

Executive Council
Virtual Meeting Minutes: SSQ Price Increase
May 26, 2021

Attendance: Chastity Blankenship, Michaël Bonnal, Jason Casella, Cynthia Cready, Tracy Dietz, Nicole Farris, Jeff Justice, Keith Gaddie, Kirby Goidel, Haroon Khan, William McLean, Theresa Morris, Steve Moog, Israel Nandamudi, Pascal Ngoboka, Evalyne Orwenyo, Patricia Ovensy, Steven Sewell, Samantha Tackett, Salli Vargis, and Craig Walker

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According to Michael Streeter/Wiley, given that the SSQ is only available in an electronic format, we're requesting SSSA review and approval of a 3% increase on the online-only institutional rate. We are implementing the same increase across our portfolio. The recommendation is outlined below. We also ask that SSSA review the membership rates posted here: [https://ordering.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/membership.asp?ref=1540-6237&doi=10.0111/\(ISSN\)1540-6237](https://ordering.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/membership.asp?ref=1540-6237&doi=10.0111/(ISSN)1540-6237).

For volume year 2022, we are meeting growing market desire for digital content and supporting a smaller publishing carbon footprint with these pricing updates:

- A 3% increase on institutional digital subscriptions and a 7.5% increase on all institutional print-only subscriptions.

For reference, SSQ's 2021 subscription categories and rates are [here](#). License Agreements We will continue to offer institutions the choice to purchase journals title-by-title or via a Wiley License, including the popular "All Journals" License option we introduced in 2016. We're also continuing to expand digital access to titles through the new transitional agreements we signed this past year with:

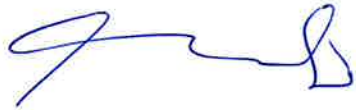
- Johns Hopkins University and Iowa State University in the US
- Ireland
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Spain
- Switzerland

These agreements secure access to journals in top research institutions and offer researchers at participating institutions the opportunity to publish open access (OA) at no individual cost. Pricing for transitional agreements is negotiated individually with each organization and incorporates elements for reading ("All Journals" License) and OA publishing. Thank you for reviewing, and we ask for your confirmation of approved prices by June 1st

No discussion.

Jeff Justice moved to accept the terms. William McLean seconded.

Voting by May 28th concluded: 14 “ayes” and 1 abstain. Motion passed.

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Executive Council
Virtual Meeting Minutes: Convention Director Contract
May 26, 2021

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President Israel Nandamudi sent the following summarized message via the Slack virtual platform on May 26, 2021.

Dear Executive Council Members, First of all, thank you for providing your feedback on Kim Dlouhy Lacassagne's performance as Convention Director for the SSSA 2021 annual meeting (NOLA). Based on feedback her performance was rated as "excellent." After consulting with our SSSA Treasurer, President Nandamudi recommends a 2% increase in compensation for the year 2021-22.

For the period of November 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022, Independent Contractor shall be paid \$3,040.00 per month. Payments will be made the last day of November, December, January, February, March, April, and May with the last payment contingent on Treasurer's receipt of final report and other onsite registration information. An additional payment of \$632.00 will be made for services rendered during the week of the Convention. Upon presentation of receipts and completion of a reimbursement request the SSSA will reimburse the Independent Contractor for expenses up to \$750.00 that are directly attributable to the annual meeting. The SSSA will reimburse all travel expenses as well. For expenses in excess of \$750.00, the Independent Contractor must obtain written (e-mail) pre-approval from the Treasurer, President, or Program Director.

SSSA Executive Committee has already approved this, and it is coming to the Council as a motion.

As of June 15, 2021 there was no discussion so we began voting on the SSSA Conference Director's contract. As of June 17, 2021, the vote was called with 14 "ayes." Motion passed.



Executive Council
Virtual Meeting Minutes: Bonjean and Lineberry Awards Committee
June 8, 2021

Attendance: Chastity Blankenship, Michaël Bonnal, Jason Casella, Cynthia Cready, Tracy Dietz, Nicole Farris, Jeff Justice, Keith Gaddie, Kirby Goidel, Haroon Khan, William McLean, Theresa Morris, Steve Moog, Israel Nandamudi, Pascal Ngoboka, Evalyne Orwenyo, Patricia Ovensy, Steven Sewell, Samantha Tackett, Salli Vargis, and Craig Walker

President Israel Nandamudi sent the following message via the Slack virtual platform on June 8, 2021.

An issue was raised about the Bonjean and Lineberry Awards for the best papers in the *Social Science Quarterly*. Although only the SSSA has the authority to issue these awards, the SSSA Editorial Policies Committee approved a recommendation regarding an awards process (see below). We worked further on the language of the recommendation virtually, after the SSSA finished. The recommendation passed the Editorial Policies Committee by a unanimous vote. I hope you and the Council decide to implement our recommendations.

The SSSA Editorial Policies Committee approves the following recommendation to the SSSA Council:

- 1) The SSSA's Robert Lineberry and Charles Bonjean Awards are important recognitions for authors of quality scholarship published in *Social Science Quarterly* for each annual volume. The Awards should recognize important fields of study covered by the membership of the SSSA. Author(s) of the winning article receive a monetary award (currently \$2,000) and a certificate from the SSSA.
- 2) The Editorial Policies Committee currently does not have the authority to make these awards.
- 3) The Lineberry and Bonjean Awards should be made independently of the journal editorial staff.
- 4) A Lineberry-Bonjean Awards Committee should be established annually to determine award winners.
 - a) The Committee should have three members broadly representing the SSSA.
 - b) The President of the SSSA should nominate active scholars from the disciplines who agree to accept the responsibility for service on the Lineberry-Bonjean Awards Committee. The three members should represent the Affiliate with the largest number of active members, the Affiliate with the second largest number of active members, and a third member to represent the other affiliates. The SSSA President should seek recommendations from the Affiliate Presidents for nominees.
 - c) No individual who has published in the *Social Science Quarterly* for the volume under consideration can be a member of the Lineberry-Bonjean Award Committee.
 - d) The member from the largest Affiliate shall chair the Committee initially, although the Committee may elect another chair. The role of the chair is to confirm electronic copies of the articles are available to each member, to coordinate communication among the members, and to ensure the award process is completed in a timely manner.
 - e) The Committee should have access to all articles in issues published during the volume/year under consideration. Special issue papers are ineligible for the Award.

- e) After reviewing all eligible articles, each Committee member should develop a short list of nominated articles to be considered in further depth by the full Committee. The short list of each member should contain up to five recommendations.
- f) After further review of all articles on the combined short lists, the Committee should determine the award winners. The Committee may simply deliberate and develop a consensus for the winners. The voting mechanism to narrow nominees should be determined by the Committee in advance and should use a system such as a Borda count or approval voting. A majority vote among the committee members should confirm the two award winners.
- g) The best article becomes the Charles Bonjean Award winner. The article's author(s) should receive a certificate and monetary award (to be divided if there is more than one author).
- h) The best article from a different discipline than the Bonjean Award winner becomes the Robert Lineberry Award winner. The article's author(s) should receive a certificate and monetary award (to be divided if there is more than one author).
- i) The Committee will report its decisions to the SSSA President.
- 5) The Lineberry-Bonjean Committee should be established as soon as possible to make awards for 2020 (volume 101).
- 6) The SSSA should publicize the Award recipients on the Association's web site, through social media, etc.

Since this was a recommendation by the committee, it did not need a motion in order for us to vote.

Any discussion? No discussion.

As of June 10, 2022, we had 15 "ayes." The motion passed.

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Executive Council
Virtual Meeting Minutes: Postcard Recruitment
September 30, 2021

Attendance: Chastity Blankenship, Michaël Bonnal, Jason Casella, Cynthia Cready, Tracy Dietz, Nicole Farris, Jeff Justice, Keith Gaddie, Kirby Goidel, Haroon Khan, William McLean, Theresa Morris, Steve Moog, Israel Nandamudi, Pascal Ngoboka, Evalyne Orwenyo, Patricia Ovensy, Steven Sewell, Samantha Tackett, Salli Vargis, and Craig Walker

Secretary Chastity Blankenship sent a request to the Executive Committee via the Slack virtual platform requesting funds to send postcards to recruit participants for the San Antonio meeting.

With help from Elizabeth Kelly, I finally have a large mailing list (Excel spreadsheet) of institutions close to our upcoming meeting in San Antonio. Within our mailing list I have also included department chairs and/or at least one faculty member in representing each of our social science disciplines when offered at that institution.

Our current mailing list contains 486 different entries. I would like to send one oversized postcard (8.52" X 5.47") to each entry on that list. I can upload our call for papers on Vistaprint and they will print and mail the postcards for us. Postcards should arrive within 4 to 8 business days. Depending on how speedy we can approve this request, postcards could arrive as early as the end of next week.

The estimated total for 486 oversized postcards (8.52" X 5.47") with shipping (4- 8 business days) is \$460.42.

Elizabeth Kelly moved to approve \$460.42 for 486 postcards and postage. Tracy Dietz seconded.

We had a simple majority and eventually 12 ayes, no abstains or "no." The motion passed.

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Executive Council
Virtual Meeting Minutes: Past President Cready Resignation
November 10, 2021

Attendance: Chastity Blankenship, Michaël Bonnal, Jason Casella, Cynthia Cready, Tracy Dietz, Nicole Farris, Jeff Justice, Keith Gaddie, Kirby Goidel, Haroon Khan, William McLean, Theresa Morris, Steve Moog, Israel Nandamudi, Pascal Ngoboka, Evalyne Orwenyo, Patricia Ovensy, Steven Sewell, Samantha Tackett, Salli Vargis, and Craig Walker

President Israel Nandamudi sent the following message via the Slack virtual platform on November 10, 2021.

We had a very productive Executive Committee meeting on the 5th and 6th of November. One of the items that we have discussed is filling the vacancy that is left by Cynthia Cready, our past president of SSSA. Since Cynthia is dealing with a very personal family issue, I have readily accepted her resignation. Our bylaws state that I can appoint someone for that position, but I need to take the Executive Council's approval. After much thought, I have decided to continue Pascal Ngoboka, our past past president, in that role. As the past president he will head our Nominations Committee. I don't see much role for our past past president, and we can still use Pascal's services in this Committee. Therefore, I will entertain a motion to continue Pascal as our past president and chair the Nominations Committee for the year 2021-2022.

Elizabeth Kelly moved to continue Pascal as our past President and chair of the Nominations Committee for the year 2021 to 2022.
Michaël Bonnal seconded.

As of November 15, 2022 we had nine "yes" votes, zero "no" votes, and one "abstention." The motion carried.

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Executive Council
Virtual Meeting Minutes: Name Change
November 19, 2021

Attendance: Chastity Blankenship, Michaël Bonnal, Jason Casella, Tracy Dietz, Nicole Farris, Jeff Justice, Keith Gaddie, Kirby Goidel, Haroon Khan, William McLean, Theresa Morris, Steve Moog, Israel Nandamudi, Pascal Ngoboka, Evalyne Orwenyo, Patricia Ovensy, Steven Sewell, Samantha Tackett, Salli Vargis, and Craig Walker

President Israel Nandamudi sent the following summarized message via the Slack virtual platform on November 19, 2021.

I want to bring an important motion that has been approved unanimously by the Executive Committee at our mid-year meeting at San Antonio (November 4-5, 2021). It is in relation to changing the name of our organization from the Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) to the Social Science Society of America (SSSA).

A couple of reasons that I have shared with our Executive Committee members on why we want to change the name:

1. Members are not just from the Southwest--we are a national and also a global organization. We want to move away from a regional description.
2. It looks like our journal, Social Science Quarterly (SSQ), is more popular than the conference. We need a broader and more inclusive name.

I want to have this name change to coincide with the centennial celebrations at San Antonio! Since this is coming from the Executive Committee in a motion form, there is no need for a second. Any discussion before we vote on this motion?

Discussion: We should request all the affiliate Presidents to share the name change decision, especially the rationale, with all their membership [after we have voted on it]. We should avoid any surprises at the Business meeting in San Antonio, as was the case in San Diego. I believe one of the concerns expressed then was that some members were not aware of the proposed name change.

Hearing no more discussion, Israel called the question. Please vote on the motion.

Two voted no, five voted yes,

During voting, there was a question as to why the Executive Council decided to vote on the name change despite 53.92% being against the name change (membership survey).

The matter was tabled in San Diego. A decision still needs to receive a formal vote. If the majority are opposed, so be it, but they do deserve a formal opportunity to go on the record.

The issue was tabled at the San Diego business meeting but was not brought up at the New Orleans business meeting. As Council, we have an obligation to bring the matter up again for

consideration at the San Antonio business meeting. I guess our vote here is to agree to bring the matter to the next SSSA general meeting.

Summarized discussion from the SSSA Program Director: There was great concern because the group to which the survey was sent was quite small and even several members of executive council did not receive it. The distribution was based on a very small list of people due to changes in our meeting timing and low meeting attendance resulting in a number of people not renewing at the right time. The others are correct that it was never officially voted on. The committee and council cannot vote to make a name change as that is a bylaw change and can only be made by a vote at the annual conference. The motion may not have been worded the best it could be but it should reflect that we are voting to bring it to a vote.

All that being said, the arguments made by some individuals at the business meeting in San Diego allegedly based on the history of the institution are categorically incorrect. Documentation of the mission of the association over the past 100 years does not support those assertions at all.

Research universities consider participation in a regional association a waste of money and any activity at our conferences, including presentations to be nothing more than service. Practically, the only way for this organization to survive as a regional organization is either to become an association serving the less research-focused institutions such as community colleges and baccalaureate institutions, which is fine if that is the way the membership wants to go. Philosophically, though, the organization never was to be focused on the southwest in terms of research focus (and the minutes dating back to the first meeting show this) and over the past century it has expanded its reach. We can also see changes reflected over time in this via bylaw changes that have taken place over the last 10 decades. We aren't a regional organization. We are a National and even international organization.

A name change does not mean that it will detract from scholarship on the southwest. The truth is in any given year our conference has only limited contributions dedicated to the southwest.

Israel, would you consider withdrawing the motion and making another version of it that clarifies both the name change and that it is a vote to bring it to the floor for a vote?

Jeff Justice moved that the name change motion tabled at the AGM in San Diego in 2019 be brought off the table for a vote at the forthcoming AGM in San Antonio. Tracy Dietz seconded.

As of December 3, 2021, voting concluded with 13 Ayes and one abstention. The motion carried.

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Executive Council
Virtual Meeting Minutes: SSQ Author Publication Charge
December 3, 2021

Attendance: Chastity Blankenship, Michaël Bonnal, Jason Casella, Tracy Dietz, Nicole Farris, Jeff Justice, Keith Gaddie, Kirby Goidel, Haroon Khan, William McLean, Theresa Morris, Steve Moog, Israel Nandamudi, Pascal Ngoboka, Evalyne Orwenyo, Patricia Ovensy, Steven Sewell, Samantha Tackett, Salli Vargis, and Craig Walker

President Israel Nandamudi sent the following summarized message via the Slack virtual platform on December 3, 2021.

According to Wiley/Michael Streeter we were in touch earlier this year regarding Wiley's subscription pricing proposal for SSQ. Wiley is reaching out seeking SSSA's approval to increase the Author Publication Charge (APC) for SSQ from \$2,600 to \$2,650 (+2%). The baseline proposal is included below under the bolded heading. This is a minor adjustment, recommended to reflect the increase in open access publishing we're seeing in the market. SSQ has seen the number of open access papers in the journal grow in recent years. In 2020 the journal earned \$14k in OA revenue, to date in 2021 that figure stands at \$17k so we'll certainly surpass last year. The other point to make is that this revenue stream is helping to backfill library subscription budgets that are being diverted from subscription purchasing toward open access funding.

Open Access continues to be the fastest growing sector of the scholarly publishing market. While universities and libraries report budget challenges we continue to see growth in Open Access both hybrid and Gold Open Access journals and are continuing to receive enquiries from institutions and funders interested to negotiate new transitional agreements, indicating that open access market continues to be one of high growth.

The results from our previous pricing reviews demonstrate that submissions to journals where we have implemented price increases continue to grow, demonstrating that authors continue to view our journals as highly attractive homes for their research output. Using our established approach to APC pricing, we recommend that the APC for AJPS increase from \$2,600 to \$2,650, effective as of November 24, 2021.

Based on Wiley's recommendation, Tracy Dietz motioned to approve the author publication charge. Elizabeth Kelly seconded. Voting began.

As of December 7, 2021, voting concluded. By a vote of nine 'ayes,' one 'no,' and no abstentions, this motion passes.



Executive Council
Virtual Meeting Minutes: President's Reception Guest Fee
February 18, 2022

Attendance: Chastity Blankenship, Michaël Bonnal, Jason Casella, Tracy Dietz, Nicole Farris, Jeff Justice, Keith Gaddie, Kirby Goidel, Haroon Khan, William McLean, Theresa Morris, Steve Moog, Israel Nandamudi, Pascal Ngoboka, Evalyne Orwenyo, Patricia Ovensy, Steven Sewell, Samantha Tackett, Salli Vargis, and Craig Walker

Secretary Chastity Blankenship sent the following summarized message via the Slack virtual platform on February 18, 2022.

There has been some discussion on the limited response from former presidents who plan on attending the President's Reception. Keeping in mind our low response rate and recent membership/attendance challenges, some of us are interested in opening up the reception to include guest(s) of meeting registrants. To help us adequately plan (i.e. food and beverage; fire/safety issues) some of us (including SSSA President Nandamudi) propose charging registrants' guests \$10 to attend president's reception. I move that we open the president's reception to include guests and charge each guest \$10 for entry to this event.

Elizabeth Kelly seconded.

Discussion:

This charge would apply to guests who are attending only the reception, not someone who is regularly registered for the Annual Meeting. There is some concern it will not increase attendance and may "nickel and dime" some folks.

Hopefully, \$10 is not such a huge amount to pay for a special dinner like this. We assume most of these guests are either spouses or significant others or family members of our registrants and may not increase membership.

As of February 20, 2022, there were 12 "ayes" and 1 "no." The motion carries.



