

BUSINESS, COUNCIL, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND OTHER REPORTS

MINUTES OF THE PSA BUSINESS MEETING, SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2000 SAN DIEGO

- 1) Scott Coltrane reported briefly on plans for the meeting next year in San Francisco. The Program Committee had a successful meeting earlier in the day. One change from previous years is an attempt to have the sessions start on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8:30 am and to conclude most sessions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday by 5 pm with the exception of the President's talk.
- 2) Paul Melevin, Chair of the Applied Committee, indicated that one problem with the program is two sessions on the same general topic being scheduled for the same time. He suggested that Chairs of PSA committees that deal with topical issues know in advance of sessions that are planned on the general topic the committee has jurisdiction over, such as sessions that deal with applied issue. In that way, the Chairs could make sure that the sessions are sponsored by the committee or that there would be no overlapping sessions at the same time.
- 3) A general discussion occurred over the problem of "no shows." Most presenters are informed in November of the acceptance of their papers or outlines for presentation at the annual meeting. However, between November and the date of the annual meeting, too many presenters seem to be dropping out or not following through. A mechanism should be in place for next year to keep track of presenters and organizers to see if the "no show" problem can be reduced. Members attending the Business Meeting felt strongly that once a person has accepted being on the annual program, they have a responsibility and obligation to follow through and present, unless there are circumstances beyond one's control. Dorn indicated he would take this issue up at the Council meeting on Sunday (see details in this issue in the article on Council Meetings).
- 4) Gary Cretser reported that the Membership Committee would like to send out posters with tear off cards if members want more information about the PSA, the annual meeting, or membership. Dorn indicated that this would be possible to do.
- 5) Harvey Williams for the Audit Committee reported that the committee met in Hayward and found the PSA financial accounts to be in order.
- 6) Don Barrett, Chair of the Committee on the Status of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexual and Transgendered Persons reported that the committee is making plans for the meeting next year in S.F.

THE 1999-2000 COUNCIL MEETING, SAN DIEGO, FRIDAY MARCH 24

The 99-00 Council meeting began at 8:00 AM, Friday March 24. Members present were Charmaz, Rich, Dorn, Coltrane, Nardi, Little, Ridgeway, Charnofsky, Howard, Hohm and Seashore.

- 1) President Kathy Charmaz reported that the 2000 meetings seemed to be going well. She wished to thank Michael Blain, the Program Chair, and the members of the Program Committee for all of their work. She thanked Dean Dorn for his work on trying to locate a reasonably priced hotel in the San Diego area. She pointed out that most of the session meeting rooms were filled and that nearly everyone who could be accommodated was. She indicated that she helped organize four Presidential Sessions for the meeting, but that each of the organizers—Debra Paterniti, Gary Allen Fine, Richard Mitchell, and Judith Howard— was really responsible for most of the work. We were also blessed once again with the Sorokin Lecture sponsored by the ASA and given this year by Randy Collins.
- 2) Council thanked outgoing editor, Chuck Hohm, for his diligent work as editor for the last four years, during which time he expanded the editorial review data base, globalized the editorial board, and started publishing abstracts of articles in Spanish, Chinese, and Japanese. Chuck indicated that his term as editor was one of the most rewarding of his career. He was impressed with the way the review process worked and with what he learned from the experience.
- 3) Peter Nardi the incoming editor of *Sociological Perspectives* gave a brief report (for details see the Report from the Editor in this issue). Peter thanked Chuck and his staff for helping with the transition. He reported that he is looking for a Japanese translator. He indicated that UC Press was very cooperative and encouraging in terms of "changing" the look of the journal and with the transition of editors. He reported on the appointments of his new editorial board, which represents a mix of reviewers from both large and small universities and colleges as well as foreign countries. Two special issues are currently planned for the future. One will be devoted to the work of Anselm Strauss and the other to interpersonal relationships. He also reported that he is being somewhat tough on sending papers back without review that do not fit the mission or purpose of the journal. Some of these looked like term papers or papers not related to sociology, such as a paper on the economics of banking. He is asking reviewers by email to commit to doing the review before he sends them the submission. He pointed out that this method seems to be working fine and he hopes that it will cut down the length of time for doing reviews and will prevent reviewers returning a

paper which is not reviewed. The flow of new articles to the journal is on pace with the last few years of new submissions. The lag time between sending the issue to UC Press and publication is around 4 months. The lag time between acceptance and publication could be anywhere between four months and 8 months.

- 4) Dorn reported that he is very happy with the editorial team at Boise State University. Marty Orr does an excellent job of putting the newsletter together.
- 5) Dorn handed out information on the membership and financial information from 1994 to 1999. He forecast leaving the meeting with 1230 to 1240 members for 2000. Hence, the membership is very stable. Whether it will grow much in the future is unknown. He reported that between 925-950 will register for the meeting. This is also very consistent with the last two or three years. Registrations are up somewhat when the meeting is in San Francisco. The financial status of the association is now very strong, because beginning in 1999 the UC Press contract generated around \$24,500 of income for the Association. Previously, when the journal was published by JAI, the Association received no income. Dorn also reported that the PSA Audit committee met at CSU Hayward and found the PSA account to be in order for 1999.
- 6) Dorn reported that the PSA Endowment Fund had \$4,250 in the account at the end of 1999. Last year the fund increased by \$818 without really trying too hard to generate it. The Endowment Committee this year is selling T-shirts at the annual meeting. Next year the Endowment Committee is thinking about having a raffle for book certificates. Harvey Rich suggested that the next round of solicitation for the fund have check off boxes of varying amounts, rather than a blank line in which to write a figure. He thought the boxes might generate more in donations. Another suggestion was to approach UC Press to see if they might donate books to raffle off. It was also suggested that since the meeting will be in S.F. next year that UC Press should be approached by Dorn for a book display.
- 7) Scott Coltrane reported on plans for the 2001 meeting in S.F. The theme is "Transformations, Social Action and Social Change" There are already several sessions being planned. The Program Committee will be meeting on Saturday to coordinate the effort on planning the program.
- 8) Dorn reported on a request from last year's Council to keep track of the time he spends running the PSA operation. He indicated that it would turn out to be around 15 hours per week on average between late August and early May. The work flow slows down between May and August. The Association does not have an office manager, only a part time workstudy student. Since Dorn is now retired, there is no longer a need to provide assigned time for 3 units of instruction per year. He indicated that he would stay through 2002 annual meeting, but will decide next year if he will go

beyond that date. This will give the association ample time to try to find a replacement for him during 2001-2002.

Council then discussed providing compensation for Dorn. Council thought this would be a wise move, since the compensation would be in place for assigned time when a replacement is sought in the future. Council moved to begin paying Dorn \$7,500 per year starting in 2000. Dorn indicated that he would try to work out a way to donate much of the compensation to the Endowment Fund.

- 9) After some discussion, Council voted to provide a \$200 honorarium for the recipient's of the undergraduate and graduate outstanding paper award. If the Award Committee cannot make a distinction between papers and therefore decides to give a coaward, the Chair of the Awards Committee will negotiate with the Secretary/Treasurer about the amount of each coaward.
- 10) Dorn reported that he is working on updating the PSA web site. Hopefully more of the work of the Program Committee and Session Organizers will be accomplished on line.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am.

2000-2001 COUNCIL MEETING, SUNDAY MARCH 26 IN SAN DIEGO

The 00-01 Council meeting began at 8:30 AM, Sunday March 26. Members present were Coltrane, Howard, Hohm, Mitchell, Seashore, Wolf, Rich, Dorn, Charnofsky, and Charmaz

- 1) Dorn reported that the Endowment Committee recommended that Council transfer \$5,000 from the operating expenses to the Endowment Fund. This recommendation is consistent with the procedures of the Endowment Fund. Every year, Council can move money from the operating account to the Endowment Fund. After a brief, discussion, Council approved the recommendation.
- 2) Council approved delegating authority to the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Cecilia Ridgeway, for its task of coming up with names for elected positions on the fall ballot and to the Chair of the Committee on Committees, Diane Wolf, for coming up with names to fill the open, appointed positions on the various PSA committees for 2001-2004.
- 3) Dorn reported that one problem he is having is trying to attend all of the committee meetings every year during the annual meeting. This is often impossible because two committees meet at each hour and he is often busy with other duties. Richard Mitchell suggested that next year Council members who are liaisons to particular committees have the task of meeting with the committee. This would relieve Dorn of some of the burden. Council approved this suggestion.
- 4) Scott Coltrane presented some ideas for the meeting next year in S.F. He suggested that the start time for sessions would be 8:30 am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and

that the stop time would be around 5 PM, with the exception of the President's talk. In order to do this, there may need to be more roundtables and participatory sessions. Thus, he is planning on having several roundtable organizers listed in the initial Call for Papers. The Roundtables would be organized around several general topics. Coltrane also reported that Mills' College is thinking of offering a walking tour of S.F. as part of the program. The Program Committee is also planning to show a concern for students and to have more sessions that would be relevant to student concerns, such as preparing for a career, mentoring, and so forth.

- 5) Council next discussed an item that came up during the previous night's Business Meeting—the perceived increase in the number of late cancellations of entire sessions and individual presentations. The Council believes there is an increasing casualness about following through, once the individual has been accepted on the program. After discussion of this, Council came up with several suggestions for next year to try to cut down on the number of “no shows.”
 - a) Organizers should contact presenters in their session(s) at least twice between Nov. 15 and the time of the annual meeting. They should remind presenter's of their obligation to follow through and attend the meeting. If they accepted only a abstract or outline from the presenter, they should require that the presenter send them the final paper by a deadline, or an extended outline if the presentation will be as a panel member.
 - b) The Call for Papers should ask those who are submitting for the annual meeting to send either a paper or an extended abstract—a three or four page summary of the presentation.
 - c) The PSA Newsletter should carry a story in the September and January issues reminding all of those who intend to submit papers or ideas and those who have been accepted on the program of their obligations to follow through and show up at the meeting prepared for the presentation.
 - d) The PSA office working with the program chair should also stay in contact with each person accepted on the preliminary program between Nov 15 and the time of the annual meeting, altering them to their obligation to follow through, informing them of the deadlines for scheduling AV equipment and making hotel arrangements, etc. Fairly frequent communication should help structure the process for organizers and presenters.
- 6) Council thanked Kathy Charmaz for her generous devotion to the 2000 annual meeting and for all of her work to make it the success it was.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PRACTICE, APPLIED, AND CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY,

Paul T. Melevin, Chair

The chair and three members (Valerie Callanan, Dan Pence, and Donna Roberge) were in attendance. Additionally, the Committee's two non-voting members, Harvey Williams, the Committee's liaison with the Society for Applied Sociology (SAS) and Pamela Richards, the Committee's liaison with the American Evaluation Association (AES) were in attendance. One visitor, Robert E. Kettlitz, was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM on Saturday, March 25, 2000. After a round of brief introductions, the Chair read the report submitted by the chair in 1999. The purpose of doing this was to note the Committee's commitment to formally sponsor sessions that had three particular themes, Problem Solving (co-sponsored with another Applied Organization), Teaching/Student Issues, and Foundation/Funding Resources. The Chair noted that we had been successful in organizing sponsored sessions in each area for this year's meeting. In coordination with SAS, we had organized a plenary problem solving session on “*Measuring Compliance with the Workforce Investment Act.*” Harvey Williams had organized a session on “*Examples of Graduate Programs in Applied Sociology.*” Pamela Richards had organized a session entitled “*Dollars and Cents: So, just what is the Foundation looking for When It Awards Grant Monies.*” Moreso, we had guests from the United States Department of Labor in San Francisco, the California Employment Development Department in Sacramento, as well as several local representatives from Community Based Organizations participate in these sessions. Three members from the Society for Applied Sociology, Bill Hauser, Joyce Miller Iutovich, and Annie Hauser, participated on the problem solving panel and flew to San Diego at their own expense.

The attendance at the problem solving plenary session was very poor. However, attendance at the other two sponsored sessions was quite good. Members were questioned as to whether they wanted to continue sponsoring these themed sessions. The Committee voted to continue to sponsor all three of these themed sessions but to also designate a committee member, Dan Pence for 2001, to work with the Program Committee Chair to help minimize the scheduling of sessions with an Applied focus at the same time. Apparently, two other applied sessions had been scheduled at the same time as the problem solving plenary session. Additionally, it was agreed that since the title of the problem solving session would not always have a title that would be recognized by a majority of the attendees, we would use a primary title of *Applied Sociology in Action*. Last, the Chair would communicate the Committee's request to work with the Program Chair regarding the scheduling of sessions at the Annual Business Meeting and also request that the Program Committee consider asking participants to use keywords in their submissions so that sessions could be sorted and identified.

Next, the Society for Applied Sociology had requested that sister organizations such as the PSA-PACS sponsor a session at their meetings in Washington, D.C. in August, 2000. Valerie Callanan volunteered to work with Harvey Williams on coordinating a PSA-PACS sponsored session that would focus on Criminal Justice Issue. The issue of crime against the disabled was suggested as the Chair had recently met with officials from the Department of Justice who are involved in gathering data on this issue.

For the 2001 meeting in San Francisco, the Committee would try to co-sponsor a problem solving panel that would address the issue of submissions of research protocols to Institutional Review Boards. We would look into contacting someone from the Office of Privacy and Research Risk in Washington, D.C. and request their participation. Robert Kettlitz volunteered to organize a session on Teaching and Student issues. Pamela Richards would work on expanding her panel on funding issues that was entitled "*Dollars and Cents.*" Pamela Richards and Harvey Williams agreed to develop links in San Francisco so that people outside of academia would be aware of the special sessions that were being sponsored. The Chair volunteered to do the same with researchers who are working in government in Sacramento so they would be encouraged to attend the meetings.

Membership was a final consideration. Two members resigned in 1999-2000 and one member was no longer able to be contacted. Further, Donna Roberge notified the Committee that she would be retiring. It was recommended that the Chair request that Robert Kettlitz of the University of Alaska be immediately assigned to finish out Donna Roberge's term. Additionally, Donna recommended that we submit the name of her replacement to the Committee on Committees so that we would have someone on the Committee who would be our linkage to the Community Colleges. Harvey Williams agreed to be our liaison with the Society for Applied Anthropology and Valerie Callanan agreed to be the liaison with the California Sociological Association.

The Committee elected Paul Melevin to continue as Chair for 2000 - 2001. The meeting ended at 10:00 AM so that all could attend the Committees sponsored session on funding issues.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON
THE STATUS OF WOMEN,
Dae Fox, Chair**

The annual meeting of the Committee on the Status of Women, chaired by Dae Fox, met on Saturday in San Diego, California. The meeting re-elected Dae Fox, San Diego State University, as chair for the upcoming year. The discussion then turned to planning for a possible presidential session or "meet the author" session that would include one or more leading feminist authors during the next year's conference in San Francisco. Dae Fox volunteered to follow up on the idea with Scott Coltrane.

The meeting then turned to planning topics for the next conference's panels. Panels planned are as follows: "Networking of Gender, Sexuality Issues in Academia" Stephen Kulis & Dae Fox (cosponsored with committee on the status of GLB & T Persons in Sociology), "Women's Complicity in the Reproduction of Gender" Marie Butler, "Gendered Bodies" Janet Lee, "Teaching Gender & Sexuality" Kay McDade, "Why Buy the Cow if you can get the Milk for Cheap, the Politics of Part-time Employment in Academia" Dae Fox, "Mothering Bodies" Michelle Adams, "Effects of Welfare Reform" Sally Davies-Netzley, "Women's Sexualities" Pat Washington, "Gender in Culture" Michelle Robertson, "Women and Violence" Michelle Adams, and "Women as Heroes" Judy Hennessy. Other topics suggested with no organizers were "Gender and Cyberspace," "Health & HIV," "Title IX," and "Immigration."

And finally the committee discussed the possibility of an organized reception or social outing during next year's conference. It was suggested that Dae Fox and Emilia Lombardi follow up on this and possibly plan an event that would include both the Status of Women and GLB & T Persons in Sociology committees.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE
ON CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES,
L. Dale McPherson, Chair**

In attendance was Dae Fox and myself; Don Barrett was excused. We discussed the lack of personnel to staff the committee. The committee noted the need for new appointments. We discussed sessions that we could potentially sponsor in San Francisco, and came up with a couple—Affirmative Action Diffusion (organized by Dae Fox), and a session on the topic of Proposition 22 (organized by McPherson).

McPherson might also propose a session on the "Internet Police."

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE
ON THE STATUS OF GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND
TRANSGENDERED PERSONS,
Don Barrett, Chair**

The committee met on 3/23/2000 at PSA. Attendance at the committee meeting was good, with 12 committee members and others attending. The committee discussed and proposed nominees for committee membership and elected Emilia Lombardi as chair. The committee also discussed concern about the site of PSA, noting that the local gay community areas and other San Diego areas of interest were difficult to reach for those without cars. The outgoing and new chair agreed to take this site concern to the PSA board.

The committee also discussed sessions for PSA 2001 in San Francisco where the theme is Transformations: Social Activism and Social Change. The committee is considering seven different sessions, and agreed to investigate coordinating sessions with other committees: 1) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Movements, 2) Social Change and

LGBT Peoples of Color, 3) Gay-Straight Alliance Organizations, 4) Diffusion of the movement: activism and history, 5) Youth LGBT Activism, 6) Networking of Gender/Sexuality Issues in Academia, and 7) Sexual Health Movements.

**REPORT FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,
Anna Muraco, Chair**

The committee sponsored one panel at the PSA about preparing for teaching positions, under the direction of Rebecca Li. We held our annual meeting at the PSA in San Diego, which was attended by Dean Dorn, Rebecca Li, and myself. I was re-elected chair through 2001. Otherwise, the committee was not terribly active in the past year, with several members being incommunicado. We did assist with the graduate student reception at the 2000 PSA in San Diego. In the coming year, our committee is planning on organizing two panels for PSA, inducting several new members, and assisting with the graduate student reception at the 2001 PSA in San Francisco.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON
THE STATUS OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES,
Debbie Storrs, Committee Member**

Our committee organized a total of five interesting paper sessions at the 2000 San Diego Meetings. Our committee also met to discuss next years session and membership. Two of us were present: Debbie Storrs and Linda Vo. Howard Pinderhughes, Mia Tuan, Carol Takao-McIntyre, and Paul Lopez informed me prior to the meetings that they were unable to attend the PSA this year. The following are the minutes from our meeting:

Chair Position: Paul Lopez's term as chair is coming to an end (thank you Paul for all your hard work and energy over the last several years) and our committee needs to select a replacement. Since only two of the committee members were present, we decided to email members concerning this matter and request any volunteers. The chair position requires regular attendance at the PSA meetings, updating members on current issues, and filling out paperwork. Mia Tuan, at the University of Oregon, agreed chair to our committee.

Replacing Committee Members: In addition, a number of committee member's terms will be ending, requiring a new cohort of members. We identified potential candidates but encourage others to forward names of sociologists who might be appropriate for the committee (Jiannbin Shaio at Univ of Oregon, Mary Yu Danico at Cal Poly, and Rainier Spencer at UNLV were contacted and are interested in being nominated. The committee assignments are three-year commitments. We are interested in adding individuals who are committed, able to regularly attend committee meetings, and who are racially diverse.

2001 PSA Meeting: We generated a list of potential sessions that our committee could sponsor for next year's meetings in San Francisco (keep in mind the theme of next year's meetings is Transformations: Social Activism and Social Change).

Race Relations in the New Millenium (Linda Vo will organize

this session); Whiteness (Debbie Storrs will organize this session); Politics of Multiraciality (I will ask Rainier Spencer if he would be willing to organize this session for our committee); Immigration (Paul Lopez will organize this session);

Race Relations in Education (Mia Tuan will organize this session) The Intersections of Race/Gender/Sexuality (Carol Takao-McIntyre will organize this session).

Committee Attendance: We concluded the meeting with a discussion of committee attendance. If your schedule makes it difficult for you to regularly attend the meetings, please email me if you would prefer to be replaced.

Staying in Touch: Group email seems like the easiest way to communicate. Let's continue to keep in touch using email throughout the year. Please forward your responses to the group email so that all members are informed of your feedback/suggestions.

**SOCIAL CONSCIENCE COMMITTEE REPORT,
Gordon Clanton, Chair**

From a very strong field of six nominees, the PSA Social Conscience Committee (Gordon Clanton, SDSU, chair; Eugene Labovitz, University of San Diego; and Richard Madsen, UCSD) selected the San Diego Foundation for Change to receive the 2000 PSA Social Conscience Award and the \$500 monetary award.

We also were very impressed with two other organizations: The United Domestic Workers Home Care Center (a charitable organization of domestic worker home attendants and the low-income frail, elderly, and disabled recipients of California's In-Home Supportive Services program) and the Department of Refugee and Immigrant Services, Catholic Charities, Diocese of San Diego (an 80-year-old agency, administered by a sociologist and employing sociology students, which provides services for at-risk and in-need children, families and immigrants).

The San Diego Foundation for Change, established in 1983 as a branch of the Liberty Hill Foundation of Los Angeles, supports a variety of progressive causes with grants that range from \$500 to \$5,000. The Foundation seeks positive, permanent change to end discrimination, lack of opportunity, poverty, and environmental degradation in San Diego County while promoting equity, economic renewal, and environmental health. The committee was impressed with the Foundation's innovative strategy of funneling contributions through small, grass-roots organizations, including some that are too small, too new, or too radical to obtain support from larger, more traditional foundations.

The 12 recipients of Foundation grants in 1999 include the Chicano Federation Leadership Camp, the San Diego Labor Council Education Fund, Street Light (a newspaper produced and sold by homeless people), Aldea Ecologica (a bi-national environmental education program for children and adults in the San Diego/Tijuana area), Deaf Women United, the Asian Pacific Islander Community AIDS Project, the Supportive Parent Information Network (led by parents who are welfare recipients), and Schools for Chiapas.

In past years the Foundation has supported the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (and other groups working with gays and lesbians), the US/Mexico Border Program of the American Friends Service Committee, the Indian Human Resource Center (and other groups working for Native Americans), and Sun & Moon Vision Productions (a non-profit film and documentary corporation and another of our nominees for the PSA Social Conscience Award).

The Social Conscience Award was presented by Gordon Clanton to Joni Craig, Executive Director of the San Diego Foundation for Change, at the Awards Ceremony at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association in San Diego, March 24, 2000

**REPORT FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE,
Harvey Williams, UOP Chair**

The PSA Audit Committee met on Thursday, March 16, 2000, on the CSU Hayward campus. Present were Dean Dorn, PSA Secretary/Treasurer and Committee members Harvey Williams, Asoke Basu, and Marjorie Seashore. Dorn presented the committee with a review of the PSA budget and account ledgers, and introduced us to some computerized improvements. The committee reviewed the records and received clarification on a few minor points that were not clear to some members of the committee. The committee found all accounts to be in order, and commended Dorn on his excellent work. The members of the committee signed a statement certifying the audit. Asoke Basu agreed to take on the obligations of chair of the committee for the coming year.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON TEACHING,
Patricia Clancy, Chair (with assistance from Dean Dorn)**
Because of illness, I was not able to attend the PSA meeting this year. The Committee meeting was attended by Dean Dorn, liaison from PSA Council, Herman Debose and Sally Raskoff. Judith Howard could not attend due to a conflict with another session.

Our newly-divided awards, the Individual Teaching Award and Department Contributions to Teaching Award were implemented this year. There was a slight deviation from our recommendations in that the "Call for Nominations" stated, "While it is possible for a person, publication, etc., to be nominated in more than one year, if appropriate, no nominations or supporting materials will be carried over from year to year." The logistics of keeping confidential papers on file for a second year *in case of a re-nomination* was unfeasible.

The Committee agenda included electing a new Chair. Since several committee members have not been active and others will end their terms, the Committee on Committees with the help of Dean Dorn appointed Sally Raskoff from USC as the new chair. The Committee on Committees will also need to fill open positions on the committee for this coming year.

Under the leadership of the new Chair, Sally Raskoff, several sessions on teaching are being planned for the meeting next year in San Francisco. This year there was a grassroots

bumper crop of teaching-related sessions that were proposed by non-committee members. The committee should look at these teaching-related sessions and identify what needs were missed and consider those needs in our proposals for 2001.

**REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE,
GARY CRETSEY, CHAIR**

1. The Membership Committee sponsored a session at the Annual Meetings in San Diego. The session, "What Your Professional Sociological Organization Can Do For You," was a panel composed of five representatives of different organizations. It was organized by Anna F. LoMascolo.
2. The committee met in San Diego and began plans for a wine and cheese reception of new members to introduce them to the opportunities to participate in the PSA via the various standing committees. This reception is being held next year in San Francisco at the Annual Meetings.
3. The committee also began to develop plans for a PSA poster for distribution to colleges and universities in the pacific region. This poster will have detachable, PSA addressed cards that can be returned in order to receive information about membership and the call for papers.
4. During the coming year the committee will also be considering issues related to membership categories and ensuring the timely payment of dues.
5. Gary Cretser was elected Chair for 2000-2001.

**REPORT FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE,
reported by Dean Dorn**

The committee met in San Diego. Members present were Jodi O'Brien and Cecilia Ridgeway. Rachel Kahn-Hut provided her suggestions for nominations to the committee in writing. The committee established an early May deadline for submission of nominees to the Secretary Treasurer for the fall PSA ballot.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES,
reported by Dean Dorn**

Due to conflicts in scheduling, Chair Diane Wolf, Carole Barnes and Phylis Martineilli were unable to attend. Peter Callero informed the Committee that he was unable to attend the annual meeting this year. Those present were Lisa Catanzarite, Tina Martinez, Anna Leon-Guerrero, Jennifer Eichstedt, and Dae Fox

The Committee decided on the following assignments. Each member will be responsible for appointments to the committees they are assigned. Diane Wolf will coordinate the process which will take place via E-mail.

Lisa Catanzarite: Awards and Contract Monitoring Committees

Tina Martinez: Teaching and Student Affairs

Phylis Martinelli: Applied and Practice

Carole Barnes: Social Conscience and Audit Committees

Peter Callero: Endowment Committee

Anna Leon-Guerrero: Race and Ethnicity

Jennifer Eichstedt: COFRAT and Committee on Gay, Lesbians, Bisexuals

Dae Fox: Membership and Status of Women

Dula Espinosa: No committee assignment this cycle.