

ASA Council meeting
August 8, 2022, 7:00-7:45 PDT

Attendees: Merrill Silverstein, Dawn Carr, Vesna Palpic, Jason Houle, Julia Wolf, Anna Muraco, Mieke Beth McBride, Stefanie Molborn, Jason Houle

- I. Call to order
 - Merril Silverstein called the meeting to order
- II. Approval of council minutes
 - a. Minutes were approved
- III. Treasury report
 - a. Dawn provided overview of key issues related to changes in income
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Program committee:
 - i. Merrill Silverstein introduced the overview of the sessions for the ASA 2022 meeting
 - b. Membership committee
 - i. Miles Taylor described changes in membership regarding the goals of the 600 number. At the moment we have dipped and around the 500 membership mark. The committee has been cautious about not pushing people due to COVID but will look for more creative ways to increase moving ahead.
 - c. Communications – Julia Wolf presented all reports related to the various forms of communication – Newsletter, Web, Listserv, Facebook, Twitter. Julia provided an overview of the various ways these outlets help in terms of getting the word out for different kinds of news. Julia suggested that there is an ongoing need to share information about great research and people who can be spotlighted.
 - d. Committee on Professional Development and mentoring Report
 - i. Vesna, student representative for the committee provided the report. Set up new initiatives for mentoring activities to support students, including regular meetings, listserv, and the mentoring reception that will occur August 8 from 8-10 pm. We will need to figure out future goals given the growing costs and challenges for fundraising.
 - e. Research Groups and Roundtables Committee –
 - i. Report provided by Anna Muraco. Our roundtables were primarily articles. 30 were accepted, and most were accepted. About 1/3 of the submissions cancelled. The roundtable had to be reorganized as a result of the dropouts. It was also changed on the program.
 - f. Committee on Nominations
 - i. Jennifer Karas Montez was not able to make it to the meeting due to flight cancellation. As a result, Merrill provided the report. She solicited self-nominations within SALC. Two were nominated for chair, four were nominated for the council positions.
- V. New Business

- a. Budget and fundraising
 - i. Mieke suggested that we may need to think about more active ways to elicit donations for our mentoring events. She suggested that we explore ways to set it up so it can be reimbursed by the department in some way.
 - ii. Merrill discussed the new rules from ASA for fundraising.
 - iii. Dawn discussed the details regarding special requests that need to be submitted in the Fall.
- b. Supporting BIPOC Members
 - i. Merrill provided an overview of the report. In 2020, we discussed supporting BIPOC members. Jennifer Karas Montez accumulated options, and we were unsure about whether we were meeting in person. Consensus by the members this year was to start small, about 5 members, and then pay for their mentoring dinner fee. There was so much uncertainty about in person meeting, and after discussing with Janet about the location, we determined that played it conservatively by not having the dinner and instead having the dessert reception. We should consider whether this is the best strategy or not.
 - ii. We discussed the idea of reach outside the section to gain more access to BIPOC members who may be members of other sections also.
 - iii. Miles Taylor suggested using this as part of the gifting campaign that we could recruit from the ground up as well.
 - iv. Anna Muraco suggested that we consider partnering with another section for receptions/mixing to gain more visibility. Consider including an award that is specific to BIPOC folks that may increase membership. Not everyone has students (Anna indicated that she does not have students due to her institution type). She suggested that maybe we could think beyond student gifts.
 - v. Mieke suggested that maybe we could modify language for mentorship award that includes language related to BIPOC mentoring.
- c. Council meeting minutes posted on SALC website
 - i. Sometimes the minutes related to the council meeting are posted online, but not always. Merrill asked whether there is reason to avoid posting online.
- d. Outgoing and incoming members
 - i. Merrill provided an overview of the outgoing council members.
 - ii. Merrill also provided an introduction for the incoming members.
 - iii. Stefanie Molborn is in charge of the meeting schedule for next year. She will likely focus one session on aging and one on life course.
 - 1. Stefanie also noted that we will be looking for a new membership chair and a new listserv manager.
 - 2. We are thinking about changing the meeting to be a 45 min split for business meeting and Matilda White Riley lecture.