American Society of Criminology - Division on Women and Crime

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Business Meeting I Minutes – November 17, 2011

Submitted by Angela Gover, Secretary/Treasurer

Additional Officers Present: Brenda Sims Blackwell (Chair) Amanda Burgess-Proctor (Vice-Chair), Helen Eigenberg (Executive Counselor, late career); and Rebecca Hayes-Smith, (Executive Counselor, early career).

I. Opening Remarks

- Brenda Blackwell welcomed all attendees to the meeting, including new DWC members, and first time breakfast attendees.

- Departing officers – Chair Brenda Blackwell and Executive Counselors Molly Dragiewicz and Becky Block. Continuing Officers include Executive Counselors Rebecca Hayes-Smith and Helen Eigenberg, Vice Chair Amanda Proctor, and Secretary/Treasurer Angela Gover. New officers were introduced and include Chair Amy D'Unger and Executive Counselors Claire Renzetti and Kate Luther.

- Thanks were extended to all committee chairs, committee members, newsletter staff, webmistress, and other DWC volunteers.

- The 'hat' was passed for breakfast donations. It was noted that breakfast costs significantly increased this year so members, except students, were encouraged to contribute. Donations this year for the first breakfast raised $367.00.

- Brenda encouraged strong participation on committees. The committee sign-up book was passed among the membership.

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from last year's business meeting II. The motion passed. This was the first year we posted minutes online via the DWC listserv in order to be environmentally responsible and save on printing costs.

II. Internal Awards were presented:

Young Scholar Award: Tara Richards

Inconvenient Woman of the Year Award: Susan Sharp

DWC Saltzmann Award: Joan Zorza

Lifetime Achievement Award: Natalie Sokoloff

Distinguished Scholar Award: Candace Kruttschnitt

New Scholar Award: Kristin Carbone-Lopez

Undergraduate Student Paper Award – LarQuette Smith from Michigan State University

Graduate Student Paper Award – Andrea Nichols from the University of St. Louis

III. Budget Discussion

- Brenda focused a portion of the meeting on explaining what happened to the DWC budget over the past year. She spent a considerable amount of time reconciling balances with Chris Eskridge. Over the course of last year budget statements fluctuated when spending was not authorized. Therefore our accounting did not match ASC counting. Thank you to Brenda and Amy for their tireless efforts getting the budget straightened out. In the future Angela Gover will receive monthly budget statements from ASC and will request similar statements from Sage so that the budget will continue to be reconciled. Angela and Amy will stay in regular contact about the budget.

- Brenda explained that the expenses last year at ASC (in San Francisco) were approximately 12K (for the social and two breakfasts). Additionally, in September Brenda was contacted by Hillary Potter from the DPPC about the state of their division's finances. Hillary was concerned about the amount they would be able to contribute to the joint social this year. Therefore, after numerous discussions Brenda decided that it would be best to cap the cost of the food ordered for the social at the total amount of funds raised, on average, in ticket sales from past years. Amy D'Unger explained the higher costs of food from last year and the situation that occurred at the breakfast with hotel staff regarding clean plates. Chris Eskridge was able to intervene and the DWC was credited a small amount of money. Amy also noted that the food prices this year even exceeded the food costs from last year (i.e., the $1,000 cheese plate for 60 people).

- The *Feminist Criminology* budget is in great shape. Editorial stipends have not been taken in previous years and therefore Susan Sharp suggested that the stipend she did not receive be moved to the general DWC budget. It was decided that this issue would be discussed at the *Feminist Criminology* Editorial Board meeting the following day. Another budget issue has been a delay in receiving royalty checks (or a delay in the monies being posted to the account because they were 'misplaced'). This problem should be taken care of by a future close review of all budget statements.

- Brenda announced exciting news that a $1,000 anonymous contribution was made to the DWC for the 30-year Anniversary of the DWC celebration. This amount is being set aside in the general budget and will be saved for the celebration expenses.

IV. New Business

- In order to cut down on breakfast costs, Mona Danner suggested having a mechanism for members to make contributions using credit cards during the breakfast meetings. Amy D'Unger stated that she would check with ASC on the feasibility of this.

- A second suggestion made to cut down on costs was to raise money in the name of one's mentor. For example, for $50 the 'mentor for member X' would be recognized. This could become a formal program and regular revenue stream.

- A member suggested that we set expectations about the breakfast ahead of the meetings. Perhaps saying that a 'light' breakfast will be provided.

- Jana Jasinski reported that *Feminist Criminology* currently has a backlog of 7-8 manuscripts. She thanks reviewers for all of their help with the editorial process and encouraged future submissions.

- Joanne Belknap told the membership about the trial of Molly Midyette in Boulder Colorado. Midyette is a former student of Belknap's now facing prosecution for the death of her child at the hands of the child's father. For details of this case contact Dr. Belknap at joanne.belknap@gmail.com

- A petition was circulated for signatures to start a 'Victimology Division' within ASC.

- Motion to adjourn meeting, motion seconded, and meeting was unanimously adjourned.