Sociology. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Socius editorial board nomination as presented for 2022-2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made to proceed with offering extensions of up to two years to the editors of American Sociological Review, Social Psychology Quarterly, and Sociological Theory. Motion carried.

Publications Committee moved out of executive session at 5:34 p.m.

Chair Turney adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Eastern.