

## **Minutes of the Environment and Technology Business Meeting**

August 16, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Carole Seyfrit. Secretary-Treasurer, Dorceta Taylor presented the minutes of last year's business meeting which were approved unanimously. Dorceta Taylor also reported on the Section's budget. She reported a balance of \$2,154.21 in the Section's general funds after current meeting expenses. She also reported \$2,985.11 in the Boguslaw Scholarship fund. The Section awarded \$200.00 to the winner of the Olsen Student Paper. There was no Boguslaw Award in 2000 since that award alternates with the new Distinguished Publication Award.

Three awards were presented at the meeting. Dorceta Taylor presented the Distinguished Contribution Award to Shirley Laska of University of New Orleans and Riley Dunlap presented the Outstanding Publication Award to Jeffrey Broadbent of the University of Minnesota. The Outstanding Student Paper Award went to Allison Short of University of California – Santa Cruz. Andrew Szasz accepted the award in Allison's absence.

The Chair reported that this year the Section was allotted three regular and 12 roundtable sessions. Plans were underway to do joint sessions with Rural Sociology next year.

Steve Couch announced that there were 358 members in the Section; we needed to have 400 by September 30 to retain the number of sessions we currently have. He encouraged members to recruit new members. Steve discussed the policy regarding student memberships: students pay for their ASA memberships and the Section pay for their Section dues. Both the Section and ASA dues were half price till December 31. Carole Seyfrit Tom Rudel outlined the procedure: students should submit their forms to her and she would send them to the ASA.

The Chair announced that the next meeting will be held in Anaheim, California from August 18-22, 2001. Since it was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the section, Carole suggested that we do some fundraising to pay for a more elaborate reception. Plans were to make special pleas to departments and members, etc. to make a special contribution to the reception fund.

Loren Lutzenhizer, Chair Elect and brought members reported on the next year's program. The section was allotted 3 regular sessions and 12 roundtables. Adam Weinberg would be in charge of selecting papers for the regular sessions. The preliminary call for papers was already out. The final call for papers would go out later this year. To commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Section, Loren proposed organizing sessions around (a) the founders of the section, (b) cutting research in the section, and (c) cities of the future, the new urbanism. Send suggestions to Loren.

Carole Seyfrit reported on the status of several committees. Steve is the chair of the Nominations committee, however, that committee will need a chair and one member. Susan Roschke has agreed to continue as head of the Newsletter/Publications committee. However, Susan needs an apprentice to help with the newsletter. Ken Gould will chair the Distinguished Contribution Award Committee. Lori Hunter will continue as chair of the Olson Student Paper Award Committee, but two new people are needed for that committee. Alan Schnaiberg is the chair of the Boguslaw Award Committee, but that committee also needs two people. In addition, two people are needed for the

Council. Section members were invited to submit nominations for future positions in the Section.

Susan Roshke, editor of *Environment and Technology*, reported on the status of the newsletter. She would like more submissions from members.

Timmons Roberts announced that the Political Economy World Systems (PEWS) Section was having a mini-conference on August 17, 2000 -- one day before the ASA. The cost of attendance will be \$20 to register. Since the E&T Section Day is August 18<sup>th</sup>, there was a possibility to do some joint activities with PEWS. Timmons and Jeffrey Broadbent and Tom Rudel would act as liaisons between PEWS and E&T.

It was also announced that SSSP was also meeting in Anaheim on August 19<sup>th</sup>. They would be leading a toxic tour for anyone who was interested.

The meeting ended with several members making announcements about jobs openings at various campuses.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary-Treasurer