

Midwest Sociological Society 2014 Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, April 6, 2014 9:30-10:00 am Omaha Hilton

Call to Order 9:37 am by President Barbara Keating.

Minutes of 2013 Business Meeting – distributed.

Call for comments or corrections.

Tom Gerschick moved to approve minutes, Marybeth Stalp seconded.

Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Tom Gerschick

Distributed to all board members.

MSS is doing well. Six-month net increase \$220,000. Market has risen, new investments. Three-year memberships wildly successful. University of Iowa covered Student Director expenses equaling \$10,000. Lauren Tiffany's retirement will mean dual salaries as she transitions. Recommends the creation of a Foundation Committee to work on planned giving. \$5,000 donations from older members with large incomes. One way to grow endowment. Questions? None.

Finance Committee – Tim Pippert

MSS is doing well financially. Preparing for rainy day when open-access comes to pass and journal revenues potentially decrease. Succession plan for Lauren's retirement is being developed. Lauren will bring proposal to the Board. MSS will finally be bonded for \$100,000. D & O liability insurance expires soon. New options with more benefits may be selected. Additional task for committee this year is to review how money is managed. Considering other options and will report back at the fall board meeting.

Annual Meeting Report – Kevin Leicht

Meetings have gone really well. Very few problems. Meetings all concentrated in one hallway with Commons in the middle. Lots of foot traffic. Attendance is good for smaller city venue. Sessions well attended.

Kevin has suggestions for next year to discuss with Annual Meeting chair.

Past-President Report – Linda Lindsey

Linda Lindsey went to ASA where she attended several meetings. ASA is interested in MSS and the retirement network is of special interest. Several meetings with state associations, affiliated social scientist groups. Next MSS meeting in Chicago will be a joint meeting. ASA liaison with Teaching and Learning.

Additional agenda item

Doug Hartmann introduces theme for 2015 Annual Meeting in Kansas City, "Sociology and its Publics." Introduces Erin Hoekstra as new Student Director and Assistant Program Chair. Keynote speakers will be Dalton Conley and Lisa Wade.

Doug's aim is for MSS to be a national leader in next steps in public sociology, public engagement. Meeting will explore how we can take those activities to revitalize the discipline as a whole.

New to Kansas City meeting will be an AKD Workshop on Teaching and Learning.

Welcome Deb White – President Elect-elect.

Barbara Keating expresses how honored she has been to represent MSS as its President and turns the gavel over to incoming President Kevin Leicht.

Other business

Include location of 2015 Annual Meeting at Kansas City Marriott Downtown on flyer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 am.

Minutes submitted by Lee Miller, Secretary.