



Society for Social and Political Philosophy
Historical, Continental and Feminist Perspectives

MINUTES OF THE 2004 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

1) The elected 2005-2006 executive board members are:

Asma Abbas (Political Science, Penn State University)
Steven DeCaroli (Philosophy, Goucher College)
Piya Pangsapa (Women's Studies, University at Buffalo-SUNY)
Jason Read (Philosophy, University of Southern Maine)
Hasana Sharp (Philosophy, Penn State University)

The newly elected members of the E-Board appointed Hasana Sharp as secretary-general for 2005-2006.

Alejandro deAcosta and Fouad Kalouche will continue to serve, until the end of 2005, as co-directors of the society's Conferences and Meetings Committee.

Steven DeCaroli and Jason Read will continue to serve, until the end of 2005, as co-directors of the society's Publications Committee

The members voted to ratify and accept the society's by-laws that integrate committees within the shared governance structure of the society (under the guidance of elected executive board members)

2) The minutes of the 2004 business meeting, as expounded below, will be posted on our website. Please bring to the attention of the secretary general any discrepancy so that the minutes can be amended and ready for approval at the next business meeting.

The minutes of the 2003 Business Meeting were approved and items put to vote were introduced and discussed. The secretary-general presented an update and invited discussion of the following items: the ratification of the proposed by-laws (presented on a separate sheet of paper/ballot); election of executive board members (for the period of January 2005 – December 2006); nominations for one at-large position on the editorial/advisory board of the *Out Sources* book series; input from members on possible supplementary regular panels, on themes or topics for the 2006 CFPs; and on possible invitees to our "discussion with" panels.

Ballots were distributed and collected before the end of the meeting and a quick tabulation of the collected ballots and proxy ballots determined that the by-laws were ratified and the new executive board members were elected unanimously. Asma Abbas, Steve DeCaroli, Piya Pangsapa, Jason Read, and Hasana Sharp were elected to be the 2005-2006 executive board members. Elected E-Board members appointed Hasana Sharp as the 2005-2006 Secretary-General of the Society. Other items were to be tabulated and submitted to the

membership at a later date, and the collected input of members will inform the actions and decisions of the executive board.

Steven DeCaroli reported on publications, including the themes for the 2005 call for papers for SPEP (Work and Leisure) and APA (War and Peace), the website, and shared with members information on the "Out Sources" books series. He asked Fouad Kalouche to update the membership on the guest issue of ISP (which will only become the responsibility of the Publications Committee if a contractual agreement is reached between the society and the journal editors). Fouad Kalouche mentioned that we are still waiting to hear from ISP editors (who are very cooperative but need to finalize previous issues before taking on our guest issue) and reported on conferences and meetings (including a possible panel to be held with the American Sociological Association this August and, if approved by members, a request to hold regular meetings at the APA Pacific). He also mentioned that our annual budget of 2003-2004 was not in the negative thanks to membership dues and donations, but that we need more members to pay their dues to be able to support future activities (especially if we want to collaborate with an academic journal on a regular basis).

A discussion of 2005 meetings ensued and it was determined by a majority present that we should focus on forming two paper panels for each one of our current regular meetings and not hold "conversation" panels at our regular meetings until possibly 2006. Other items were discussed, and there were a few announcements from members, before the meeting was adjourned.

3) The following are summaries of the recommendations and input of members, as expressed on the 2004 ballots, which will assist executive board members and committee members in their future endeavors on behalf of the society's members.

a- For the nominations of well-established scholars to serve as SSPP At-Large Editorial Board member on the "Out Sources" Book Series advisory board, very few members responded, and of those few, the following are the nominations ranked in terms of the higher number of mentions:

1) Warren Montag; 2) Judith Butler; 3) Eduardo Mendieta; 4) Valentin Mudimbe; 5) Rashid Khalidi; 6) Todd May.

b- For recognition/holding regular panels at annual meetings, the following are ranked in terms of the higher number of mentions:

1) concentrate on our current regular meetings and not new ones; 2) APA Pacific Division; 3) Rethinking Marxism; 4) Radical Philosophy association; 5) American Sociological Association; 6) International Studies Association; 7) APA Central Division; 8) Social Theory Consortium; 9) Canadian Philosophical Association; 10) European Sociology Association.

c- For suggested themes/topics for 2006 CFPs, the following are ranked in terms of the higher number of mentions:

1) Globalization (and/or global power, resistance to); 2) Media (and Politics, Myth, and constructing reality and truth); 3) Violence (and/or Political violence, Genocide, Terrorism,); 4) History of Philosophy (and/or more history); 5) What is Politics (and/or political unity); 6) Deleuze-Multiplicity; 7) Foucault (and/or subjectivization, power, control, fearless speech); 8) Technology and Law; 9) International discussions of race and/or intersections between Gender and Race; 10) Everyday Life; 11) Mass Subjects/Mass Nouns; 12) Fundamentalism: Economic and religious; 13) Everyday Life; 14) The end(s) of Education and the dumb(er) subject

d- For suggested names of possible main figures around whose work we were to develop “discussion with ” panels at future meetings, the following are ranked in terms of the higher number of mentions:

1) Etienne Balibar; 2) Enrique Dussel; 3) Elisabeth Grosz; 4) Wendy Brown; 5) Frederic Jameson; 6) Eva Kittay; 7) Alain Badiou; 8) Alain Finkielkraut

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