



2008-2009 COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Sheraton Boston

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8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Officers Present: Patricia Hill Collins (President); Evelyn Nakano Glenn (President-Elect); Arne Kalleberg (Immediate Past President); Donald Tomaskovic-Devey (Secretary); Margaret Andersen (Vice President); Douglas McAdam (Immediate Past Vice President); John Logan (Vice President-Elect).

Members-at-Large Present: Dalton Conley, Marjorie DeVault, Rosanna Hertz, Pierette Hondagneu-Sotello, Debra Minkoff, Mary Pattillo, Clara Rodriguez, Mary Romero, Marc Schneiberg, Robin Stryker.

Members Absent: Omar McRoberts, Rubén Rumbaut.

Staff Present: Janet Astner, Les Briggs, Karen Edwards, Lee Herring, Sally T. Hillsman, Kyle Murphy, Michael Murphy, Roberta Spalter-Roth, Daniel Spar.

1. Call to Order

ASA President Patricia Hill Collins called the first meeting of the 2008-2009 Council to order at 8:30 am on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. A quorum of members was present for the conduct of business throughout the course of the meeting.

A. Approval of the Agenda

Additions, deletions, and amendments to the agenda were invited but none were proposed.

Members of Council voted unanimously to accept the agenda as presented.

B. Conflict of Interest Statement

In accordance with the ASA Conflict of Interest Policy, each member of Council, EOB and officer is asked, at the assumption of his or her official position with the Association, to sign a statement affirming that they have received, read, and understand the policy. New members were reminded to sign and turn in their completed forms.

2. Report of the Secretary

The President called upon Donald Tomaskovic-Devey, ASA Secretary, to update Council on a number of financial items.

A. Summary Review of the 2008 Budget

Revenues for the five months ending May 31, 2008 are below budget for member dues and member journal categories. Expenses are on track with the budget in most areas except for higher health insurance costs, legal costs associated with the ongoing lawsuit by ASA's landlords, and journal RFP consultant costs. Updated projections for 2008 anticipate lower revenues and higher expenses, which will result in an additional projected shortfall of \$166,000 from the 2008 budget.

B. Journal Subscription Report and Rates for 2009

At its July meeting, the Committee on Executive Office and Budget (EOB) reviewed journal subscriptions and, given production cost increases expected in 2009, recommend Council increase most institutional subscription rates. Publishing partners for some of the journals have provided recommended rates for 2009. EOB recommended making no increases in rates to individual ASA members; raising institutional rates for ASR by \$10, leaving CS at its current rate, and raising the quarterlies by \$5. Following discussion of the proposals,

Council voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the EOB regarding rates for ASA journal subscriptions.

C. Membership Report and Dues Rates for 2009

As of mid-June, membership is below comparable June 2007 levels by 394 (2.91%). Last year the final membership count was 14,757. While intense efforts are underway to close the gap between the closing level of last year,

it is unlikely that 2008 will meet or exceed the 2007 levels. It was noted that 2007 was the sixth straight year of membership growth.

Members continue to conduct their business with the association via online systems. As of mid-June, nearly 85 percent of membership renewals were initiated online, and 82 percent of new memberships were transacted online.

Existing members comprise 80.9 percent of 2008 members, slightly higher than in 2007. Analysis of the membership shows that renewal rates for high-income categories remain quite strong, although not quite as strong as in the last three years, when the highest two income categories exceeded 85 percent renewal rates.

Beginning in 2008, ASA is offering a new International Associate membership to soft-currency and other less globally-competitive countries. Individuals in the membership database from those countries, particularly lapsed or never-before members, have been encouraged to join ASA in this new category. International Associates pay the same rate as regular Associate members (\$42 in 2008), but are not required to purchase a print journal and receive online access to all journals as a benefit of membership. As of June 15, we have 74 International Associates in 30 different countries.

The Committee on Executive Office and Budget (EOB) recommended that Council approve a cost of living adjustment (COLA) in membership dues of 4.9 percent for 2009 based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI) set by the U.S. Department of Labor for the period March through May 2008. While this rate is slightly higher than previous COLAs, it is necessary to cover anticipated higher costs especially associated with increases in energy costs.

While concerned about implementing a COLA increase, members of Council were also concerned that the cost of doing business is increasing dramatically. There was agreed that this is a balanced recommendation. Some noted that the actual cost of doing business would likely rise more than 4.9 percent. The concern about increasing costs for members was balanced with the cost of providing services for members.

Based on this adjustment, dues rates for 2009 would be:

Dues Category	2009 Dues
Under \$20,000	\$25
\$20,000 - \$29,999	\$26
\$30,000 - \$39,999	\$68
\$40,000 - \$54,999	\$119
\$55,000 - \$69,999	\$165
\$70,000 and over	\$185

Associate	\$44
International Associate	\$44
Student	\$19
Emeritus	\$44

Council voted unanimously to approve increasing the 2009 membership dues by a COLA of 4.9 percent.

3. Committee, Advisory Panel, and Task Force Appointments

A. Nominations from the President, Secretary, Executive Officer

Prior to the Annual Meeting, the President had notified members of his appointments to liaison roles, including Council Member-at-Large Liaison appointments. There were no questions raised about these assignments.

Secretary Tomaskovic-Devey presented a slate of three ranked candidates to fill the vacancy on the EOB.

Council voted unanimously to approve the Secretary's ranked recommendations for appointment to vacancies on the Committee on Executive Office and Budget.

The Executive Officer presented ranked nominations to fill vacancies on three committees that are advisory to the Executive Office: Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) Advisory Panel, Sydney S. Spivack Program in Applied Social Research and Social Policy Advisory Panel, and the Honors Program Advisory Panel.

Council voted unanimously to approve the ranked recommendations from the Executive Officer for appointments to advisory committees.

B. Nominations from the Committee on Committees

The Committee on Committees is elected by the membership each year to assemble rank ordered lists of members for appointment to more than a dozen ASA governance committees. Michael Murphy, Director of Governance and Sections, presented the committee's report. Council members asked questions about individual committees and about approaches to the construction of the rank ordered lists. Several Council members commented

on their previous service on the Committee on Committees, the difficulty of the task, and their admiration for the work of the committee.

Council voted to approve the report of the Committee on Committees with ranked recommendations for appointments to the nine award selection committees, four status committees, Committee on Awards, Committee on Professional Ethics, and Committee on Sections.

4. Annual Meetings

A. Update on the 2009 Annual Meeting Program

President Patricia Hill Collins reported that work on the 2009 Annual Meeting program continues well. The theme of the meeting will be the “New Politics of Community.” Approximately 80% of the thematic sessions are completed, and the other sessions are coming together well with the assistance of the Meeting Services staff.

B. President-Elect’s Report on the 2010 Program Committee

Evelyn Nakano Glenn, President-Elect, presented Council with the following slate of proposed candidates for the 2010 Program Committee:

Rick Baldoz, University of Hawaii
Jose Calderon, Pitzer College
Craig Calhoun, Social Science Research Council
Myra Marx Ferree, University of Wisconsin – Madison
Elizabeth Higginbotham, University of Delaware
Amanda Lewis, Emory University
Clarence Lo, University of Missouri – Columbia
Mercedes Rubio, National Institute of Mental Health

In addition to these individuals, the Secretary, Vice President-Elect and Executive office also serve on the Program Committee. Glenn announced that she had selected “Toward a Sociology of Citizenship” as her theme for the 2010 meeting; a statement describing the theme will appear in an issue of *Footnotes* in the fall.

Council voted unanimously to approve appointment of the slate proposed by President-elect Glenn for the 2010 Program Committee.

C. Recommendation for West Coast Site for 2012 and Beyond

Council turned attention to options for dates and locations for 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 presented by Deputy Executive Office Janet Astner. The normal booking timeframe for a convention the size of the ASA Annual Meeting is four to five years in advance. Currently scheduled future meetings are:

2009	San Francisco	Aug. 8-11	Hilton San Francisco, Parc55
2010	Atlanta	Aug. 14-17	Hilton Atlanta, Atlanta Marriott Marquis
2011	Chicago	Aug. 13-16	Hilton Chicago, Hilton Palmer House
2013	New York City	Aug. 10-13	Hilton New York, Sheraton New York
2014	San Francisco	Aug. 16-19	Hilton San Francisco, Parc55
2015	Chicago	Aug. 22-25	Hilton Chicago, Hilton Palmer House

Factors considered important for meeting site selection, as set by Council, are:

1. Sites where members are afforded legal protection from discrimination on the basis of age, gender, marital status, national origin, physical ability, race, religion, or sexual orientation
2. Meeting space—flexibility, accessibility, under one roof if possible
3. Date options in early or mid-August
4. Hotel contract provisions, particularly room rates
5. Extent of unionization at facilities to be used for meeting space and guest rooms
6. Air access/service
7. Local transportation services
8. Restaurant proximity and diversity
9. Climate and “city feel”

The date option preferences set by Council are the first or second weekend of August. Later August dates are to be considered occasionally. Late July dates are unacceptable. The preference for early August dates reflects the need to reduce conflicts with school schedules in late summer. Many ASA members are college and university faculty with teaching responsibilities. The occasional consideration of late August dates provides access by and relief for researchers with summer/overseas projects.

A three-year geographic rotation pattern (east, central, west) for the Annual Meeting is advisory, as is a directive to consider meeting in Canada once each decade. The advisory status of these policies provides flexibility for the Association to take advantage of fluctuations in the hospitality industry which create better negotiation opportunities.

At its February 2008 meeting, ASA Council designated 2012 and 2016 as western sites. This decision was made in response to member concerns about the meetings for 2005-2008 being located at eastern sites. This succession of eastern sites was an unintentional result of the shifts necessary to work around expiring labor contracts in ASA convention hotels in San Francisco and New York City. A quick recap of these shifts is shown below, including the commitments for future sites that were required in order to achieve the relocations without penalty fees.

The western sites to be considered as a result of Council discussions in February are Denver, San Diego, Portland, Seattle, and Vancouver. Since San Francisco is already contracted for two future years, Council excluded it from consideration for 2012 and 2016.

All of the sites being considered for 2012 and 2016 involve a convention center. There are major rental costs for these facilities. Each city is handling this issue somewhat differently, ASA must expect to incur the expenses associated with using a convention center that are likely to range from \$25,000 – \$35,000.

Each of the five cities was offered the opportunity to bid on the Annual Meeting for 2012, or 2016, or both. Responses varied, depending on the degree to which space available at the convention centers and the marketing plans for the facilities.

Members of Council dedicated substantial time to a thorough discussion of this issue. Early in the discussion, San Diego and Portland, Oregon were removed from consideration, the first due to costs, and the second due to logistical difficulties.

Council voted to rank Denver first as a potential 2012 site.

Council voted to rank Seattle first as a potential 2016 site, contingent upon availability of earlier dates.

Council voted unanimously to approve San Francisco as the 2019 Annual Meeting site, pending successful conclusion of negotiations for adding more meeting space to existing 2009 and 2014 contracts.

D. Registration Fees for 2009

At its summer meeting, EOB reviewed registration fees for the 2009 Annual Meeting and proposed Council authorize a \$15 across-the-board increase in

meeting registration fees. Two areas where the association has experienced rapid increases in Annual Meeting costs are program planning and audio visual services. Continuing Program Committee interest in inviting international scholars and non-sociologists to participate on the Annual Meeting program has also increased costs. Given current national economic challenges, Council was reluctant to raise meeting registration fees but recognized EOB's legitimate concern with higher expenses in 2009 and a potential drop in 2010 registration because of the Atlanta location.

Council voted to approve a \$15 across-the-board increase in Annual Meeting registration fees for the 2009 Annual Meeting. (1 opposed).

E. Child Care Services

Child care services during the Annual Meeting are subsidized to minimize the impact on individual members. The subsidy is increasing due to rate increases over the last several years and relatively limited use of the service (20 people in 2008). Nonetheless, Council did not increase fees for 2009.

5. Publications

A. Report of the Publications Committee

Secretary Tomaskovic-Devey provided Council with an update on the activities of the Publications Committee. Michael Hout has done an outstanding job this year as chair of the Publications Committee. With Hout's term expiring, Christine Williams of Texas will assume the role of Chair.

Hout provided an extensive report to members during the 2008 Annual Business Meeting the previous morning, a part of the committee's ongoing efforts to make the work of the committee more visible to the membership.

Javier Ayuero has moved to the University of Texas and, as a result, is unable to continue to serve as an editor of the Rose Series. Therefore, the Publications Committee recommended Council approve adding Gilda Zwerman, Professor of Sociology, SUNY Old Westbury, as a Rose Series editor.

Council voted to approve replacing Javier Ayuero with Gilda Zwerman as an editor of the Rose Series.

Tomaskovic-Devey reported that the Committee on Publications reviewed a proposal from the Section on the Sociology of Mental Health to create a

sociologically-oriented mental health section journal. While there is potential for some overlap with ASA's *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, the committee did not view this as problematic. The Committee also considered the potential impact of the increased Mental Health Section dues necessary to cover the costs of this new journal. It concluded that there is significant likelihood that the journal might increase section membership, despite the added cost, as happened with the Community and Urban Section when it initiated *City & Community*. Section dues would increase by not more than \$32 for regular members and \$20 for students, and Section members have voted overwhelmingly in support of the proposal and the costs involved.

Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal for creation of a new journal for the Mental Health Section.

B. Report of the Joint Committee on Electronic Publishing

Karen Edwards provided Council with an update on the activities of Council's Joint Committee on Electronic Publishing. The Committee met on May 6, 2008, primarily to consider revisions to the ASA copyright assignment to bring the Association into compliance with the NIH Public Access Policy signed into law last year. The Committee recommended that authors deposit their manuscripts into PubMed 12 months after publication in an ASA journal. Council approved this change earlier by unanimous e-mail vote.

C. National Humanities Association Project on Scholarly Publishing by Humanities and Social Science Associations

The Executive Officer reported that, as a member of the National Humanities Alliance (NHA), ASA has been participating in a Task Force on Open Access Issues in Scholarly Publishing which has had a primary focus on journals publication. After considerable research, meetings with experts, and deliberation, it has become clear to the Task Force that much of the discussion of open access in scholarly journal publication has skirted the issue of new financial models for journal publication in the humanities and social science because there is simply no available data. Because there is considerably more financial information available on journal publishing in the natural and biomedical sciences, the discussion of the viability of open access is highly biased.

This is particularly problematic because the context of publishing is very different across disciplines and this has significance for the financial underpinning of journals. Two examples are the very long short "shelf life" of scholarly content in cutting edge natural and biomedical areas versus the long life of content the social sciences and humanities (with citations peaking around 10 years in the latter), and the lack of multi-year research grant

programs in these fields to cover the costs of publication under most open access (i.e., author pays) models.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has been underwriting much of the research and development in the area of electronic scholarship and publishing for some time. For example, it provided the development funds for the creation of JSTOR. The Foundation has expressed interest in supporting a research effort to compile financial information on scholarly journal publishing in the humanities and social sciences through its grant program.

The NHA, with the enthusiastic encouragement of several of its major humanities and social science organizations, including the American Anthropological Association, American Political Science Association, American Communications Association, American Economics Association, and the ASA, has undertaken to develop this research effort. These social science association members, including the ASA, and others in the humanities and social sciences have agreed to provide access to their financial data for this study provided that the individual organization's data remain anonymous in the published results.

It is likely that the Mellon Foundation will provide start-up funds for an exploratory stage later this summer. The research will be carried out by a highly experienced, independent publishing consultant who has done previous work in the area of financing scholarly journals, is well known to most of the associations and is considered an expert by the Mellon Foundation.

The study will help society publishers in the social sciences and humanities develop potential business models to respond to the interests of their members in delivering journal content to the widest possible audience on an economically sustainable basis.

6. Committee on Sections

For nearly 50 years, Sections have been important intellectual communities for members of the Association, contributing to the overall vitality of the Association. As of mid-June, there are 13,127 ASA members, 46 Sections and 23,090 Section memberships. While sections have increased in overall participation every year since 2001, it is unlikely that 2008 will show an increase given the overall economy and small membership declines.

The Committee on Sections recommended three specific actions for Council's consideration: the creation of two new sections-in-information, one on the Sociology of Altruism and Social Solidarity and the other on the Sociology of

Body and Embodiment; and the renaming of the Section on Sociological Practice as the Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology. Council reviewed and discussed the detailed proposals for each.

Council voted to approve (1) a new section-in-formation on the Sociology of Altruism and Social Solidarity, (2) a new section-in-formation on the Sociology of Body and Embodiment, and (3) renaming the Section on Sociological Practice the Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology. (1 opposed, 1 abstention).

7. Report of the Executive Officer

Executive Officer Hillsman and members of the Executive Office staff provided Council with updates on key Executive Office activities.

A. Minority Fellowship Program

Since 1974 the Association has provided an active and vigorous Minority Fellowship Program (MFP). Current support for this program is provided by a T-32 training grant from the NIMH and NIDA. The current T-32 cycle draws to a close in July 2010. NIMH has previously announced its intention to stop funding training programs sponsored by professional associations. In addition, ASA receives significant support for the MFP from the wider sociological community, including AKD, SWS, MSS, and ABS. Individual members have also contributed substantially to the program over the years.

During the summer 2007 meetings, Council established an MFP Ad Hoc Committee to work with the Executive Officer and the Directory of Minority Affairs to review the MFP structurally and financially. At its February 2008 meeting, Council formed a Subcommittee on Member Contributions to consider the level and uses of member charitable donations to the Association. The agendas of these two committees overlap because of the role members play in the funding of MFP.

In April, the Member Contributions subcommittee met in Washington and identified MFP as the most ASA program in most need of additional member financial support. It considered specific ideas about member and non-member MFP possibilities. It will report to Council in January 2009 when it has refined funding ideas and reviewed them with the Ad Hoc Committee on MFP.

B. Science Policy Issues

The ASA program on Public Affairs and Science Policy deals on a regular basis with emerging national science policy matters and with crisis situations, often in collaboration with the Consortium of Social Science

Associations (COSSA), the National Humanities Alliance (NHA), Research!America, and other interest groups to which we belong. Recent key efforts have included attention to basic science funding in the federal budget, funding for the census bureau in the 2009 federal fiscal year, NIH peer review, and the American Time Use Survey (ATUS).

C. Council Committee on the Future of *Contexts*

In 2007 Council established a Joint Committee on the Future of *Contexts* to be composed of members of Council, the Executive Office and Budget Committee, the Committee on Publications and the Executive Office. At its meeting in December 2007, the Publications Committee indicated that this committee should include consider future directions for the magazine, including whether the magazine's current mission should be maintained or modified and what type of business plan would sustain that mission.

Contexts has been embraced by the ASA membership and has growing academic library support. It has not had significant success in reaching non-university audiences. While there are different views about whether reaching other audiences was part of the initial mission, the ten-year business plan lacked resources for such a major effort. Council made it clear that the joint committee should revisit this possibility and work on a clear statement of what specific audiences beyond the membership audiences and research libraries could or should be targeted beyond year 2010. In addition, the Publications Committee is developing editorial guidelines for *Contexts* (to complement the existing publications manual).

D. TRC Digital Library Update

Margaret Weigers Vitullo updated Council on the Teaching Resources Center Digital Library Project. In February of 2008 EOB and Council expressed strong support for the development of the a digital library to overhaul the current Teaching Resource Center (TRC) funded by the capital budget.

The TRC Digital Library will be an interactive ASA web site that offers a wide variety of teaching resources, including syllabi, class activities, assignments, tests, essays, lectures, power point presentations, film lists, video clips, bibliographies, and website lists—all of which can be downloaded in a form that permits users to easily adapt materials for their own needs, and then upload the results of their work to be listed as an adaptation of the original resource. Subject-area editors selected by the ASA Academic and Professional Affairs Program will review all submissions and either accept them, suggest revision and resubmission, or reject on the basis of standard guidelines. From the first day, the digital library will have over 16,500 pages of teaching modules based on the entire content of the current print TRC library. The number of teaching modules in the system is expected to

grow rapidly through an interactive process of retrieval, adaptation, and submission of cutting-edge sociological teaching materials.

Members of Council expressed continued enthusiastic support for this effort.

E. Information Literacy among Sociology Undergraduates

Information literacy has been defined as the capacity to “recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information” (ALA 2006). While years ago “knowing your way around the library” was the sum total of information literacy, today’s rapidly evolving technical infrastructure requires an information literate individual to have a far greater level of knowledge and skill.

The ASA has been actively working on connecting information literacy and the sociology curriculum for some time, including an on-going collaboration with the Association of College and Research Librarians within the American Library Association (ALA). The Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) has approached the ASA and proposed a two-day information literacy workshop for sociology faculty from small independent colleges and universities. It has simultaneously made arrangements to create similar disciplinary workshops for political science, economics, and psychology. ASA intends to pursue this as a possible collaboration for the near future.

F. Grants

Since the beginning of 2008, the ASA Research and Development (R&D) Department (along with APAP and MAP) applied for a NSF Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement (CCLI) grant in conjunction with the development of the ASA Teaching Resources Center (TRC) Digital Library. NSF’s Research and Evaluation on Education in Science and Engineering (REESE) has recommended a related grant application for funding. In addition, R&D submitted a supplemental grant for *What Can I Do with A Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology* study and continues to work on several on-going grants.

8. Updates from Task Forces

Council received updates on the activities of three existing task forces. The final report of these task forces will be presented for final action during future mid-winter meetings of Council.

A. Academic Freedom and Research Integrity

The Task Force on Academic Freedom and Research Integrity was established by Council during the February meeting of the 2005-2006 Council. Council has previously affirmed the existing position that the ASA is not an appropriate organization to handle individual academic freedom

cases. It also indicated that the survey already conducted by the Task Force was sufficient for its mission. Council also thought the Task Force should consider a pamphlet with guidelines about what individual sociologists might do when faced with an academic freedom concern. The task force met during the Boston Annual meeting to develop final recommendations and a draft of the final report for Council.

B. Sociology and Criminology

During the last year, the Task Force on Sociology and Criminology met with leadership in both the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences to discuss the relationship between sociology and criminology, defined a sample of sociology/criminology combined departments from the total population of departments listed in the IPEDS database, developed a protocol for a brief telephone interview, and moved well into the process of gathering data. In November the task force is planning to have a meeting at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociology of Criminology.

C. Teaching Ethics throughout the Curriculum

Since meeting in New York in August 2007, the Task Force has put together a web site of resources, or "cases", many of which are adapted from the ASA Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) casebook project from 1997. The Task Force wanted to put the cases in a form that could be easily used by interested teachers and students via the internet. Updates on these cases have been taken from suggestions by Task Force members, and a call for submissions placed in several issues of *Footnotes* in the late spring and early summer. Earl Babbie has devoted significant time and effort to developing the website, found at the following address:

<http://ebabbie.net/ethics/ASAsite.html>

Eventually, the site should become an integral part of the Academic and Professional Affairs Program's new digital library project for the ASA Teaching Resources Center. Along with cases to be used as resources an accompanying reader is under development which will contain scholarly articles and other resources on the issue of teaching and learning ethics throughout the sociology curriculum. This reader is being edited by Thomas Van Valey, based on readings collected for the COPE casebook project in 1997 and an updated annotated bibliography project done by the Minority Affairs Program this past fall. The Task Force will demonstrate the website to Council, probably at its winter 2009 meeting.

9. New Business

A. ASA Business Meeting Resolutions

No resolutions were introduced at the 2008 Business Meeting of the Association.

B. Dates for Winter 2009 Council Meeting

Council considered alternative dates for the winter Council meeting both of which are later than usual because of the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC.

Members of Council select February 7-8, 2009 as the date of the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Members are expected to arrive in DC on Friday for a dinner meeting that evening; members who serve on FAD will have earlier responsibilities.

C. ASA Transition Memoranda for New US President and Administration

Council discussed the possibility of ASA members providing key sociological information and assistance to the new leaders in Washington. President Collins invited guidance from members of Council about the best way to connect sociology with the new administration. Several possible approaches were suggested for advancing this issue.

D. Disabilities

At the suggestion of the ASA Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Council considered a proposal for providing more specific assistance to persons with disabilities. The committee suggested that a check box be included on the 2009 membership renewal webpage asking "Would you like to be contacted with (or would you like additional) information on accommodations for people with disabilities?" Concern was expressed about possible misinterpretation of the term "accommodations." Council recommended that the Executive Office consider the best language for such a question and add it to the 2009 Membership site if possible.

10. Adjournment

With no additional business for consideration, President Collins adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm.