

**Minutes of the ASA Section on Environment and Technology Business Meeting**  
August 16, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Loren Lutzenhiser. Secretary/Treasurer Ken Gould reported on the Section's budget. He reported estimated annual expenditures of \$2,750, from projected revenues totalling \$3,230 resulting in a \$480 increase in net assets. The Treasurer noted that revenues are dependent on membership numbers that determine dues income as well as ASA allocations to the section. The Section awarded \$200.00 to the winner of the Olsen Student Paper.

The Chair announced that the new members of Council are John Bellamy Foster and Margarita Alario.

Susan Roschke, Editor of the section's newsletter, requested contributions for the newsletter, and announced that 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary buttons remain available.

Three awards were presented at the meeting. Ken Gould presented the Distinguished Contribution Award to John Bellamy Foster of the University of Oregon. Tom Rudel presented the Outstanding Publication Award to Gene Rosa of Washington State University and Carlo Jager. Harry Potter presented the Outstanding Student Paper Award to Andrew Jorgenson of the University of California-Riverside.

The Chair noted that the section uses its business meeting time for section roundtable sessions, resulting in rushed business meetings.

The Membership Committee reported that we have 346 members, and need to reach 400 for our usual session allocations. The possibility of accepting the reality that we are actually a 320-member section was briefly discussed.

The Chair requested volunteers to fill committee slots including those on the web site and membership committees.

The Chair reported that Chair-elect Phil Brown is organizing sessions for next year's meetings in Atlanta. He further noted that a session on environmental justice/ movements was to be organized by the section on Social Movements next year in reciprocation for a joint session organized by the Environment and Technology section this year.

Bill Fruedenburg promoted member participation in the Rural Sociology meetings being held a block away.

The Chair announced that the section council is continuing discussions on the relationship between the section and the primary journals utilized by environmental sociologists. The Chair also reported on the ASA's reaction to our section's position on NSF policy, noting that the ASA does not permit sections to take policy positions. Much grumbling ensued.

The meeting ended with several members making announcements including job openings at Washington State University and the University of Oregon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth A. Gould,  
Secretary-Treasurer