

Minutes of the ASA Environment and Technology Business Meeting
August 16, 2004
San Francisco, CA

The Chair, Phil Brown, called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. The chair reported that the new bylaws had been passed, and were now in effect. He also discussed the logistical arrangements for the special session on Environmental Justice on Tuesday morning.

Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Brulle, reported on the Section's budget. As of August 10, 2004, the section had total revenue of \$4,492 for the 2004 fiscal year, and projected expenditures of \$2,452 this year, which includes \$948 for the reception, awards costs of \$304, and an estimated \$1,200 in travel, lodging, and food expenses for the external invited speakers for the special Environmental Justice Session. The shift to an electronic newsletter has saved the section \$2,000 in annual expenses. The projected end of year budget surplus is \$2,039.

Steve Kroll-Smith discussed the elections to be held for 2005. Three officers will need to be elected, including a new chair-elect, and chairs of both the Teaching and Training Committee, and the Membership Committee. Bob Edwards is the new chair of the Nominations Committee, and will be handling the election. It was noted by Phil Brown that the newly approved bylaws had a contradiction regarding the length of service for the officers elected in 2004. The bylaws stated that the officers would only serve for one year, but also stated that they would be reelected in 2006. This was noted as a typographical error, and the officers elected in 2004 would serve for 2 year terms.

Steve Zavestoski gave the Membership Committee Report. He reported that we has 368 current members, and that student memberships are paid for by the section. He urged members to ensure their students took advantage of this offering. Steve Scholz reported on the production of the PDF newsletter, which has been well received. To further ensure proper delivery of the newsletter, a one way listserv would be developed that will email electronic copies of the newsletter to all E&T section members.

Dana Fisher discussed the newly created Policy and Research Committee. This committee will archive news items related to environmental sociology, and will be taking over the administration of the awards for the Outstanding Publication and the Olsen Student Paper Certificate.

Stella Capek, chair-elect, discussed the 2005 ASA meeting in Philadelphia. She urged members to submit papers to the sections, and asked for assistance in planning the meeting.

This was followed by the presentation of awards for 2004. The Olsen Student Paper Award was presented by Maggie Alario to Rebecca Altman, the Outstanding Publication Award was presented by Tammy Lewis to Richard York, Tom Dietz, and Gene Rosa, and Shirley Laska presented the Distinguished Contribution Award to Steve Kroll-Smith.

The meeting concluded with a number of announcements regarding upcoming job openings and publication opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert J. Brulle,
Secretary-Treasurer