

Official Reports and Proceedings

2001-2002 Council

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Present: Richard D. Alba, Elijah Anderson, William T. Bielby, Diane Brown, Michael Burawoy, Linda Burton, Craig Calhoun, Robert D. Crutchfield, Nancy Denton, Arne L. Kalleberg, Douglas S. Massey, Ross Matsueda, Victor Nee, Barbara F. Reskin, Barbara Risman, Lynn Smith-Lovin, Ivan Szelenyi, Pamela Barnhouse Walters

Absent: Paul J. DiMaggio

Staff: Felice J. Levine, Carla B. Howery, Alfonso R. Latoni, Roberta Spalter-Roth, Phoebe H. Stevenson

President Barbara Reskin called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2. Welcoming Remarks

President Reskin welcomed incoming Council members and expressed appreciation to continuing members for their service to the Association. Reskin indicated that Council would first address some items of unfinished business from the third meeting of the 2000-2001 Council prior to reports from the officers.

3. Report on Committee on Sections

Council member William Bielby reported on the meeting of the Committee on Sections (COS) and the meeting of COS with sections chairs. He indicated that the latter meeting generated healthy discussion. He reported that COS was reviewing the *Section Manual* and will propose revisions for Council's review in January. The Committee also discussed the criteria by which sections are being evaluated quantitatively and qualitatively. The Committee reaffirmed the importance of sections in the life of the Association, as an important vehicle for member participation as well as taking on leadership positions.

Bielby reported that COS approved unanimously the section name change request submitted by the Section on Undergraduate Education (SUE). Executive Officer Felice Levine indicated to Council that last February Council delegated to COS to determine whether the change would be acceptable. COS and SUE consulted with the Section on Sociology of Education to explore potential overlaps in substantive interests. The proposed name, Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology, provided a satisfactory proposition for all parties involved. A special membership referendum is planned for this fall to obtain SUE member approval.

Bielby also reported that the group proposing a section-in-formation on Ethnology and Conversational Analy-

sis presented 100 signatures of current ASA members. As per Council's approval in February 2001 pending the successful collection of 100 required petition signatures, the group has now met the petition requirement to become a section-in-formation.

COS also discussed different incentive structures so that very small sections may disband as formal sections but remain as interest groups and be given opportunities to meet and sponsor sessions at the Annual Meeting. The objective is to provide opportunity for intellectual exchange without the expenses of operating as a full section (such as, election, newsletters, and so forth.) Past Vice President Richard Alba encouraged further investigation of creating alternative entities to provide a forum for small sections to disband and even for "interest groups" to form without necessarily seeking section status. He also stressed that, if such groups are created as a new organizational "form" within ASA, that the ASA would not have to heavily subsidize their activities.

Bielby presented COS' recommendation to approve the proposed By-Laws for the Labor and Labor Movements Section-in-formation. He indicated that the section-in-formation reached the required 300-member mark during its first section-in-formation year and that COS reviewed and approved the proposed By-Laws. With Council's approval of the By-Laws, Labor and Labor Movements will become a full section beginning in the 2002 membership year.

Motion: To approve the proposed By-Laws for Labor and Labor Movement. Carried unanimously.

Bielby also reported on COS' recommendation to better align the Annual Meeting session allocation structure with the 300-membership requirement for sections. Under the current structure, sections with fewer than 200 members receive one session, sections with 200-399 members receive two sessions, and so on. He indicated that COS is considering a revised structure which would further increase the incentive for sections to reach and maintain the 300-member requirement: Sections with fewer than 300 members will receive one session and sections with 300-399 members will receive two sessions. Bielby also briefed Council on COS' discussion on the possibility of and options for changing the membership count cutoff deadline. Over the years, the September 30 deadline creates the practice of last minute efforts among sections to achieve target membership counts. He indicated that COS would continue the discussion at its winter conference call meeting.

4. Rental of Mailing List and Survey Participation

Executive Officer Levine reported that ASA had received a rental request for mailing labels of ASA members for the purpose of including sociologists in a major report that included political scientists and economists in a survey.

ASA's policy is not to provide mailing lists where ASA members would be approached to be research subjects. She and Past President Massey decided to discuss this with Council as a possible exception. In this request, sociologists would be invited to participate in a survey and the outcome of the study could be informative to the general public and social science. Council noted that the study is more for public interest than for scientific research and discussed the rationale for prohibiting such a rental. Both Levine and Council reaffirmed that ASA should remain very careful about releasing members' contact information for research. Levine also indicated that members have the option of opting out of such inclusion in mailing list rentals for professional purposes. Council cautioned that were ASA to approve this request, many more members might choose to opt out of mailing list inclusion. Council discussed other options, such as using the membership listserv to encourage members to participate in the survey.

Motion: To approve the sale of the mailing list for the specific purpose of approaching ASA members to participate in this survey and to reaffirm the general policy whereby only the Executive Officer under rare circumstances can make or seek approval for an exception. Carried (11 approved; 5 opposed; 1 abstention).

President Reskin suggested adding a discussion on sociologists' access to data on ASA members for research as a topic on the agenda under New Business.

5. Report of the President

Reskin reported on the 2002 Annual Meeting theme and the sessions planned. She indicated that the planning process has moved along very smoothly and that the Program Committee has been working together very productively. She encouraged Council members to recommend new books for the Author Meets the Critics sessions, which have not been finalized.

Reskin briefed Council on her aspiration to offer extended "short-course" workshops for the 2002 Annual Meeting and to introduce a credit-granting mechanism. She indicated that there were a number of possibilities but that she and Executive Officer Levine saw two as most likely candidates. The first workshop is on Teaching Racial Profiling and will provide a more in-depth training component to the plenary and thematic sessions on Profiling Across Social Institutions. Those registering for this workshop will take an extended seminar in the morning, and conclude with an extended session to strengthen the links between research on profiling and disparities and teaching about these issues following the plenary and thematic sessions in the afternoon. The second workshop is on Human Research Protections in Sociology and the Social Sciences. This pre-meeting workshop will cover core issues in the ethics of research with human subjects and will

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focus specifically on issues and procedures for addressing specific situations more commonplace in the social sciences.

ASA will offer certificates to attendees attesting to the successful completion of these courses. Attendees are expected to pre-register before the Annual Meeting and to complete preparation in advance to reap the benefit of this training. The course on profiling is intended to attract new teachers of sociology who have not yet specialized in this area. It also aims to reach high school and community college teachers who seek training and certification of their knowledge. The course on ethics and human subjects research should attract attendees who want more in-depth training and knowledge than what other general courses or web-based seminars can provide.

6. Report of the President-Elect

President-elect Bielby proposed a slate of members of the 2003 Program Committee: Evelyn Nakano Glenn, University of California-Berkeley; Alex Hicks, Emory University; Joyce Iutovich, Keystone University Research Corporation; Arne Kalleberg, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Verna Keith, Arizona State University; Felice J. Levine, ASA (ex officio); Ross Matsueda, University of Washington; Ivan Szelenyi, Yale University; David Takeuchi, Indiana University; Fran Winddance Twine, University of California-Santa Barbara; Linda J. Waite, University of Chicago. The Program theme will be on a topic relating to culture. There are many ways to connect many segments of the discipline to culture.

Motion: To approve the 2003 Program Committee as proposed. Carried unanimously.

7. Report of the Secretary

Secretary Arne Kalleberg reported that his transition from Secretary-elect to Secretary went very smoothly and that he benefited from working with Past Secretary Bonner this year. He indicated that his immediate goals are to address the dues decoupling issue and the income categories in the progressive dues structure.

8. Report of the Executive Officer

Executive Officer Levine provided only a short overview since most substantive issues were otherwise on the agenda. She briefed Council on the call for applications for the Integrating Data Analysis (IDA) project recently being funded by the National Science Foundation. Six sociology departments will be selected to participate, beginning with summer workshops in 2002. These departments will work with Census data and other data sets to infuse research training in the undergraduate curriculum.

Levine reported on recent efforts on human subjects protection. She also reported that Paula Skedsvold, a social psychologist and former science policy advisor at the National Institute of Health, will be joining ASA to work

on ethics and public affairs in the coming year. OBSSR has provided \$75,000 to ASA for a year to defray the expenses incurred for the Social and Behavioral Science Working Group of the National Human Research Protection Advisory Committee (NHRPAC). Levine co-chairs this Working Group.

Levine distributed draft reports on Public Use Data Files, Risk and Harm, and Third Parties prepared by the Social and Behavioral Science Working Group. She reported that the ASA Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) discussed the drafts at its meeting and that there was also a town meeting session on the topic. She encouraged Council members to review the materials and provide feedback.

9. Membership Outreach

Levine reported on the efforts extended by the Executive Office in membership outreach this spring in response to the lower renewal rates—the membership count in June was nearly 500 below comparable totals from June 2000. All staff members were involved in the outreach efforts and non-renewed members (separated in different target groups) were contacted by customized e-mail messages and personal phone calls. Members were also encouraged to register for the Annual Meeting if they had not already done so.

She reported on her efforts this summer to work with chairs of sections on membership renewal and recruitment. She also indicated that the Committee on Sections (COS) met with section officers to discuss possible outreach efforts to sociologists who may not be members of the Association. The Executive Office will continue to work with sections on membership outreach efforts in 2002 but much earlier in the membership year.

Levine briefed Council on her discussion with department chairs at the Chair Conference about the importance of membership outreach to students and to department faculty in the fall so that new members may benefit from being an ASA member for the full membership year. Levine encouraged Council members and their departments to take advantage of the membership bundling arrangement whereby sociology departments and ASA share the cost of membership for students joining ASA.

10. Report on ASA Publications

Levine reported on the new arrangement with Blackwell Publishers for *Sociological Methodology* and *Sociological Theory*. She also stated that as part of the contract renegotiation, Blackwell will be publishing *City and Community*, the new journal of the Section on Community and Urban Sociology. She reported that, although it is very difficult at the present time to find a publisher willing to assume financial risk of launching a new journal, the timing of the renegotiation of *SM* and *ST* helped in arriving at our agreement for *City and Community*.

2002 Journal Subscription Rates for Institutions

and *Non-Member Individuals*. Levine indicated that institutional and non-member subscription rates were raised three years ago and are generally reviewed every two to three years. Given that ASA's rates are lower than those of other learned societies, a rate increase is prudent. President-Elect Bielby asked whether ASA has information on the elasticity and price sensitivity of institutional subscribers. Levine indicated that the market could absorb such small increase without affecting the number of subscriptions.

Past Vice President Alba asked about the member journal subscription rates especially given the relatively low costs for printing the *American Sociological Review*. Levine indicated that, while the cost for producing journals might vary, it would be very confusing and to introduce a new price structure at the same time that members were being asked to approve separating base dues from subscriptions.

Motion: To adopt the proposed rates for non-member and institutional subscription rates. Carried unanimously.

11. Committee Appointments

Reskin indicated that, in making committee appointments, efforts were made to ensure that each Committee, to the extent possible and appropriate, has diversity in representation. She presented her lists of nominees for Council's review.

Council member Calhoun encouraged the Executive Office to utilize the new technology and database to make available to committees making nominations so that membership characteristics, such as employment type, can be readily available.

Motion: To approve President Reskin's recommendations on committee members. Carried unanimously.

12. Annual Meeting Planning

Janet Astner and Janis Waldner, staff in the ASA Meeting Services Department, joined the Council for the discussion on Annual Meeting planning. Reskin thanked them both for their good work.

Registration Fees for 2002 Annual Meeting. Executive Officer Levine provided an overview of the proposal for a new fee structure, reducing the current three-tier structure (early-bird, pre-registration, and on-site) to a two-tier structure (pre-registration and on-site). Astner indicated that registration fees for the ASA meetings are lower than those of comparable learned societies. The proposed change would simplify the fee structure and yet allow for the Association to increase the fees.

Council engaged in a more general conversation about Annual Meeting revenue and expenses. Council member Barbara Risman asked whether Council would reconsider distributing the *Preliminary Program* in print copies.

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Levine stated that the cost involved in producing a print *Preliminary Program*, which greatly resembles the Final Program (except for information on meeting room location), was close to \$90,000 and therefore EOB and Council had voted to eliminate this print publication. She also reminded Council that members wishing to receive a print copy may request one from the Executive Office. Council encouraged the Executive Office to highlight the availability of the print version via announcements in *Footnotes* and on the website.

Risman raised the concern about the possible change in membership dues structure for 2002 (pending the outcome of the special membership referendum) or the approved COLA increase (which would go into effect with Council's approval if the referendum failed) while at the same changing the meeting fees. Council asked whether the proposed increase in registration fee is sufficient to cover costs; or more generally, whether revenues from Annual Meeting cover all expenses. Levine indicated that, while revenues cover the direct costs, the net gain of the Annual Meeting to ASA was minimal when indirect costs (such as staff time) were considered.

Motion: To approve the principle of abolishing the early bird registration rates, to ask the Executive Office to devise a rate structure so that the preregistration rate for members would not exceed \$100 while adjusting the onsite rates to cover the difference in revenue from the original proposal. Carried unanimously.

Site Selection for 2005. Levine indicated that Council needed to decide on a meeting site for 2005 which will allow for a special celebration of the ASA Centennial. Levine noted the importance of easy accessibility of joint hotels and favorable room rates. Extensive information on three cities: New York, Washington, DC, and Philadelphia, was shared with Council to guide the discussion on and decision for the 2005 site selection.

Janet Astner, Director of Meeting Services, reported that the 2005 decision might affect ASA's multi-year contract possibilities. The need to lock in bookings as soon as possible has become more important; conventions are being booked well in advance and the availability of suitable properties for an ASA meeting is more limited now than before. New York could be an option if ASA were to choose New York as part of a multi-year agreement so that the room rates would be below \$200 and that there would be concessions from the hotel. New York was presented as an option because it was the location for the first ASA Executive Office. Council inquired about the possibility of moving the meeting dates to earlier in August. Astner indicated that such dates would cut further into the peak tourist seasons with higher hotel rates. Lower rates would be possible if ASA chose to meet over Memorial Day or Labor Day weekends.

Past Vice President Alba asked about accessory costs of these cities, such as catering costs for section receptions. Astner indicated that the costs in New York would be highest, then Washington, and Philadelphia being the lowest. Council inquired about prior attendance in the various cities and to which cities ASA members were attracted. Council also stressed the importance of central meeting places and easy accessibility between co-host hotels so that participants could move easily between sessions; thus, creating a better critical mass. Past President Douglas Massey described the attractiveness of Philadelphia: hotel proximity, easy transportation (by air and train), urban setting, and relatively lower costs.

Discussion on dates. Council discussed the timing of future dates for the Annual Meetings. Some Council members felt that dates in the summer were difficult because of the disruption of family vacations. Some suggested the possibility of the Labor Day weekend as it is a three-day holiday which offered low hotel rates. Others expressed concerns about current dates as they coincide with the start of many elementary and secondary schools as well as colleges and universities, and it is difficult for members to miss the first week of classes. Council member Walters cautioned that some universities hold class on Labor Day. Levine indicated that, in general, holding meetings in August is not family friendly and that August dates are no longer "bargain" time. She raised the possibility of pre-summer dates, such as June. Council was supportive of moving away from August and cautioned about the selection of Labor Day weekend as it conflicts with the start of schools. Council appreciated that it is difficult to be both work-friendly and family-friendly. Council was aware that many members are accustomed to the August dates and that any major change must be for very compelling reasons. Council member Walters proposed the possibility of surveying members for their preferences. She suggested the selection of Philadelphia for 2005 but with earlier August dates. Council member Risman stated that, even if we may not learn anything definitive from members, the process of member involvement in major decision for the Association is very important.

Motion: To hold the 2005 meeting in Philadelphia during the second week in August. Carried unanimously.

Council discussed the possibility of securing another multi-year contract. Levine sought Council's input because a multi-year commitment at this time may preclude our ability to explore alternative dates. Also, Council discussed the proposal from the Hilton for hosting the 2007 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Walters asked whether Seattle and Vancouver were possible sites. Astner indicated that ASA would need to use convention centers in those cities which would require more financial and human resources. Furthermore, summer hotel

rates are high in those cities due to peak tourist season. Risman asked about the schedule whereby Council needed to make decision so that membership could be involved in the discussion. Council felt that an informed discussion of alternative dates should be held when there is more concrete information on the options and the pros and cons for each. Council discussed several options to obtain member preferences, including a survey, an e-mail survey, and a survey piggybacked to the fall referendum. After posing the pros and cons, Council asked for a vote on earlier August dates.

Motion: To continue the Annual Meeting dates during the first two weeks in August. (5 approved, 8 opposed)

Council member Calhoun argued against August meeting time as it interrupts research time and vacation time. Council member Nee spoke against conducting a sample survey and supported the deferral of a decision until the winter Council meeting when the Executive Office could provide more information. Council further discussed options for surveys, for the scope of the questions, including asking members why they do or do not attend. There was consensus that the timing of a survey should not conflict with the special fall membership referendum already planned.

Motion: To gather the opinion of ASA members about meeting dates through the use of a survey, the form of which to be determined. Motion withdrawn.

Motion: To table the discussion to the winter Council meeting and ask that the Executive Office provide information about options, pros and cons so that informed decisions can be made. (14 approved; 2 abstained.)

Levine indicated that she would contact other associations to find out how they went about making a change and report back to Council in January. Council then returned to the discussion of the option to hold the 2007 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. ASA was offered a set of dates for San Francisco but needed to commit as soon as possible; else, the hotel would release the dates held to other interested groups.

Motion: To approve holding the 2007 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Failed. (6 approved, 7 opposed, 3 abstained)

13. Committee Appointments

Recommendations from the Committee on Awards. The Committee on Awards advanced slates of nominees to fill vacancies on the eight award selection committees. Vice President-elect Ivan Szelenyi was concerned about the limited time that Council members were given to review the materials and make a decision. Council was also concerned about members from the same institutions being nominated to the same committee and asked if the "skip rule" would be used.

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Motion: To use the skip rule in seating new members, skipping persons from institutions that are already represented. (Withdrawn)

Motion: After applying the skip rule and deleting persons who have accepted appointments to other committees, to refer the list back to the Committee on Awards. (Withdrawn)

Motion: To appoint a subcommittee of Council to review the list (Calhoun, Nee, Denton, Risman). Carried unanimously.

Motion: That all lower ranked persons from the same institution be eliminated (if the first one accepts the nomination) and that the subcommittee be instructed to provide institutional information on ongoing members of each committee. To delegate to the subcommittee the task of reviewing the list, considering nominations from the Committee on Awards and advancing a slate. Carried unanimously.

Recommendations from the Executive Officer for Advisory Panels. Levine presented a slate of nominees for vacancies on the various Executive Office Program Advisory Panels.

Motion: To approve the recommended list for Advisory Panels as presented. Carried unanimously.

Recommendation from the Secretary for the Committee on the Executive Office and Budget (EOB). Secretary Kalleberg presented a slate of names for the one vacant position on the EOB.

Motion: To approve the recommended list as presented. Carried unanimously.

14. Dates for the Winter Meeting

Council agreed to hold its winter meeting on January 25-27, 2002.

15. Information Technology Briefing

Deputy Executive Officer Phoebe Stevenson reported on the successful completion of upgrading the membership database and management system. While the implementation process created expected interruptions to the operations of the Executive Office (such as, the delay in sending out membership renewal reminders), the end results were welcomed by all staff members. Building on these enhancements, ASA introduced a searchable *Online Preliminary Program* and a personal scheduler for the 2001 Annual Meeting. Other internet related developments include: expanding the Call for Papers program to an Online Abstract and Paper Center (which replaced Paper Sales at the Annual Meeting) and the online audiovisual request system for presenters. Looking ahead, we will continue to expand internet-based services that are integrated with the membership database, such as membership application, renewal, publication sales, and meeting registration supported by e-commerce. Levine indicated that the ASA Online

Journal Builder Program, built upon *Journal Manuscript Tracker*, was undergoing beta testing by the editorial offices of ASR and JHSB.

16. Task Force Reports

Task Force on International Focus of American Sociology. The Task Force analyzed the participation of international sociologists from 1965 to the present. They also reviewed the international content of syllabi sets published by the ASA Teaching Resources Center for a range of courses. The Task Force discussed ASA's involvement in and collaboration with (national) regional sociological associations beyond ISA and the World Congress. The Task Force requested the participation of Council Liaison and asked about the results of an earlier survey about international participation of members. The Task Force will continue its work through the mid-year meeting of the Council.

President Reskin asked what the charges of the Task Forces are and Council's expectation. Levine indicated that Task Forces had different charges. Some were asked to prepare reports on specific issues in order to brief Council; others were more directed to providing guidance and recommendations. Reskin proposed that when a Task Force report is submitted, the Executive Office liaison and a few members of Council would review the report carefully. The group would then report to Council and recommend actions. Council reaffirmed the value of the task force approach, the importance of clear "charges," and timely reports that Council would consider carefully.

Motion: To ask Task Forces to include recommended actions for Council to consider as part of their final reports. Carried unanimously.

Task Force on ASA-AAAS Relations. The Task Force made a series of recommendations and viewed that it has completed its charge. Levine proposed that Walters, the Council liaison for the Task Force, and the President and Levine review the recommendations and determine which recommendations should be moved forward. Walters stated that it would take a lot of effort to make inroads into the AAAS. Levine indicated that ASA has been making positive progress in recent years. One possibility is to have section representatives also work as a group rather than solely rely on individuals making inroads into single sections.

Task Force on Implications of Assessing Faculty Productivity and Teaching Effectiveness. The Task Force requested an additional one or two members be appointed by September to fill some vacancies. The Task Force was interested in having an in-person meeting in Cleveland. It asked for guidance about human subject protection clearance for some of the research they are conducting. Reskin requested that Levine report back to Council in the winter regarding the human subject protection issue with regard to the Association conducting research using data on membership.

Development Committee and Centennial Committee. Levine briefed Council on the background of the Development and Centennial Committees. Council discussed the importance of each and encouraged their activation.

Motion: To approve the appointment by the President of Development and Centennial Committees. Carried unanimously.

International Sociological Association (ISA). The 2002 ISA meeting will be held in Brisbane, Australia. ASA will be represented by Doug Kincaid, ASA's representative to ISA. Also, Past President Massey, President Reskin, and Executive Officer Levine are planning to represent ASA. President Reskin will serve on a panel with other association presidents.

17. New Business

Professional Development at the Annual Meeting. Reskin outlined her ideas for more intensive and formal professional development workshops at the Annual Meeting. These workshops would attract attendees, who may or may not otherwise be presenting at the meeting, and would meet the need for continuing education for many colleagues, such as high school teachers, practitioners, and people in aligned fields. She proposed the possibility of ASA offering a certificate for participation in these workshops. In particular, the 2002 Program Committee has planned to have a set of sequenced events on a topic, beginning with a plenary session and followed by breakout discussions and perhaps teaching workshops on that topic. Reskin indicated that ASA would promote such offerings in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and other medium that are not normally used to advertise the Annual Meeting.

Council viewed that this innovation as an attractive idea especially for attendees from 2- and 4-year colleges. Further, such "strands" might draw attendees who are outside of the discipline. Howery indicated that the former Task Force on 2- and 4-year Colleges expressed interest in receiving such certification. Furthermore, persons in sociological practice would benefit from these workshops as their employers would consider these Annual Meeting sessions as "training." Smith-Lovin indicated that high school teachers might be interested in the workshops as some states have requirements (such as, for re-education) and these workshops might be able to meet some of the requirements. Reskin asked whether there are costs to the ASA and Levine reported that the costs would be minimal. Some workshops have modest registration fees to cover cost of materials. She indicated that it is possible for ASA to pay for an extra night needed for the organizer/teacher. Levine indicated that she discussed the possibility with the Spivack Advisory Committee as well as the Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE). The former cautioned that we do not implement too many training workshops all at once but limit the

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number so we can implement effective programming and promotion. COPE was very excited about the possibility of conducting training workshops on human subject protection. Lynn Smith-Lovin cautioned the scheduling of such sessions as some attendees who are teachers might have started school at that time in August. Sessions could be scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

President Reskin indicated that this new attention to workshops and training makes sense only if it were featured for the foreseeable future, not just in 2002. Council indicated its support of this emphasis.

Motion: To approve enhancing the professional development component of the Annual Meeting and certificates of attendance. Carried unanimously.

Committee on Publications. Risman requested the appointment of a task force to reevaluate the structure of the Committee on Publications (COP). She provided a briefing on the structure of the COP before and after the restructuring. Risman and Walters thought that COP and Council's deliberations and decisions could benefit from input from editors. Alba presented his observation of two events, editors' view about the selection of the ASR editor, and now, editors' perception of the dues decoupling. Need indicated that Council has the talent and skills to address the topic of COP structure and that there did not seem to be the need to form a task force.

Motion: To place this topic on the January meeting agenda. Carried unanimously.

Levine suggested that we would look at models used by other learned societies and inform Bernice Pescosolido, Chair of the Committee on Publications, of Council's interest in this issues.

18. Program Reports

Minority Affairs Program (MAP). Alfonso Latoni started his report with a brief overview of the Minority Fellowship Program. He focused his remarks on the incoming cohort for 2002-2003; the orientation workshop for this group—thanking Diane Brown for her excellent presentation to the students; and the success of both the session with presentations from minority fellows and the professional development workshop, which was overflowing with attendees. Latoni also gave highlights on the MOST Program, indicating that the Association was entering its last year of this initiative with MOST departments. He noted to Council that considerable time would be devoted to writing a final report and planning for the capstone conference to take place in the late spring.

Academic and Professional Affairs Program (APAP). Carla Howery provided an update and progress report on the activities of the Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Project. She emphasized as well that MOST was an important

element of the APAP as well as MAP Programs. She also emphasized the importance of the Integrating Data Analysis into the Curriculum Project (IDA) and the extent to which it was an outgrowth of the ASA's emphasis on working with departments on intentional change. She said that key to APAP for the coming year was a central involvement in the ASA Task Force on the Undergraduate Sociology Curriculum and the Task Force on the AP Course in Sociology. She concluded by noting the success of the Chair Conference held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

Research Program on the Discipline and Profession. Roberta Spalter-Roth highlighted the work on the Research Program and its multi-faceted approach to getting information out on the discipline and profession through *Footnotes* articles, research briefs, and the ASA homepage. She emphasized the importance of the use of the homepage for making information accessible to a wide number of persons interested in the discipline. She noted that this resource also provided an efficient way for the Research Program to respond to a wide number of inquiries for information. Spalter-Roth indicated that her presentation to the Chair Conference included discussion of the department survey to be fielded in 2001-2002. She said that this survey would be very useful to the Association and its committees; she also noted that it would be an asset for departments to have current information.

Spivack Program in Applied Social Research and Social Policy. Howery and Levine provided a brief introduction to the work of the Spivack Program. Howery noted that the fellowship component of the Spivack Program was operating successfully and that Congressional Fellow Larry Burmeister had had a very successful experience in Senator Kent Conrad's office. Levine focused on plans for a Congressional seminar in the fall and spring and that three topics were under consideration. Since the Rose Series would be publishing a book on school to work transitions by James Rosenbaum, a Congressional seminar timed to the release of that volume is planned. She noted as well that attention to the race project and to working with the ASA Task Force on an ASA Statement of Race were important elements of the Spivack Program. Roberta Spalter-Roth and she look forward to bringing both of these efforts to fruition in 2002.

Public Information and Public Affairs. Building upon the written reports, Levine summarized the primary areas of emphasis for both the public information and public affairs programs. She noted the considerable coverage of the Annual Meeting in the media despite the Anaheim location and the lower turnout. She emphasized that the posting of press releases on wire services and an increasing number of journalists working online and remotely have increased media coverage of the Meeting and of the substance of sociology throughout the

year. Levine also reported on ASA's public Affairs activities on behalf of the discipline. She emphasized that considerable attention in the period since January had been devoted to human research protection issues and advocacy efforts on behalf of the human rights of sociologists in China and in Egypt who have been incarcerated and also had their professional work severely limited.

19. 2001 Financial Reports and Budget Analysis

Secretary Kalleberg reported on the 2001 financial reports. He indicated that the current projection was for a deficit of \$114,153. The deficit could be attributed to a revenue shortfall of \$148,920 due to lower than budgeted income projections for membership dues, subscription, *Employment Bulletin* listing fees, and Annual Meeting registration. The \$50,000 in Editorial Office Support from Blackwell for *Sociological Methodology* and *Sociological Theory* which did not materialize this year also contributed to the shortfall. On the expense side, conservative spending in almost all functions of the Executive Office is expected to result in a projected saving of \$94,319 for the year as compared to the approved budget. Kalleberg indicated that it is too early to be alarmed at this point until the revenue and expenditure related to the Annual Meeting become available though it would take considerable savings to return a balanced budget by year-end.

20. Report on the Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (FAD)

Spalter-Roth reported that ASA obtained a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). FAD received 14 proposals (as compared to 16 in the last cycle) in the current round of competition. She reported that a workshop, presided by Paul Burstein, was held at the Annual Meeting where four former FAD recipients discussed strategies to make proposals more successful. The session was very well attended. It was suggested that short articles be written for *Footnotes* to feature the winners and their projects.

The FAD Advisory Panel also discussed guidelines for conference proposals.

Council adjourned at 5:30 p.m.