

Minutes of the Environment and Technology Business Meeting

August 20, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Loren Lutzenhiser. Secretary-Treasurer, Ken Gould presented the minutes of last year's business meeting which were approved pending the correction of minor typographical errors. J. Timmons Roberts provided a report on the stimulating and productive PEWS-E&T mini-conference on globalization and environment. Ken Gould reported on the Section's budget. He reported estimated expenditures of \$2,350 for the 25th anniversary reception, and a contribution of \$500 toward the PEWS-E&T mini-conference. He also reported that, with some generous individual member donations, the section will break even this year, but will have spent the budget surplus generated by Bill Fruedenburg 10 years earlier. The Section awarded \$200.00 to the winner of the Olsen Student Paper.

Three awards were presented at the meeting. Ken Gould presented the Distinguished Contribution Award to J. Steven Picou of the University of South Alabama, and Allan Schnaiberg presented the Boguslaw Award to David Pellow of the University of Colorado-Boulder. The Outstanding Student Paper Award went to Michael Mascarenhas of Michigan State University.

Susan Roschke received a standing ovation for her work as Editor of the section's newsletter, *Environment, Technology, and Society*. She reminded all that contributions to the newsletter are strongly encouraged.

The Chair reported that this year the Section was allotted three regular and 12 roundtable sessions. He also noted that Adam Weinberg organized three additional sessions for us this year. David Pellow has contacted the section on Collective Behavior about organizing joint sessions with them next year. The Chair also reported that E&T Section sessions will be on the first day of the ASA meetings in Chicago in 2002. Bill Fruedenburg noted that the Rural Sociology meetings will be held in conjunction with the ASA meetings in 2002, and that we can gain access to additional sessions through the Rural Sociology meetings.

The Nominations Committee reported on recent personnel changes. Phil Brown is serving as Chair-Elect. Tammy Lewis and Lori Hunter are serving as members of Council. Leaving Council are David Pellow and Stella Capek. Next year we will need to fill two Council slots.

The Chair noted that our section membership has roughly a 120-person turnover rate, and indicated that solidifying membership would be beneficial to the section. Rik Scarce noted openings for member participation on Membership, Nominations, and awards committees. J. Timmons Roberts noted that committees are not much work and that graduate students are welcome to serve on them.

The meeting ended with several members making announcements about upcoming conferences, jobs openings at various campuses, and the availability of the remaining 25th Anniversary E&T buttons.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth A. Gould,
Secretary-Treasurer