

*Business Meeting Minutes***ASA Section on Environment and Technology****Boston, August 3, 2008**

1. *Chair's Report.* J. Timmons Roberts, Chair, called the Section Business Meeting to order at 3:30 pm, at the Marriott Copley Place, in Boston. The meeting began with the Chair's report. Timmons summarized the various officers' and committee chairs' reports, reported on the "Greening of the ASA" initiative, discussed the desirability of the Section and ASA participating again in 2009's national teach-in on global climate change, and gave an update on the Section's new website, now under development.
2. *Forthcoming Elections.* Nominations were solicited for five Section offices that will be up for election in 2009, including Chair-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Committee Chair, and Teaching and Training Committee Chair; as were volunteers for serving on various Section committees.
3. *Remembrance.* Penelope Canan gave a brief memorial comment on the recent passing of her colleague and Section Member, Brent Marshall.
4. *Publication Awards.* Penelope Canan presented this year's Section publication awards, standing in for David Pellow, Policy and Research Committee Chair, who was unable to attend the annual meetings this year. The Marvin E. Olsen Student Paper Award was presented to Eric Bonds, University of Colorado, for his paper, "The Knowledge-Shaping Process: Elite Mobilization and Environmental Policy." This year's Section on Environment and Technology Outstanding Publication Award was presented to Thomas Rudel, Rutgers University, for his book, *Tropical Forests: Paths of Destruction and Regeneration*.
5. *Call for Nominations.* Timmons Roberts encouraged Section members to start thinking about nominations for next years' Section awards, which will include the Olsen Student Paper Award, the Outstanding Publication Award (for a collection of related articles), the Boguslaw Award, the Buttell Distinguished Contribution Award, and for the first time, the new Section Teaching and Mentoring Award. Announcements will be forthcoming from various Section committees regarding the awards in coming weeks.
6. *Financial Report.* David Sonnenfeld, Secretary-Treasurer, gave a brief financial report, stating that the Section had a projected balance following the Annual Meeting of approximately \$4400, down about 13% from the same time last year. The single largest expenditure continues to be the annual Section Reception. This year, there is an anticipated additional large expenditure of \$500 for website design services. Revenues are healthy due to an all-time high section membership.
7. *Distinguished Contribution Award.* Andrew Szasz presented this year's Fred Buttell Distinguished Contribution Award to his nominee, Timmons Roberts. In presenting the award Szasz highlighted Roberts' scholarship and leadership of the section, in particular for his efforts over the past two years to reorient the Section toward a more activist profile on environmental issues.
8. *Announcements.* Clay Morgan from MIT Press greeted Section members and welcomed submissions to several environmental series the Press is publishing. Julian Aygeman, editor of the

journal *Local Environment*, greeted Section members and announced a special issue on "Communities, Natural Resources, and the Environment", edited by David Sonnenfeld and Stewart Lockie. Riley Dunlap encouraged Section members to post recent publications on the Section-sponsored EnviroSoc discussion listserv <EnviroSoc@listserv.brown.edu>.

The Section Business Meeting was adjourned on time at approximately 4:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Sonnenfeld
Secretary-Treasurer