This annual report covers the period of section activity from September 2020 to August 2021 and a fiscal year from January 2021 to December 2021.

Section Governance
Provide details of your section’s governance activity during the period between September 2020 and August 2021.

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.

Sociology of Body and Embodiment Business Meeting
ASA Annual Meeting 2021
Saturday, August 7 at 8am PT / 9am MT / 10am CT / 11am ET
VAM, Room 68

I. Committee Reports (brief)
   a) Finances (Krystale Littlejohn)
   b) Membership (Jenn Haskin for Piper Sledge)
   c) Program (Georgiann Davis)
   d) Communications (Asia Friedman and Natalie Ingraham)
   e) Mentoring (Susan Markens)
   f) Nominations (Kjerstin Gruys)

II. Awards
   a. Best Publication Award: Chaired by Mary Nell Trautner
      Winner: Alka Menon, for their 2019 article in Poetics, "Cultural gatekeeping in cosmetic surgery: Transnational beauty ideals in multicultural Malaysia."

   b. Graduate Student Paper Award: Chaired by Jennifer Haskin

      Co-Winner: Tara Gonsalves, for their paper titled “Gender Identity, the Sexed Body, and the Medical Making of Transgender.”

      Honorable Mention: Warren Jensen, for their paper titled, “The Strength to Diet: If It Fits Your Macros Dieting as Masculine Body Work.”
c. **Sign-up Google Form**
Volunteer for an open committee spot, suggest a session, etc. via a google form that Kjerstin Gruys will soon circulate via our section list serv.

d. **Next year’s ASA Meetings: August 5-9, 2022 –Los Angeles**
   a) Our section day should be on day two: Saturday, August 6. (second day)
   b) Discuss preference for open versus thematic sessions for next year?
   c) Reception?
   d) Local arrangements volunteers in the Los Angeles area?

e. **Installation of new officers – Thanks to those outgoing!**

f. **Any other announcements?**

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**ASA Annual Meeting 2021**

Sociology of Body and Embodiment Business Meeting Minutes
Prepared by Krystale E. Littlejohn
Saturday August 7th, 8:00 am PDT

In Attendance: Georgiann Davis (Chair), Mary Nell Trautner (Past-chair), Krystale Littlejohn (Secretary/Treasurer ’22), Kemi Balogun (‘23), Asia Friedman (‘22), Jennifer Haskin (‘21), Virginia Berndt (‘21), Natalie Ingraham (‘23), Susan Markens (‘22), Andrea Miller (‘23), Piper Sledge (‘21), Angela Jones (incoming), Torisha Stone (incoming), Miranda Waggoner (incoming).

Davis called the meeting to order at 8:02 am PDT.

Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all council members.

**Council Member Reports**

Littlejohn provided a brief summary of the budget, noting that the section is financially healthy and will end the year with $3,243 in the section account. Littlejohn also noted the section expenses for the year that were a bit different than in typical years/non-pandemic years, namely the donation of $750 to the ASA Minority Fellowship Program and $100 for the section-member-led documentary club.

Sledge noted that our section member count is lower this year than it was last, and that last year’s count was lower than the previous year’s. Sledge also noted that the section should think through other approaches to help recruit section members. Haskin added a reminder about Sledge’s observation that the documentary club could be a good way to get people involved in the section. Davis discussed the ways that other sections get their numbers up by recruiting non-section members to serve on committees.
Davis updated section members on this year’s programming, noting that we were able to run a session that was canceled last year due to the pandemic.

Ingraham provided a summary for the communications committee, noting that the blog was mostly dormant this year. Friedman added that graduate student profiles also didn’t really work this year and that it’s something that the communications committee could take on. Friedman concluded by reminding members to send publications to the digest. Berndt highlighted the liveliness of the section’s social media on Twitter and enjoyment of managing the Twitter feed.

Markens discussed the two main mentorship initiatives—mentor/mentee-matching and the Ask-a-Mentor column. Markens emphasized the openness of the mentorship programming for scholars of all career levels, highlighting the potential utility of the program for graduate students, post-docs, junior faculty, and associates as well. She noted that the Ask-a-Mentor column has gotten through all of the questions that they had and called for new submissions if there are any lingering questions. Mentioned that the committee is still deciding on whether there will be mentoring roundtables next year and called for members to join the committee since it’s fun.

Davis, filling in for Gruys, thanked the nominations committee for their work.

Awards

Haskin summarized the research of each of the award winners for the Graduate Student Paper award and congratulated them on their win. Each winner was in attendance. Trautner congratulated the winner of the Best Publication Award, who wasn’t in attendance.

Conclusion

Davis, filling in for Gruys, invited members to join committees for next year and mentioned the Google form that would be sent later to invite participants to volunteer. Davis concluded by thanking everyone for attending and reminding them to attend our section sessions if they could.

Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:32am PDT.
I. **Introductions and welcome to new Council members**

**Current Council 2020-2021**

Chair: Georgiann Davis, University of New Mexico  
Chair-Elect: Kjerstin Gruys, University of Nevada, Reno  
*Past Chair: Mary Nell Trautner, University at Buffalo, SUNY*  
Section Secretary/Treasurer: Krystale Littlejohn, University of Oregon  
Oluwakemi M. Balogun, University of Oregon  
Edward Orozco Flores, University of California-Merced  
Asia Friedman, University of Delaware  
*Jennifer Haskin, Arizona State University-Tempe*  
*Endia Louise Hayes, Rutgers University (Student Representative)*  
*Virginia Kuulei Berndt, University of Delaware (Student Representative)*  
Natalie Inghram, California State University-East Bay  
Susan Markens, CUNY-Lehman College  
Andrea D. Miller, Webster University  
*Piper Sledge, Bryn Mawr College*  
*Denotes outgoing council member*

**Incoming Council Members**

**Chair-Elect**  
Jay (Jason) Orne, Drexel University  

**Council Members**  
Angela Jones, Farmingdale State College, SUNY  
Miranda Waggoner, Florida State University  
Sonny Nordmarken, University of Houston  

**Student Representatives**  
Brittney Miles, University of Cincinnati  
Torisha Khonach Stone, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

II. **Annual committee reports**

a) Finances (Krystale)

b) Membership (Jenn for Piper)  
Two years ago this time: 261. Last year at this time: 259. At present: 233

c) Best Publication Award (Mary Nell) and Grad Student Paper Award Committee (Jenn)

d) Program Committee (Georgiann)
Next year’s ASA: Los Angeles, California, August 5-9, 2022. Our section day should be on day two: Saturday, August 6. Because our section membership dropped below 300, we will only have 1 session and 1 roundtable/business session during ASA 2022.

e) Communications (Asia and Natalie)

f) Mentorship (Susan)

g) Nominations (Kjerstin)
   Next year we will need to elect a Secretary/Treasurer, 2 grad reps, 3 council members, and a Chair-Elect

III. 2021-22 Sign Ups (Georgiann and Kjerstin)

IV. 2022 ASA Reception
   We will need a local arrangements committee in Los Angeles area to locate venue

V. Business Meeting

*Please note: You should be able to access the business meeting after logging in to the Virtual Annual Meeting Portal using your ASA username and password. There should be a “Join Zoom Meeting” button at the top of the session page*

V. Any other announcements?
   2021 allocated reception funds to the MFP?
ASA Annual Meeting 2021
Sociology of Body and Embodiment Council Meeting Minutes
Prepared by Krystale E. Littlejohn
Thursday July 29th, 8:00 am PDT

In Attendance: Georgiann Davis (Chair), Kjerstin Gruys (Chair-elect), Mary Nell Trautner (Past-chair), Krystale Littlejohn (Secretary/Treasurer ’22), Kemi Balogun (’23), Edward Flores (’22), Asia Friedman (’22), Jennifer Haskin (’21), Virginia Berndt (’21), Natalie Ingraham (’23), Susan Markens (’22), Andrea Miller (’23), Angela Jones (incoming), Torisha Stone (incoming)

Davis called the meeting to order at 8:01am PDT.

I. Introductions and welcome to new Council members

II. Annual committee reports and sign up for 2021-22

   a. Finances (Krystale with Georgiann)

   Littlejohn provided a brief overview of the section’s assets, noting that with 233 current members, the section can expect to receive a budget allocation of $1,131. She noted that the section has 26 fewer members than it did in July 2020, but that the section has good financial health. She concluded by stating that if the section reached 300 members by the ASA deadline for section counts, then it would receive $469 more dollars than projected based on the current section membership count. Davis noted that at the end of the meeting, the council would return to talking about allocating $750 originally set aside for a reception to the ASA MFP.

   b. Best Publication Award (Mary Nell) and Grad Student Paper Award Committee (Jenn)

   Trautner noted that this was the first year of the change to eliminating the nomination letter requirement and suggested removing the requirement that all co-authors be section members. Trautner reported that the section membership requirement led to some withdrawals because graduate students, in particular, were not necessarily able to get faculty co-authors to become members of the section. The council agreed with the suggestion.

   Haskin noted that the process of selecting a Grad Student Paper Award winner this year was not as smooth as it had been in years past. She noted using the materials from the previous year’s committee to select papers based on a 75-point scale. She suggested that the council consider distinguishing between published and unpublished papers in selecting an award because of the possibility that knowing that a paper is published shapes the evaluation process. Jones asked about whether the work of parsing would be done by the same committee reviewing papers; Markens queried about whether there would be enough papers to separate into buckets for published and unpublished. The council discussed the benefits and disadvantages of distinguishing, with several members positively viewing the suggestion that the committee informally parse out the distinction during deliberations. Davis pointed out the importance of considering how informal processes can disadvantage minoritized
populations and several members of council agreed. The council decided to have the committee revisit the issue as it required more discussion time than available in the council meeting.

c. Membership (Jenn for Piper)

Haskin reported that we have 233 current section members. Trautner mentioned that it’s typical for the section to have 250-260 section members around this time (in pre-pandemic years) and noted that it’s important to do a big push to get our section numbers up to 300. Trautner noted that getting numbers up has always been about getting faculty involved and encouraging them to sponsor graduate students. Davis noted that it’s difficult to know how to handle membership drives right now given how the pandemic has affected graduate students and faculty financially. The council discussed Davis’s suggestion of putting together a call to have the ASA use 2019 membership numbers again instead of relying on sections to increase their numbers. Jones noted that the ASA has been very flexible regarding Covid. There was support for that idea and Davis and Gruys agreed to communicate post-meeting to strategize. Sledge’s suggestion that the documentary club might be one possibility for drawing people into the section was noted. Miller asked what can be done by the 8/30 ASA membership deadline and Trautner mentioned emailing approximately 95 people who listed body/embodiment as an interest.

d. Program Committee (Davis)

Davis noted that next year’s ASA will be in Los Angeles. Davis noted that this year’s meeting has a co-sponsored session with the Race, Gender, Class section.

e. Communications (Asia, Natalie)

Friedman thanked Berndt for running a fantastic social media campaign on Facebook and Twitter and thanked Stone for updating the website. Ingraham agreed that it was a good year for social media and noted that the plan to have videos didn’t work out because of covid challenges. Council discussed changes to make given that we didn’t get any blog posts this year and Gruys suggested that we do away with the blog altogether given how social media has evolved. Miller agreed with Gruys and suggested that council think about what social media we want to cultivate and focus our efforts there, suggesting that video could be something that we can post on our social media profiles. Trautner noted that volunteers are rare and the key to getting people to participate is to ask them. Council discussed and decided to keep trying to recruit people to do videos, but have the communications committee consider whether to try to reinvigorate the blog.

f. Mentorship (Susan)

Markens noted that the mentorship committee continues to be successful. She noted that the survey collected more information this year and that the feedback from matches was positive. She mentioned continuing the Ask a Mentor Column and the centrality of drawing on the expertise of council members, though she also reiterated that people should not feel obligated to participate. She also stressed that timing can be flexible if people need it so that
their comments for the column can be run whenever they’re able to get something to the committee. Trautner and Haskin mentioned really liking the column and Trautner noted that council members could also come up with our own questions. Markens raised the question of having mentoring roundtables as discussed during last year’s council meeting. Trautner suggested that it would probably be best to forego them given the small size of our section.

**Nominations (Kjerstin)**

Gruys summarized the work of the nominations committee, noting that it was difficult to fill the chair position. Trautner suggested that one thing that might be changed is to have this committee chaired by the past chair instead of the chair-elect, and make it where the chair-elect doesn’t have to do any meaningful work in the first year to make it more likely that people would be willing to run (the publication prize committee could then be chaired by a regular member of the section or a council member). Markens, Miller, and Gruys agreed with that idea. The change would require an amendment to the bylaws, which state that the chair-elect is to chair the nominations committee.

**III. Committee Sign-ups**

Davis worked to fill council committee slots for next year and queried about council support for donating $750 in reception funds to ASA MFP. Miller, Littlejohn, Haskin, Friedman, Balogun, Jones, Trautner, and Gruys said yes in the chat.

Friedman and Ingraham agreed to stay on as communications co-chairs. Balogun agreed to chair the membership committee. Markens agreed to continue as mentorship committee chair. Stone agreed to do program and serve as a grad rep for the mentorship committee as well as continuing with website updates. Miller agreed to chair the grad paper award, and Waggoner will serve a member. Several council members noted that the grad work for the mentorship committee isn’t onerous.

**IV. Any other announcements or issues?**

Davis reminded council that they can access the virtual program portal to attend the business meeting and asked everyone to attend as many sessions as they can to support participants.

Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:17am PDT.

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

**2021 Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Graduate Student Paper Award**
Co-Winners:

Eliza Brown, for their paper titled, “Less like Magic, More like a Chore: How Sex Becomes Work for Other-Sex Couples Trying to Become Pregnant.”

AND

Tara Gonsalves, for their paper titled “Gender Identity, the Sexed Body, and the Medical Making of Transgender.”

Honorable Mention:

Warren Jensen, for their paper titled, “The Strength to Diet: If It Fits Your Macros Dieting as Masculine Body Work.”

2021 Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Best Publication Award

Alka Menon, for their 2019 article in Poetics, "Cultural gatekeeping in cosmetic surgery: Transnational beauty ideals in multicultural Malaysia."

2021 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2021 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2021. Please account for any substantive differences.

We have 233 section members as of June 30th, which means that we’ll have 1 session and an additional session for our business meeting. The Covid-19 rules instituted last year allowed us to maintain our 2-session allocation based on having more than 300 members in 2019, but I haven’t seen anything at this point suggesting that ASA is going to make accommodations for the 2022 meeting. We currently have 26 fewer members than we had July 23rd of last year.

Membership numbers through August 30, 2021 will be used to allocate sessions. Gift memberships are only allowed through July 31st according to ASA rules. Here is our expected asset forecast for 2021-2022 based on a 233-person membership roster.

Current roster (233 members):
The budget allocation is based on the number of section members as of August 31st. For sections with between 200 and 299 members, the ASA uses the following formula to determine the base allocation ([# of section members – 100] * 5). The section allocation is $2 * # of section members.

For 2021-2022, our total budget allocation would be $1,131 based on 233 section members: (233-100)*5 + (233*2)=665+466=$1,131

It’s $469 less than it would be if we had 300 members because the ASA allots a base of $1000 for sections with at least 300 members.
Financial Expenditures Summary:

Our end-of-year balance has been at or above $3,000 for the past five years. We have $4,741 remaining in our account as of June 30, 2021. Our total spending is consistent with spending in years past. One change is that we set aside $100 for a documentary club; nobody requested funding to my knowledge.

At our council meeting, we are slated to discuss donating our budgeted allocation for our reception to the Minority Fellowship Program, consistent with what we did last year. Our expected 2020-2021 expenditures are $1498 assuming a $750 donation to MFP and $748.04 assuming no donation. Our end-of-year balance for 2020-2021 would be $3,243 if donating, $3,992.96 if not.

2020-2021 expenses:
Web manager stipend: $200
Communication co-chair stipends: $300
Award plaques: $148.04
Documentary club: $100
Potential MFP donation: $750