

**Business Meeting I**  
**Friday, January 26, 2018 from 12:39-2:00 pm**

1. Welcome from Outgoing President Abby Ferber and Reading of the Community Agreement
2. Outgoing President Abby Ferber made Introductory Remarks and handed gavel to incoming President Adia Harvey Wingfield
3. Announcements from President Adia Harvey Wingfield: Adia discussed her priorities for the coming year:
  - a. How can we expand SWS as an accessible, inclusive space, especially for women of color?
  - b. What can SWS do as an organization to address the ongoing issue of sexual harassment, especially within the other professional institutions with which we are affiliated? Can we work with ASA and other regional sociological organizations on this? She asked for specific ideas on this.
  - c. We need to ensure that we amplify our media presence and the work that our members are doing.
  - d. She also reminded members to please attend committee meetings.
4. Executive Officer Report/Update (Barret Katuna):
  - a. Barret introduced two new SWS interns, Margaret Chernovetz and Natasha Santana.
  - b. Barret updated members on other news: We have revised our Bylaws and are now in compliance with Rhode Island laws; We have new insurance policies to protect SWS; We gave hired interns and a bookkeeper for administrative support; We will have our new website up soon; We have also initiated a rotating site selection process in order to save money (Our next meeting will be in Denver, then we will begin the rotation in San Diego).
5. Treasurer's Report (Outgoing Treasurer, Angela Hattery):
  - a. Angela explained that SWS is in great financial shape. Angela shared expenses and revenues for 2016 and 2017 and the breakdown for 2017. In 2017, we spent less and we made more. Several factors contribute to this. The new EO model has saved us money, and we are more efficient. In addition, the decision to rotate sites and create multi-year contracts will save us money.
  - b. Angela also listed other tactics to save money: responsible budgeting, where applications for funding need to be connected to the mission of SWS; increased transparency and communication about all of this; standardizing our membership and meeting registration categories; enacting cost-sharing measures where people who make more pay more.
  - c. She also made the point that most of our money comes from SAGE, but we need to be less dependent on this unguaranteed source of income. We need to think more about annual investing strategies as a way to increase income.

6. Brief Message from Wendy Christensen, Social Media Coordinator:
  - a. Wendy explained that our Social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter) are up and running.
  - b. Wendy also noted that recently, Facebook has made some changes to its newsfeed which will negatively impact SWS. You can mitigate this by going to the SWS page and clicking on the option to see SWS posts first.
  
7. Investment Committee Report (Catherine Berheide):
  - a. Catherine explained that over this past year, our investments did really well. We do currently have a Feminist Futures Fund, in which we earned over \$90,000 over the past year. We will be making regular deposits in Feminist Futures to help it grow. In addition, we also have two restricted funds (Rosenblum and Allon), each of this was given to us for specific purposes. We invest these more conservatively and they have earned too, though less. Generally, in terms of total performance, we have exceeded the benchmarks.
  
8. Social Action Committee Report (Kristy Kelly):
  - a. This year, the Committee gave out nine awards for SWS members who are doing social action work in their communities. More information on their work will be in *Network News*.
  - b. In 2018, there will be 2 deadlines for awards for up to \$1000 to do social action work in your community. There will be a virtual meeting where you can communicate with Kristy and receive feedback.
  - c. The committee has been asked to help with the auction at the SWS Banquet. We are excited about this and have created a proposal on it.
  - d. We will also have virtual conversations on how to participate in more social action.
  
9. Sister to Sister Committee (Ranita Ray):
  - a. Ranita thanked Outgoing Co-Chair, Corrine Castro, and welcomed incoming Co-Chair, Drea Boyles.
  - b. The 2017 Chow Green Award Committee reviewed a large pool and chose Chaniqua Simpson for the award. For this year, the deadline for applying for the award is April 2, 2018.
  - c. The Sister to Sister Committee had a meeting earlier in the day. They discussed how to reach out to more marginalized folks in SWS, as well as possible panels for next year. They decided they will organize dinners at various regional meetings, and that they will create a listserv for members. There is a dinner hosted by Sister to Sister tonight.
  - d. Sister to Sister will hold two workshops/panels this year: one on surviving and thriving in the academy and one organized by the Chow-Green winner.
  
10. International Committee Report (Susan Lee):
  - a. Susan explained the work of the committee. The committee works through four subcommittees:

- i. One subcommittee is to maintain our status at the UN (We go to their annual meeting for CSW every year. We are also involved in organizing US women's NGOs at the UN).
- ii. One subcommittee is connected to the Global Feminist Partnership program (We have relationships with Women's Studies Centers in different parts of the world. This year, we have a visitor from Peru, a prominent feminist activist Liz Melendez. She is doing two things at this meeting, which you can go to. Also, we have a hosted dinner with her this evening).
- iii. An International Meetings subcommittee (We try to have SWS representatives at various international meetings. For example, SWS will be sponsoring some things at the ISA meeting this summer. SWS will also co-host a reception there).
- iv. The CEDAW subcommittee tries to get the US more involved in CEDAW, since the US is not a signatory.

**11. Awards Committee Report (Marlese Durr, Marybeth Stalp):**

- a. Laura Logan is our new elected member.
- b. The chairs asked people to think more diversely when nominating people for awards. Do not just nominate people at R1 institutions.

**12. After the committee reports, the meeting turned to a more general discussion among attendees.**

- a. Someone asked: What can we do to get presenters to follow accessibility guidelines for PowerPoints? Barret responded that we might appoint someone to follow up on this.
- b. Members also asked about site selection - why Denver was chosen when it was not on the survey, and whether we are thinking about political issues that might make a site undesirable for us. Council members and the EO responded that while Denver was indeed on the survey, the rotation does not start until the following year. In addition, we are still considering additional sites that may save us even more money. Regarding political considerations, we are also already thinking about this.