

Council Meeting Agenda:

Friday, August 7, 12:00 to 1:00pm, Pacific Standard Time

Zoom: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/98810539671>

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- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Toni Calasanti
- II. Approval 2019 MINUTES:** Toni Calasanti
- III. TREASURER’S REPORT:** Dawn Carr
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. Program Committee:** Toni Calasanti
 - B. Membership Committee:** Miles Taylor
 - C. Communications**
 - Newsletter Editor:** Stephanie Ureña, Shannon Shen
 - Web Manager:** Julia Wolf
 - Listserv Editor:** Stacy Torres
 - Facebook Manager:** Jeffrey Lentz
 - Twitter Manager:** Duygu Basaran
 - D. Committee on Professional Development and Mentoring Report:** Janet Wilmoth
 - E. Research Groups and Roundtables Committee:** Jason Houle and Amélie Quesnel-Vallée
 - F. Committee on Nominations:** Elizabeth Cooksey
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Initiatives to support BLM, social justice, greater inclusion:** Toni Calasanti
 - B. Book Raffle manager:** Toni Calasanti
 - C. Other new business:** Toni Calasanti
 - D. Thanks to Outgoing Council, Committee Chairs:** Toni Calasanti
 - E. Introduction New SALC Chair:** Jennifer Karas Montez, 2020-2021
 - F. Plans for 2021 Annual Meeting:** Jennifer Karas Montez

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Toni Calasanti (3:02 pm EST)

Present:

Toni Calasanti

Dawn Carr

Duygu Basara

Amelie Quesnel-Vallee

Patti Thomas

John Reynolds

Jennifer Ailshire

Catherine Garcia

Shannon Shen

Phil Cantu

Stephanie Ureña

Jason Houle

Miles Taylor

Julia Kay Wolf

Merril Silverstein

Janet Wilmoth

Jennifer Karas Montez

Bridget Goosby

Elizabeth Cooksey

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Approval 2019 MINUTES: Toni Calasanti
Minutes were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Dawn Carr

Treasurer report was provided – we discussed the donations, no expenses for plaques and awards, which will be carried forward next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Committee: Toni Calasanti

There was significantly more work this because of the transition to the online. We talked about the program more later on in the meeting..

Membership Committee: Miles Taylor

Last year we fell short of the 600 mark. Last year we fell under the bar for an additional session, and so we started a campaign gifting memberships last year, but it wasn’t quite enough. We came in at 578 and we are hoping to boost that membership next year. We did our usual announcements about gift memberships, but given the context of the pandemic, we did not feel it appropriate to push harder. We are having some discussions

with ASA about lowering that bar. Membership is down overall so there may be further discussion about how to change those thresholds.

There are a variety of reasons why membership is down, but ASA will be freezing membership counts from 2018-2019 for the 2021 year.

Communications

Newsletter Editor: Stephanie Ureña, Shannon Shen

Shannon indicated that we are continuing to develop newsletters as we have in the past using email to collect information.

Web Manager: Julia Wolf

Julia took over the section website last fall and revamped the theme and added some additional information. We have had a significant increase in visits to the website. We have a former officers page that is current private. We decided we would make the former officers list public.

If anyone wants to make updates to the website, consider reaching out to the chair to ensure it remains in line with our section goals.

Listserv Editor: Stacy Torres

Stacy was unable to be at the meeting. She requests that all content needs to be forwarded in a word document format. If we have a publication announcement, we cannot send it via the listserv in PDF form. We may need to encourage additional reminders and will discuss better ways to remind people so she doesn't need to send multiple emails.

Facebook Manager: Jeffrey Lentz

Jeffrey was unable to be present but sent in a report. He has done an excellent job in terms of keeping the page up to date, bringing in announcements from the listserv, and promoting members' research on the page.

Twitter Manager: Duygu Basaran

Duygu suggested that if we have publications, we should reach out to her to promote publications. She set up the Twitter handle in 2014. We had 84 followers and now and 450. It is helpful to encourage people to follow SALC if it is appropriate. The posts on Facebook are often used to identify content. ASA_SALC is the handle and consider tweeting using the handle when relevant. If you present at ASA, it would be helpful to add the twitter handle in your presentations to encourage participation.

Committee on Professional Development and Mentoring Report: Janet Wilmoth

Janet described that their committee (including Phil Cantu and Catherine Garcia) worked very hard this year. The mentoring dinner was cancelled given the virtual meeting. It is increasingly difficult to provide dinners within our price range. Every restaurant that we contacted in San Francisco had a minimum cost that was beyond our \$8000 limit. We were planning to dip into the treasury to cover it this year. We did approve using the treasury costs, but we should keep this in mind moving forward. We have been

successful at fundraising and we stopped spending money on a MWR reception and that has helped. The mentoring dinner is valuable, but we will find greater challenges in covering the costs so we should plan for that in our treasury.

The students decided to plan alternative mentoring opportunities and using a survey came up with a series of zoom meetings. The one that we had in July was very successful.

Catherine and Phil described the next mentoring event today following the meeting. Jennifer Ailshire will talk about job hunting during the recession of 2009. This will allow students to ask questions about the job hunt. The other session is planned for September. The idea is to allow the students a chance to talk about the success of virtual mentoring. This will allow more face time with senior scholars and to learn more about what may work moving forward for similar types of events.

Research Groups and Roundtables Committee: Jason Houle and Amélie Quesnel-Vallée

Jason described the process they went through with the planning of the roundtables. People became interested in the research roundtables. Many were cancelled, but we ended up with 8, which is reasonably good, and one is fully asynchronous and online. We hope it will all go well tomorrow. ASA told us to figure it out for ourselves and they publicized the events, but did not provide the links or set up the online portals.

Committee on Nominations: Elizabeth Cooksey

Elizabeth said we had a lot of nominations and put together a committee that was a mix of experiences to help identify people. We got four new members on the committee (all are present at the meeting). We feel very excited to have our new members.

Award Committees

2020 Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, John Reynolds

Beyond what was provided in the report, the committee was excellent. There were 6 submissions by the deadline and they were all very high quality. The top two papers went to the top of the list. We were delighted to have the chance to have an honorable mention.

He suggested that we maybe have a sticky post on Facebook to help raise attention to the award to help get more participants. It may also be helpful to encourage session organizers to recommend papers from students who submit for a SALC session. It would be nice to be able to share copies of the papers that aren't yet published to encourage people to read the great work that they completed.

All students who submitted papers also were given feedback, which was a nice additional step and helpful mentorship to the students.

2020 Outstanding Publication Award, Andrea Willson

Andrea was not present.

Toni noted that they received a significant number of submissions. They had to spend a significant amount of time to get through all of the submissions (7 books and 14 articles). It would be a useful idea to consider rotating a book versus article each year. We may need to consider a policy to help alleviate the work that goes into trying to compare books to articles moving forward.

2020 Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award, Jennifer Karas Montez (Chair)

Jennifer indicated the committee was responsive and worked well together. The nominees were excellent and they are very excited to announce the winner this year.

We have modified the timeline for future awards to help address the change in our ASA meeting this year to ensure that awardees are able to give their talks in person. We made the decision to delay the award talk, which will be given next year and next year we will not identify a new winner.

2020 Outstanding Mentor Award, Mark Hayward

Jennifer Ailshire provided a description because Mark was not present. Jaqui Angel was identified as the winner. We may need to explore ways to get the word out and make sure that we do more to encourage more nominations. We discussed perhaps modifying the description to encourage people to provide complete applications.

NEW BUSINESS

Initiatives to support BLM, social justice, greater inclusion: Toni Calasanti

Toni described that we decided to donate funds to promote greater inclusion and racial justice. As a section, we've decided to seek input from members about such justice initiatives for SALC moving forward. Structural changes aren't likely to occur right away, but we want to begin the process of developing changes. To do so, Council agreed previously to survey membership, that Elizabeth Cooksey has volunteered to mount. Toni requested that a group of people volunteer to participate in a subcommittee to develop the survey, including whom we seek to target initially. This smaller group will bring ideas for a survey back to council fairly soon so that we can move forward.

Book Raffle manager: Toni Calasanti

Toni reminded everyone that we don't have one this year and we need nominees. We suggested inviting people at the business meeting to see if people want to get involved.

Other new business: Toni Calasanti

Toni noted that we would be unable to discuss our plans for the new diversity initiative due to time, and that this would require significant efforts to maintain this as a long-term effort as an organization. She suggested a subcommittee be formed.

Thanks to Outgoing Council, Committee Chairs: Toni Calasanti

Toni thanked all committee members for their hard work, especially those who have completed their service.

Introduction New SALC Chair: Jennifer Karas Montez, 2020-2021
Jennifer's incoming position was announced.

Plans for 2021 Annual Meeting: Jennifer Karas Montez
Jennifer indicated that she would lead the initiative to develop the diversity strategies for SALC and would be seeking out members of the subcommittee in September.