Participants: Kristin Turney (Chair), Julia Adams, Syed Ali, George Danis, Marlese Durr, Gary Alan Fine, Nancy López (for a short time), Kristen Schilt, Saher Selod, Christine Williams. Staff: Nancy Kidd (Executive Director), Karen Edwards (Director of Publications), Jamie Panzarella (Publications Manager). Absent: Philip Cohen.

Call to Order

Turney called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Eastern.

Approval of the agenda

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

February 2021 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Williams to approve the February 2021 Publications Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Ali. Motion carried unanimously.

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (SRE) Page Increase Proposals

Selod recused herself from this discussion as the chair of the Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (SREM) publications committee.

Publications Committee discussed two proposals from the editors of SRE. The first proposal was for a one-time page increase for the January 2022 issue to clear out the backlog of already accepted articles. The second proposal is for a permanent page increase in the annual page allocation for the journal. Publications Committee reviewed historical data for the journal and comparative data across ASA’s portfolio of journals to assess these requests.

A motion was made by Schilt to approve 240 additional pages for the January 2022 issue of SRE. Seconded by Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Durr to inform SREM that Publications Committee is open to considering a proposal for a permanent page increase in a year or more once more data is available for analysis. Seconded by Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Teaching Sociology (TS) Special Issue Proposals

Publications Committee discussed two special issue proposals submitted by the editor of Teaching Sociology.
A motion was made by Williams to approve the proposal for a special issue and guest editors for “Teaching Sociology by, for, and about First-Generation and Working-Class Persons” in Teaching Sociology. Seconded by Durr. Motion carried with one abstention.

A motion was made by Fine to approve the proposal for a special issue and guest editors for “Teaching and Learning a Humanistic Sociology” in Teaching Sociology. Seconded by Durr. Motion carried unanimously.

Revise & Resubmit Policy

At its February meeting, Publications Committee began a discussion on ASA’s revise and resubmit policy and continued that conversation at this meeting using some additional information staff collected for consideration.

ASA Style Guide on Disability

Publications Committee discussed the way in which disability is addressed in the ASA Style Guide and requested that the 2022 Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities be asked to review the Style Guide and advise as to whether any revision should be made.

Procedures for Proposing New Journals

Publications Committee discussed a proposal for simplifying the procedures used for people to propose new journals.

A motion was made by Durr to recommend the new procedures to Council with some modest revisions as discussed. Seconded by Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Report on Editor Conversations About DEI

The ASA editors have begun a series of conversations about diversity, equity, and inclusion. Williams reported on the outcomes of these discussions to date and plans for future discussions.

Update on Editor Selections for 2023

Publications Committee was provided with an update on the editor selection process for Contexts, JHSB, and the Rose Series.

Editorial Board Nominations

The Publications Committee moved into executive session at 3:11 p.m. Eastern.

The Publications Committee moved out of executive session at 3:33 p.m. Eastern.

Adjourn

Turney recognized the contributions of the members who are rotating off of the committee and thanked them for their service: Syed Ali, Philip Cohen, and Kristen Schilt.

Turney adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m. Eastern.