

Minutes of WSSA Executive Council Meeting
Friday, September 21, 2018
8:00am – 5:00 pm

Present: Christopher Brown, President; Barbara Bonnekessen, Immediate Past-President; Debra Andrist, President-Elect/Program Chair; Diane Calloway-Graham, Vice-President/Secretary; Moises Diaz (2016-2019); Mark Melichar (2016-2019); William Schaniel, Council Member/Student Grant & Awards Coordinator (2016-2019); Karen Jarratt-Snider (2017-2020), Jesús Ruiz Flores, (2017-2020), Meghna Sabharwal (2017-2020); Jessica Clark (2018-2021); Monica Gallamore (2018-2021); Stephen Mumme (2018-2021), Larry Gould, Executive Director; Kate Herke, Communications Director & On-Site Conference Manager.

Not Present: All members present.

Announcements:

- Bonnekessen and Brown praised Andrist for her organization of the advance team visits.

Decisions:

- **Minutes** of the April 2018 meeting approved. *Moved by Schaniel, seconded by Andrist, passed unanimously by voice vote.*
- The **deadline for Outstanding Emerging Scholar nominations** is November 1 each year. *Decision by consensus.*
- WSSA will no longer produce or provide seals for **Certificates of Attendance** or Certificates of Presentation. If the Section Coordinators choose to use such certificates, they will be responsible for making and distributing them. This policy will be added to the Section Coordinators Handbook. *Decision by consensus.*
- If a moderator is **unable to attend**, the Section Coordinator must find a replacement; if a Section Coordinator is unable to attend, and there is no backup, the Board will handle the situation. *Decision by consensus.*
- Going to strictly online registration will be phased in gradually, starting by increasing onsite registration fees. *Decision by consensus.*
- An operational decision was made to **no longer give awards at receptions**, and to only give awards at the luncheons (as suggested by Gould). *Decision by consensus.*
- The Association will **shorten the length of the Welcome Reception** by half an hour; it will run from 6-7 pm at the 2019 conference. The President's Reception will be from 6:30-8:00 pm for the conference in San Diego.
- An **on-site increase** in registration fee, due to labor costs, was approved. *Moved by Bonnekessen, seconded by Schaniel, passed unanimously by voice vote.*
- A change to the **onsite registration fee**, raising it to \$250 for regular registrants, was approved. Amended by Schaniel to include a statement

- that the increase is a reflection of increased labor costs associated with onsite registration. Amended by Andrist to state that the onsite fee for 2019 has a standard \$200 registration fee plus a \$20 fee for increased labor costs, and for 2020 it will state that the onsite fee has a standard \$200 registration fee plus a \$50 fee for increased labor costs. *Moved by Sabharwal, seconded by Bonnekessen, passed unanimously by voice vote.*
- Herke's proposed **edits to the Operations Manual**, for update and clarification, were approved. along with an amendment concerning formatting. *Moved by Mumme, seconded by Andrist, passed, 14 ayes, 1 abstention.*
 - Amendment to the Operations Manual, moving the sentence "*Support organization by attendance and other participation, especially by volunteering for tasks and/or as assigned*", to below "**Expected Outcomes**" on the "**Board Member**" page, was approved. *Moved by Clark, seconded by Andrist, passed unanimously by voice vote.*
 - Herke's proposed changes to update the Constitution, to bring it into line with the current situation, and to add greater clarity, will be sent to the membership for approval. *Decision by consensus.*
 - March 1 was approved as the deadline for announcing the winner of the **WSSA Distinguished Book Award**. *Decision by consensus.*
 - The **proposed election slate** of officers and Board members, including Mary Jo Tippeconnic Fox, who needs to be added to the slate, was approved. *Moved by Bonnekessen, seconded by Mumme, passed unanimously by voice vote.*

Reports:

- Herke provided a recap of the 2018 Conference in San Antonio: number on registration and attendance was 759. Gross income for conference was \$159,000. Registered onsite: 105 people, 22-Wednesday, 47-Thursdays, 33-Friday, 3-Saturday; 25% of attendance was students.
- Andrist reported on the results of the advance team visits for the 2019 conference. There were 7 visits overall: Nazarene University; University of San Diego; San Diego City College; San Diego State University; San Diego Mesa; National University; and UCSD, LaJolla. She scheduled with the Deans and found that usually the meeting had been delegated to someone else. She will follow up with thank you notes and information on the conference. Andrist stated that she felt there were some positive outcomes to some of the visits. Brown suggested that we consider the viability of these visits given the difficulties associated with them. Bonnekessen thought that the smaller schools were more receptive and that we should only send information to the bigger schools.
- Herke and Gould reported on connecting with the Hyatt staff and indicated there were no problems and everything seemed to be going well.
- Calloway-Graham reported on her visit with the San Diego Food Bank. She completed a tour of the facility and did some initial planning for the fundraiser during the 2019 conference. The Council discussed the possibility of volunteering at the food bank but the logistics of planning this would be too complicated given the distance from the conference, liability issues, and time conflicts with the conference panels.

Discussions:

- Brown discussed the overall performance and outcome of the 2018 conference in San Antonio: Dianne Berry did a fabulous job on the conference program. The conference overall was flawless and went well. The mobile app for the program worked well and Brown suggests keeping it. The registration staff was very effective and it is worth having the students work. Challenges included a section coordinator not showing up and some difficulties with presentations. Closing out abstracts in the program was delayed and Brown suggested having section coordinators give the final abstracts to the program editor. ABS has some of the biggest attendance and presentations. The WSSA and ABS partnership is working very well. Brown suggests that we should not have as many printed programs, and several Council members agreed. There is an option for online registrants to request a printed program, noting that only a limited number will be printed, which should reduce the number we print in the future. Bonnekessen mentioned that the Women and Gender Studies room was a challenge as the AV did not work and some presenters were unhappy about the situation in reference to their presentations. Herke reported that student workers at registration did well. She stated that she has so many responsibilities that we need to alter the way some of them are done. Gould reported that there were some minor problems with AV in the ABS section.
- Issues with the Website: Brown clarified the difference between a paper, panel, and roundtable presentation. The website now has a drop-down menu defining each. Several Council members noted that sometimes presenters do not understand the 20-minute limit on paper presentation. Brown suggested that the 20-minute limit be added into the Section Coordinator Handbook. Herke shared that she had fixed several other automated responses regarding panel and paper presentations.
- Gould will do a professionalization panel for students at the conference. Andrist and Bonnekessen suggested adding other components and possible mock interviews for students.
- Herke suggested that we choose a deadline for the nominations of Outstanding Emerging Scholars, in order to get the awards and planning into a better timeline, and to have the winners promoted for as long as possible.
- Brown gave some clarification regarding selection of the Spotlight Organization for the conferences. It is usually a local charitable organization that is doing good things in the community. Our basic purpose for having a spotlight organization is to highlight the great things they are doing in the community. Calloway-Graham initially contacted the Environmental Health Coalition and Mumme has followed through with further clarification on spotlighting this organization.
- Gould discussed Certificates of Presentation and Certificates of Attendance. WSSA is held legally responsible when it issues documents confirming that a person has presented. He has had several calls from Homeland Security regarding issues around a certificate of presentation. If we changed it to a certificate of attendance, the Association would be less

- legally liable, but it would be safer for the Association to simply stop having anything to do with such certificates.
- Gould led a discussion on emergency plans for handling sessions with MIAs of a majority of speakers. Several suggestions were made by various Council members, including mention that the section coordinator is responsible for handling these situations.
 - Brown suggested that language be inserted in the Section Coordinator Handbook, to the effect that, if a moderator is unable to attend the conference, the coordinator needs to get a replacement.
 - If it is the coordinator who is unable to attend, and there is no backup, then someone from the Board is to handle such situations.
 - Schaniel provided information regarding the student paper and panel procedures.
 - The paper committee uses a scoring process to select paper winners.
 - No one applied to the undergraduate paper competition last year.
 - Andrist has some recruitment plans for increasing submissions.
 - Bonnekessen suggested looking at lists.
 - Herke stated that she has added information about the student paper competition to the auto response for paper submission confirmation.
 - Schaniel discussed international scholarships, and that the maximum award even for a group is \$500. He requested notification in the poster auto response that posters are to be physical, not electronic.
 - Gould and Herke led a discussion reviewing the general conference costs, including the labor costs of students working in registration, which include housing and meals.
 - Other general conference costs include travel grants, supplies and printing, printed programs, mobile app, business center, audio visual, Welcome Reception, WSSA breakfast, drink tickets, coffee breaks, and President's Reception.
 - WSSA donated \$1,500 to the food bank last year, out of a total donation of \$4,500.
 - The hotel itself has 50:1 ratio for hotel room nights paid/comped in final cost to association.
 - There are other costs directly related to Kate's and Larry's responsibilities.
 - Relative to other conferences we are on target with our general conference costs.
 - Herke discussed the problems with current registration procedures. Problems include, among other things: (1) storage and delivery of supplies and equipment to the conference and (2) some matters at the registration desk, including availability of space, handling cash, writing of checks, Herke's multiple roles at the conference, and closing up registration on Saturday. Council members discussed Herke's suggested solutions and some of the challenges around going to strictly online registration. Brown suggested that taking incremental steps to going totally online was the best way to approach this.

- Herke reviewed the changes in the Operations Manual and provided the Council with copies of the edits.
 - Bonnekessen asked for clarification on the process of the election of the President of the WSSA. It was explained that in the current voting process someone could write-in a Presidential nominee, although this has never happened.
 - Council members made various recommendations to Herke for language changes and for edits to add more clarification to the document.
 - There were also some formal decisions made by vote for changes in the Operations Manual (*see decision section of the minutes*).
- Herke discussed changes needed to the WSSA constitution, to update for the current practices and to add further clarification to the functioning of the organization.
 - Brown suggested using “track changes” and highlights in the constitution and sending it out to the membership ahead of the conference business meeting.
 - Brown also suggested specifically defining the Immediate Past-President’s duties, which is not currently done in the constitution.
 - Herke followed up by highlighting the Immediate Past-President’s responsibilities, and suggested a deadline of March 1 for announcing the winner of the WSSA Distinguished Book Award.
- Gould would like to get the election slate of WSSA officers onto Survey Monkey by November 1, 2018. Council members discussed various ideas regarding the process and timelines for the voting to take place.
- Herke reported that we have more “likes” on our Facebook site. The purpose of the Facebook site is to get information out to the membership. Anyone can make a post with approval from Herke. Sabharwal, who volunteers to help with the Facebook site and has editor privileges, does not need approval. Sabharwal suggested that we get section coordinators to post more on the site. Herke plans to get an Instagram account for the Association. Gallamore suggested we might want to be part of LinkedIn. Clark volunteered to help more with our social media and will be given editor privileges.
- General website issues were discussed by Gould. He spoke about the next history book on the WSSA and Council involvement. We will need at least 3 people to go through the archives. We also need pictures for the history book. We will be doing interviews with past presidents to get their perspectives on experiences and memories of the WSSA.

Action Items:

- Andrist will add to the Section Coordinator Handbook a notification about replacements for moderators and Section Coordinators who are unable to attend.
- Herke will make the following changes on the website and registration program:
 - add a notation regarding the 20-minute deadline to the automated responses for paper submission confirmation.

- add a notation in the poster auto response that posters are to be physical, not electronic.
- change the times for the receptions.
- change the times for the awards
- Herke will notify Section Coordinators that Certificates of Presentation and/or Attendance are now their responsibility.
- Brown will form a committee consisting of Gould, Bonneken, and Dianne Berry, to help define the position of Program Editor, providing more clarification in the Operations Manual for that hired position.
- Herke will update the Operations Manual and send copies to the Council members.
- Herke will send the proposed updates to the Constitution to the membership prior to the 2019 conference.
- Gould will put the election slate on Survey Monkey; Herke will notify the membership.
- Herke will create an Instagram account for the Association.
- Herke will give Clark editor privileges on the Association's Facebook account.
- Herke will address problems with current registration procedures in the following manner:
 - she will write all possible checks ahead of the conference;
 - student workers will use real-time cards to track their time;
 - travel grant reimbursements and worker time payments will be made Sunday or Monday by online program;
 - registration workers will be given a per diem for meals, instead of actual reimbursement;
 - registration desk will close at noon or 1 pm on Saturday, using pipe-and-drape, leaving one worker outside, with no computer or supplies, who will answer any questions, hold anything "will call", and accept the no-show lists and the projectors;
 - all pre-registration must be completed by 10 days before the conference, including checks or money orders received in hand.
 - she will put tiered registration costs on the website and show onsite prices as information in the online registration system.
- Herke will post the Fall 2018 newsletter on our Facebook site, a reasonable amount of time after it is sent to members.

Newsletter Assignments:

- Herke asked the Council to think of what they want to write about in the newsletter and let her know.
- Herke led a discussion on the usefulness of the newsletter and ideas regarding this. Council members suggested that we use our social media, particularly Facebook, to give more exposure and have easier access to the newsletter.

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Not Present: Diane Calloway-Graham, Vice-President/Secretary

Decisions:

- **Editorial report** accepted. *Moved by Schaniel, seconded by Andrist, passed unanimously by voice vote.*
- Suggestions for **editorial board** approved. There were some added recommendations by Gould and Brown: (1) Invite professors close to promotion; (2) Add academic background of board members and clear distinction between editorial board members and reviewers; and (3) Growth areas for membership: History, Women's and Gender Studies, American Indian Studies. Outcome should be to have editorial board reflect all WSSA sections (the Council appreciates the current geographical diversity). *Moved by Schaniel, seconded by Mummy, passed unanimously by voice vote.*
- **Journal website changes** tabled to April 2019 meeting. *Moved by Andrist, seconded by Gallamore, approved unanimously by voice vote.*
- The ability of the Council, during the **Fall meetings**, to handle Association business efficiently and collegially make the meetings worthwhile. Depending on local site costs, the Fall meeting should continue with catering costs increasingly shifted to council members. *Decision by consensus.*
- **Advance team visits** should continue, assuming there is evidence of effectiveness. *Decision by consensus.*
- Additional amount charged for onsite registration will be explained in newsletter and on registration site. *Decision by consensus.*
- For **Seattle 2024**, the Sheraton is the favored location. *Decision by consensus.*
- For issues without legal ramifications, the Board officers may speak for the WSSA; the legal **"voice" of the WSSA** is the Executive Director. Final word on proofing of external documents is the Communications Director. *Decision by consensus.*
- **AFIT** has requested that WSSA collect their **membership fee**. We will try this and report in the future. *Decision by consensus.*

Reports:

- Social Science Journal Editors' Reports (in writing) – the following reports were reviewed by the Council: formal report; proposed editorial board; proposed website changes; and rebid with Elsevier.

Discussions:

- Role of advance team and cost/benefit of Fall Meeting. The reception by local universities and campuses can be uneven. The Association has decreased cost by ending the Fall meeting before the formerly-traditional lunch and by not offering accommodations on Saturday evening for Board members who cannot return home before Sunday. Note that the Fall 2015 meeting in San Francisco was limited to the advance team only to save projected exceptionally high expenses; Board business was handled by email, but the process was too inefficient for normal use.
- Pros and cons were discussed for the two most favored locations for the Seattle 2024 meeting: Sheraton (\$219 per night for \$70,000 minimum catering; comp. internet; close to Pike Market) or Hyatt Regency (\$239 per night for \$75,000 minimum catering).
- Who speaks for WSSA? Consensus was that it depends on the issue at hand but that the voice must always be clearly identified.

Action Items:

- Brown will notify Journal editors of Board acceptance of editorial report, approval for suggested editorial board, suggestions for future editorial boards, and requests for future reports.
- Herke will make suggested 1-sentence change to Journal page on WSSA website; will add a new opt-out option, for paper delivery of the Social Science Journal, on the pre-registration and membership sites; will note reason for additional charge for onsite registration on registration site; will provide new statistical analyses, such as yield from campus visits, and will arrange for WSSA collection of AFIT membership dues during pre-registration and report the results to the Council.
- Gould will continue negotiations for **Seattle 2024**

Motion to adjourn by William Schaniel, seconded by Debra Andrist; unanimously approved by voice vote of the Council. Fall meeting adjourned at 11:40 am

Newsletter Assignments:

- Newsletter assignments by Kate Herke. The Fall titles and “baby abstracts” are due on September 30, 2018; full articles due on October, 15, 2018. Winter edition dates are November 30 and December 30; Spring dates are March 1 and March 25.
- Articles assigned for Summer 2018 edition, not published as experiment, will be used in the Fall 2018 and Winter 2019 editions. Those not yet submitted must be submitted by the deadlines for those editions.
- Articles that were submitted for unpublished Summer edition :

- Amato - Fake Conferences/Fake Journals (moved to Fall 2018)
- Andrist - Save the Date (moved to Fall 2018)
- Companion - The Personal is the Professional (moved to Fall 2018)
- Pederson - Journal common questions (moved to Winter 2019)
- Schelly - about Environmental Policy and Natural Resources Management section (will be recurring column) (moved to Fall 2018)
- Articles (tabled until next appropriate newsletter) not yet submitted, from Summer **and** Fall assignments made at Spring 2018 meeting
 - Diane Calloway-Graham - brief intro Foodbank (*moved to Winter 2019*)
 - Diane Calloway-Graham and Steve Mumme - brief intro Spotlight (*moved to Winter 2019*)
 - Debra Andrist - Section name change and identity and group nomenclature including "LatinX" (*moved to Spring 2019*)
 - Moises Diaz - will send in ideas for Fall newsletter (*moved to Winter and Spring 2019*)
- Fall 2018 edition :
 - Amato (*held over from Spring 2018*) - Fake Conferences/Fake Journals
 - Andrist - invitation to conference & regionalisms
 - Brown - soapbox & what I see (*moved to Spring 2019*)
 - Gallamore - student pieces on what students wish professors knew (*moved to Winter 2019*), & what are social sciences
 - Herke - short into to Outstanding Emerging Scholars & blurbs for colleges/universities visited in Fall (*moved to Winter 2019*)
 - Mumme - San Diego : The Border Wall
 - Ruiz Flores - Latin America survey about internationalization (*moved to Winter 2019*)
 - Schaniel - competitions
- Winter 2019 Edition
 - Clark - Western Wyoming Community College Research Symposium
 - Gould - election results and timing change
 - Herke - registration reminder & intro new Section Coordinators
 - Jarrett-Snider - Pet Peeve : people think that Native American Studies programs teach people how to be Indians" - may address the differences in group nomenclature and power
 - Jarrett-Snider and Tipseconnic Fox - tribes without nation status
- Spring 2019 Edition
 - Andrist - Pet Peeve : people think that language programs just teach how to speak a language
 - Bonneken - blurb, if interested see Ops Manual
 - Brown - soapbox
 - Calloway-Graham - full article for foodbank
 - Calloway-Graham and Mumme - full article Spotlight
 - Gould - going green & Point Loma Seafood restaurant review

- Herke - reason for higher registration price onsite & how to use registration ID number to view Journal online & any answers to solicited ads from universities visited in Fall
- Herke (with information from Bonnekesen, Brown, and Andrist) - full article on 2019 Outstanding Emerging Scholars
- Martinez, Ruben (Michigan State) - food insecurity among migrant workers' children
- Melichar - San Diego trivia
- Mumme - problems of adjuncts & if appropriate, update on Wall
- Pederson, Bill (NAU-Yuma)- Northern Arizona Social Work program
- Schaniel - about papers, Wicks, and posters submitted this year
- Tippeconnic Fox AND Jarrett-Snyder - tribes fighting in California for recognition
- Unassigned - restaurant reviews - Brown, possibly, and will solicit others

Attachments

- SSJ Editors Report SEPT 18 final copy
- SSJ Proposed Editorial Board SEPT 2018
- Suggested changes to the website language AUG18

Editors' Report, September 2018

The number of submissions is up. Turn-around time is down.

As of Sept. 5, there were 515 submissions for 2018. This is higher than the number of submissions received at the same time last year (421).

Average number of days from submission to reviewer invitation: 2

Submission to first decision: 18.9 days

Three of the four issues for 2018 are currently available, all published on time.

These issues feature articles on a variety of topics including climate change, charter schools, gender gap in STEM, Native American academics, environmental aid, and international collaboration, among others.

The impact factor is improving and looks good relative to similar journals.

The Social Science Journal: 1.00

Social Science Quarterly (Wiley Blackwell): .874

We propose to increase the size and diversity of the Editorial Board to better represent the broad scope of disciplines in SSJ and wide range of submissions.

Thirteen members of the existing board have agreed to continue in this capacity. We expect to invite 26 new members from a number of disciplines, pending approval (see list of proposed members).

We have plans for review articles and special issues that address interdisciplinary 'hot topics,' including those that receive the most downloads and citations.

Ideas include violence in schools, race and immigration, work and family in the 21st century, and the opioid epidemic. Please send us your ideas!

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Lynn Minnotte and Daphne Pedersen

The Social Science Journal
Proposed Editorial Board
September 2018

Name	Affiliation	Discipline	Current role
Adam Chamberlain	Coastal Carolina University	Political Science	Editorial board member
Bill Reese	Augusta University	Public Administration	Editorial board member
Dave Rausch	West Texas A&M University	Political Science	Editorial board member
Don Haider-Markel	University of Kansas	Political Science	Editorial board member
Donna Lybecker	Idaho State University	Political Science	Editorial board member
Lacey Wallace	Penn State- Altoona	Criminal Justice	Editorial board member
Marissa Harrison	Penn State- Harrisburg	Psychology	Editorial board member
Mike Touchton	University of Miami	Poli. Sci./Pub.Admin.	Editorial board member
Richard Adkisson	New Mexico State University	Economics	Editorial board member
Robert Boyd	Mississippi State University	Sociology	Editorial board member
Shunfeng Song	University of Nevada- Reno	Economics	Editorial board member
Tom Maloney	University of Utah	Economics	Editorial board member
Yu-Feng (Winnie) Lee	New Mexico State University	Economics	Editorial board member
James Rice	New Mexico State University	Sociology	
Brian Urlacher	University of North Dakota	Political Science	
Chau-kiu Cheung	City University of Hong Kong	Social & Behavioral Sci.	Reviewer, SSJ author
Christopher Witko	Penn State	Political Science	Reviewer, SSJ author
Eric Primm	University of Pikeville	Sociology	Reviewer, SSJ author
Desiree A. Crow	University of Colorado- Denver	School of Public Affairs/communication	Reviewer
Kelly Tzoumis	DePaul University	Public Policy	Reviewer, SSJ author
Chris Donoghue	Montclair State University	Sociology	Reviewer
Jay Hmielowski	Washington State University	Communication	Reviewer
Name	Affiliation	Discipline	Current role
Francisco Dumanig	University of Hawaii-Hilo	English	Reviewer
Erin L. Borry	Univ. Alabama- Birmingham	Public Administration	Reviewer
Todd Lee Matthews	Cabrini University	Leadership and organizational development	Reviewer, SSJ author
Rebecca Vidourek	University of Cincinnati	Health promotion and education	Reviewer, SSJ author
Carrie B. Myers	Montana State University	Adult&higher education	SSJ author
Kimberly Eretzian Smirles	Emmanuel College	Psychology; gender and women's studies	SSJ author
James Gerard Caillier	University of Alabama	Poli. Sci./Pub.Admin.	SSJ author
Christopher Ferguson	Stetson Univiersity	Psychology	Reviewer
Thaddieus Conner	New Mexico State University	Government	Reviewer, SSJ author
Mark Joslyn	Kansas University	Political Science	Reviewer, SSJ author
Malcolm Cort	Athens State University	Sociology	Reviewer, SSJ author
Antonio Saravia	Mercer University	Economics	Reviewer
Benjamin Lyons	University of Exeter	Communications	Reviewer
Sebastian Scherr	KU Leuven	Communciations	Reviewer
Mandi Bates Bailey	Valdosta State University	Political science (social media)	Reviewer
Andre Kehn	University of North Dakota	Psychology	
Rachel Whaley	Southern Illinois University	Sociology (criminology)	Reviewer

The Social Science Journal, September 2018

Suggested changes to the website language:

The Social Science Journal is the official journal of the [Western Social Science Association](#). The principal purpose of the journal is to publish scholarly work in the **social sciences defined in the classical sense, that is in the social sciences, the humanities, and the natural sciences**. The research that is published may take a theoretical or speculative model as well as statistical and mathematical. Contributions are welcome from all fields which have relevant and insightful comments to make about the social sciences.

The journal also includes a Research Note section which is devoted to supporting scholarly research that is in progress. The journal has a well-established book review section which reflects the academic and intellectual diversity within the WSSA. While *The Social Science Journal* is the publication of a regional association, it attracts [submissions](#) from a wide range of countries.