

**SSSA Annual Business Meeting
Friday, November 1, 1:00- 2:15pm
San Diego Manchester Grand Hyatt, Coronado D&E.**

- I. Call to Order at 1:09PM. Pascal welcomes everyone to the 99th Annual Meeting. Encourages everyone to bring a friend, a colleague, a student to the 100th meeting.
- II. Approval of 2018 Minutes from the Orlando Business Meeting. Move to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded. Approved.
- III. Officer Briefings.

A. President/ Pascal Ngoboka

The Council last year approved the first student travel awards. Each affiliate selected a student. Ten students were awarded last night during the Plenary. Encourage students to present. Hoping to continue those awards in the future.

Next year we are in Austin 2020. In 2021, we will be in New Orleans and back to meeting in spring. Following that, we will be in Fort Worth. We are hoping to continue to group our membership.

Red Tail will be working on our website. We will be continuing to post bylaws, meeting minutes, and other information on that website.

We will be voting on our name change in new business. The name change information was posted on our website in September. Hopes everyone was able to review that information. With a name change we will need to change our bylaws. The changes will be effective January 2, 2020.

B. General Program Chair/Tracy Dietz

Going to be brief and focus on our centennial meeting. Looking back at where the social science began. Our first meeting was in Austin, so we will be going back home. Hoping to have some special workshops at that meeting. Six months later we will have our meeting in New Orleans. Hoping to have some special workshops there that will be more focused on teaching and professional development. Tracy asks that if anyone has any materials for this upcoming meeting to send them to her.

C. Treasurer/ Craig Walker

The summary of the Treasurer report is available on the back table (in the meeting). Expenditures exceeded revenues by \$45,000. From the operation of the association we received revenue from people joining, people attending the meeting and the SSQ. Back to where we were in 2017. Not as bad as it all sounds.

What contributed to loss? Meeting expenditures and SSQ expenditures were more than expected. SSQ expenditure was due to timing (when expenses hit).

D. Site Director/ Nicole Farris

Major considerations. We were down in meeting our room block so we will need to pay that. Waiting for the final person to check out before figuring that out. In the transition we were able to successfully renegotiate our contracts without penalty.

We are going to wait before booking our future hotels. Need to get a hold of our membership decrease.

One problem in the past was that it was during Easter. Is that going to happen again? Nicole: We were really limited in our choice of dates. In the future, we will try to move the meeting to March. She can look up the dates. The conference dates are affecting attendance. Holiday conflicts

transcend affiliate. None of the dates on Easters.

E. Secretary/ Chastity Blankenship

Exhibits/sponsors continue to be lacking. Send any information about potential exhibits such as Austin nonprofits, or information about books to Secretary.

F. SSQ/ Keith Gaddie and Kirby Goidel

Brief but coming to table with good news. We have a 30% increase in distribution of the journal. Most of the reach has occurred in Asia and Europe. Downloads are up 25%. This is very good news since we switched to a royalty based model. We should make more money. We make about \$2,800 for every article. We may want to switch to an open-access model. We are not there yet. We have moved away from a paper requirement with the switch to a royalty model. We have doubled our impact factor.

We have hit projected revenue by the 3rd quarter unless there is a complete collapse of people using the journal. We are one of the fastest journals—only about 35% of our publications are from political science. We reject more of those than any other type of submission.

Have interested colleagues for editors? Send them Kirby's way.

Recommendation to move/pass an accommodation for editors for their work. Seconded. Approved.

G. Communications Director/Jeff Justice

Communications have continued to grow. The affiliates are using their websites. Good time to showcase our 100 years on our social media platforms and website. Send your photos and documents to Jeff. Can be as simple as a Word document. Share good news, publications, etc., with Jeff so we can put information up on our website.

Red Tail continues to work on our website. Constant contact is an extra expense however some institutions are limiting the number of emails that you can send out at any time. Switching to other platforms for virtual meetings. Live meetings with audio. Slack is a good platform to switch to instead of virtual meetings through email.

IV. SSSA Committee Reports

A. Nominations

We nominate Salli Vargis. Motion to committee. Discussion then vote. Lydia clarifies that if someone has objections they can do so. Pascal: Any nominations? No others. Approved. SSSA Vice President [2019/20].

B. Budget & Financial Policies

No change in the fees.

C. Editorial Policies

Nothing else to add.

D. Membership

Secretary Chastity Blankenship was asked about the specific decline in membership numbers. She did not have them but only ideas. She needs to have access to the numbers; it's a very good question. Lydia stepped up and provided information: 865 in Austin, 530 people meet in Orlando, 955 in 2014. Many associations are experiencing decline. This does not look like a recent trend.

Question/ Comment: Decline in membership due to the meeting. The locations have not been as good—and time. What happens when we are in Austin? Is the fall a spurious relationship?

Is it not the fall or is it the location?

Tracy: Timing is particularly an issue for students. Especially for Masters students. Undergraduate students in their capstone. Can't get too later into fall Thanksgiving. First few weeks in November are incredibly expensive.

People loved San Diego and Orlando. People loved them. We had those contracts in place before we had the move to the fall. We are kind of in that same situation with the move to the spring. We are thankful they did not charge us a fee and/or change our space but we only had a 5 day choice.

Asked if Site Committee and Membership Committee work together?

Nicole: The survey results Nicole shared those results with Chastity. Chastity shares those results with the committee. We are going to three of those sites in the next four years. Site Committee was not consulted with the move.

E. Site Selection

No update beyond what we have already discussed.

V. Old Business

A. Change of Conference to Spring [2021].

No discussion.

VI. New Business

A. SSSA Name Change

Discussion:

We are more than just a regional association. The reach of our SSQ journal is in Europe and Asia. We are trying to rebrand ourselves as a national and international association rather than regional. We are going to think about locations of meeting.

Southwest is pretty broad. Change the idea that we are a small regional conference. Hoping this puts us on the map.

Has anyone done an impact study?

The possibility of changing the name has been discussed for 10 years. This came from the membership that they couldn't go to a regional meeting. We need a national name. Could not get funding. This was brought to our attention by our members. We are a national and international organization.

We changed the name from Southwestern Quarterly. For those who work at a Trier 1 institution, someone trying to get a job will not make it to interviews. The name is not tied to location will help more members.

Some have been asked, why are you are going to the Southwest? We go because there is interdisciplinary conference.

Why don't we open voting on the name to the entire membership? We make these changes without members. Can we get a real idea about our members?

Response: We have a set of bylaws. We are following the bylaws. This information is posted on the website. Concerns about membership are the ones not checking the website.

Counter: Is there something in the bylaws that states we can't ask for input?
We count on those Council members and expect them to go back to their affiliate.

Sociology affiliate: We are marginalized due to it being in the Southwest. It's important for some of us to say connected to the region for work. Instead of wanting to empower it. That's part of our responsibility as social work.

Back to general discussion: Many of us do have concerns about transparency. We need to do a better job sending out communication. The broad, it's not our members. Anyone should not feel marginalized from being part a of a social science association. Social work: She is from New Jersey, other members from other areas of the country. Social work members got information about our name change.

We didn't want to honor our 100 year legacy by making it exclusive. We want to include people from other parts of the nation. We really had people that could not come because it was regional. That name change would be enough to get them funding. We have students coming in from all over the country.

Tabling the motion. Craig second 36 voted to table the motion.

President Pascal: we will discuss this in Austin.

VII. Introduction of the new SSSA President.

Introduces Cynthia Cready. Cynthia looking forward to working with you next year. Austin's theme: 100 years and counting... breaking boundaries in a new century.

VIII. Adjourned 2:25pm.

Sandra M. Cready