

Minutes, August 2008 ASA Practice Section Business Meeting

Started 11:30am, lasted 45 minutes

20 people present:	Kathryn Goldman Schuyler	Debbie Phelps
Kristine Ajrouch	Raguold (sp?) Kalleberg	Jammie Price
Esther Brainin	Ross Koppel	Kathy Stolley
Augie Diana	Leora Lawton	Yonette Thomas
Roy Feldman	Melodye Leherer	Mary Virnoche
Lisa Frehill	Eleanor Lyon	Jay Weinstein
Jan Marie Fritz	Phil Nyden	Jeff Will

Introduced new council members; thanked outgoing members. A special thank you to Paul Lachelier for coordinating the integration of Public Sociology with our section. Kathryn noted that ASA Council still needed to meet, discuss, and hopefully approve our proposal to change the section name to practice and public sociology.

Section Website: Discussed needing to integrate the Public Sociology Taskforce website into the Practice section website.

Discussion of an online newsletter. We need help with the redesign. Kathryn looked a copies of other sections, sent by Diego at ASA. Leora also sent copies of excellent newsletters. Ideally, the on-line newsletter will be downloadable and printable.

Proposal, Awards: We propose to name the Student Award the “Robert Dentler Award for Outstanding Student Achievement.” Passed unanimously. Announced at the Dentler Memorial.

Proposal, Membership Development: Championed by Roy Feldman. He asked Foundations that he worked with if they would pay for one of their representatives to attend next year’s conference. All said yes. The idea is to have a session (followed by a Reception) where members and Foundations meet and network, and Foundations make short presentations on their funding targets. Passed unanimously. Jeff Will, Roy Feldman, and Augie Diana to work on Foundation Event for next year’s meeting.

ASA Program Committee for San Francisco: We need to know the applied sociology person on this committee, so we can try to influence decisions. There is always one applied sociology person appointed. It will likely be someone appointed from the S.F. area. Ross Koppel offered to find out who the likely person is.

Margaret Weigers Vitullo (ASA) to assist us in promoting our section. Article in *Footnotes* about practice, thanks to Margaret. (Article written by Kathryn and Jay Weinstein.)

Roy Feldman volunteered to serve as Membership Committee Chair.

Leora to send out APOR listserv guidelines. Jeff Will offered to help with this.