MINUTES OF THE 12TH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE OKLAHOMA SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Shawnee, Oklahoma
April 11, 1984

8:30 - 9:45 Registration at the Geiger Center, OBU

9:45 -11:30 Undergraduate Student Papers

11:30 - 1:30 President Larry Perkins introduced the luncheon speaker, Dr. Ivan Chapman, who spoke on "The Fifth Dimension"

The business meeting was called to order by Larry Perkins. Winfred Steglich gave the report of the nominating committee. Nominations from the floor were called for. It was moved and seconded to accept the nominations from the committee and ballots were distributed.

Professor Don Allen gave a report on the present status of Free Inquiry. His editorship will terminate on June 20; however the May issue is ready and paid for, leaving a present cash reserve of $8200. The November issue will be ready soon and will be turned over to the editor-elect, Marilyn Affleck. Professor Affleck asked for the support of all OSA members in her endeavor. Professor Allen received a standing ovation for his efforts as editor since December of 1978.

Professor Gene Acuff made a motion that Don Allen receive a formal letter of appreciation and that the first issue under Professor Affleck's editorship be dedicated to Don Allen. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer Carolyn Morgan reported that $874 is currently on hand; however, the facilities at OBU have not been paid for.

President Elect Ed Arquitt presented the student paper awards as follows: 3rd place ($10) to Traci Babb, OSU; 2nd place ($25) to Toni Welch, Central State University; and 1st place ($50) to Kieta Culp, TU.

The results of the balloting showed the 1984-85 officers to be President Elect - Billy Parker; Secretary-Treasurer - Cynthia Sayre. OCU was volunteered as a possible meeting place for the 1985 meeting.

1:30 - 3:30 Roundtable Discussions were held. Moderators: Jack Hickman and Ruth Brown
Summary of responses from Oklahoma Sociological Association:

In favor of teaching seminar: 23
Opposed: 6
No response: 1

Teaching seminar at regular meeting: 18
At a different time: 5
No response or neutral: 6

Preferred time in the week for meetings:
Thursday night and Friday: 14
Friday night and Saturday: 13
Friday only: 12
Saturday only: 1

Other suggestions:
Why not consider other options, such as Wednesday-Thursday, or Monday-Tuesday

I would suggest one day only, but perhaps have an evening meeting on that day with an outside speaker to attract people to stay. Then people could either drive home that evening, or stay overnight and go home next day.

Have more time at the meeting for informal mingling--like a general meeting until 10:30 then free time until 12:30.

I'm not interested in informal visiting (partying)

In the past two years I have brought to the OSA meetings with me several students. There has never been anything at the meeting for them. They come back with a view that sociology and sociology meetings are incredibly boring.

Since the OSA is now dominated by faculty at the more affluent universities with unlimited funds, time, and egos, there is a problem of serving the people who need the Association for enrichment. The following are suggestions to make the Association more functional:
1. lower or do away with dues.
2. have meals "on your own".
3. Have meetings on a different campus each year and include all universities and colleges.
4. Make certain that useful ideas and materials are presented.
5. Have discussion groups with different leaders invited to serve each year.

I would like to hear a discussion of what is happening to graduate education in Oklahoma, perhaps by a panel of members from the two universities who have graduate programs.

Could the OSA consider working for more sociology courses being offered in high school so that college freshmen would be more aware of what it is?

Suggested research topics for presentation:
Shermana Gathers (student) Grade performance and marriage among college students
Gary Sanefur, Comparison of ethnic, racial, class and religious prejudice
Nancy Dunton, Migration and population projections in Oklahoma
Barry Kinsey, Ethnography of drug sub-culture
Richard Rettig, Conjoint family-community service team staffings
Douglas Eckberg, Public attitudes toward science and technology (creationism)
Larry Perkins, From custom to law in North McCurtain county
Philip Holley, Divorce adjustment
Kay Claybourn (student) conservatism, liberalism in an Oklahoma community
Jack Hickman, Sex-related (sic) to demographics in Oklahoma
Henry B. Comby, Status offenders in the juvenile court
MINUTES - OSA MEETING 11/7/86

1. INTRODUCTION -
The Annual meeting was held in the Oklahoma Memorial Union (O. U.), on November 7, 1986. The annual meeting time was changed in the Spring, 1986 meeting to be in Fall instead of Spring. The business meeting began around 1:10 pm with OSA President Tom Hall (OU) presiding.

2. BUSINESS MEETING:
   a. FINANCIAL REPORT - Given by Sec./Treasurer Dave Wemhaner. He said that the monies were up from the $94 he received in 1985. Depending on expenses, they might double.

   b. REPORT ABOUT FREE INQUIRY. Given by Dr. Affleck (OU).
      1. Finances are good, with about $9000 in funds. They have not "dipped into it" for operational expenses. With the interest and subscription monies, they have managed well.
      2. Previous typesetting was donated by Dr. Allen, OSU, and is now being done by secretaries.
      3. There has been success in soliciting articles. Appealing to the Western SSA and the Academy of Criminal Justice had led to a lot of submissions. Marilyn Affleck asked that the programs from the professional meetings be sent to Free Inquiry.
      4. FI has 275 individual subscribers, and 16 international library subscriptions. We have added Yale and Delaware University to FI's 135 libraries.
      5. Approximately 70% acceptance rate.
      6. Need more reviewers.

   c. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT:
      1. Last year the Secretary-Treasurer position was changed to a two-year position in order to insure continuity. So, the only election was to be President-Elect for 1986-1987 (President for 1987-1988).
      2. The Nominating Committee, including Ed Arquitt (OSU) and Ed Webster (NSU), came up with these candidates:
         - President-elect: Billy Johnson - CSU
         - Cynthia Sayre - PU

      3. Richard Rettig proposed nominations cease, motion was seconded and approved.
      4. Following the last meeting, candidates for President-Elect gave a 3-5 minute speech.
      5. Balloting followed. Billy Johnson was elected Pres.-Elect for 1986-7 (President for 1987-8). (Rebecca Baughman was elected Sec./Treas. for 1986-1988 in last Spring's meeting).
d. STUDENT AWARDS FOR PAPERS.
   1. Hank Comby (TJC) thanked Alcorn, Rettig and Heflebower for their work on the review committee.
   2. Winners were:
      1st Place  -- Nancy Schneider, CSU  ($50 award)
      2nd Place (tie)-- Eric Admussen, OSU  ($25 award)
      2nd Place (tie)-- Elizabeth Wakeham, ECU  ($25 award)
      3rd Place  -- Janet Taylor, OSU  ($10 award).

e. OTHER BUSINESS:
   1. A motion was made to include the 1st Place student paper in the Free Inquiry. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
   2. A motion was made to consider a graduate paper contest. Discussion followed. A motion was made to take this under advisement by an executive committee as a separate competition. The decision will be made at next year’s meeting. Motion carried (22 favor, 2 opposed).
   3. A motion was made by Dave Wemhaner, OSA Sec./Treas. to increased dues from $2 to $4. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

f. Meeting broke for short break before the Program.

J. D. Wemhaner
OSA Sec.- Treasurer
NEWS RELEASE APRIL 11, 1986

The annual meeting of the Oklahoma Sociological Association was held Wednesday, April 9, 1986 in Edmond, OK at Central State University. The meeting featured presentation of undergraduate student papers, an address by Judge Marion Opala of the Oklahoma Supreme Court on "Law and Society: Issues in Conflict," and sessions on "Social Change," "Institutions and Individuals" and the "Past, Present and Future of Sociology."

The winners of the 1986 undergraduate student paper contest were:

First place, $50 prize: Mary Wright, Central State University for Gender, Birth Category, and Family Structure as They Relate to Self-Esteem." Supervisor Billy Johnson, CSU.

Second place, $25 prize: Jackie Burns, Stuart Grimsley, Darrin Higgins, Lesley Marsh and Kevin Young (Burns presented) for "Women's Labor Force Participation as Reflected in Comic Strips, 1940-1984." Supervisor Nancy Langton, OU.

Third place, $10 prize: Virginia Kirtman, Kevin Sharp, Jeanne Andree, Shelly McBroom, Debbie Trowbridge (Kirtman presented) for "Find A Penny, Pick It Up?" Supervisor Nancy Langton, OU.

Officers for 1986 took office, and officers for 1987 were elected:

1986: President: Thomas D. Hall, University of Oklahoma
Secretary-Treasurer: Dave Wemhaner, Tulsa Jr. College

Secretary-Treasurer: Becky Baughman, Northeastern State University

The group plans its next meeting in November 1986 to be held at the OU campus, and will include another undergraduate student paper contest. For further information contact Prof. Thomas Hall, Dept. of Sociology, University of Oklahoma (405-325-1751).

(Info. supplied by Thomas D. Hall, Dept. of Soc., OU, 325-1751)
MINUTES - OSA MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 1987

1. INTRODUCTION

The Annual meeting of the Oklahoma Sociological Association was held at TJC's Northeast Campus on November 20, 1987. Registration was held from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. and at 10:00 a.m. the Welcome was given by the President of OSA, Henry B. Comby, III.

2. STUDENT PAPER AWARDS

The Student Paper Competition was held during the morning session. There were ties for First, Second, and Third place in the competition.

Twenty-five dollars were awarded to each of the first-place winners: Marie Stephenson, CSU and Karla Jones, Phillips University.

Fifteen dollars were awarded to each of the second-place winners: Elizabeth Wakeman, ECOSU and Tod Vogt, NSU.

Ten dollars were awarded to each of the third-place winners: Ruth Mendus, CSU and Scott Ridgeway, ECOSU.

The first place papers will be published in the November, 1988 issue of Free Inquiry.

In addition to the awards mentioned above, two OSU students who presented special presentations using photography as a visual method in sociology were also presented awards of $10.00 each. (Jamie Piccolo and Melanie)

3. BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of the 1986 meeting and the OSA financial report were read by Rebecca Baughman, Sec/Treasurer. At the time of the November 20, 1987 meeting, OSA had $173.50 in its account.

A report on Free Inquiry was given by Dr. Marilyn Affleck. Dr. Affleck reported that FI is financially solvent. It is breaking even financially with an annual budget of approximately $4,500. Dr. Affleck stated that from July, 1986 - June, 1987 the excess of income over expenses was $631.55, but that there would not be an excess from July, 1987 - June, 1988. This is due to Free Inquiry hiring a typesetter. Dr. Affleck said that to cover the increased cost of the typesetter we need to increase individual subscriptions among the faculty members at the state level. (See attached notes from Dr. Affleck)
The election for President-elect was held during the business meeting. Candidates nominated by either the nominating committee or from the floor were: Jack Hickman, Cameron University; Lyle Tullis, So. Nazarene University; and Lori Heflebower, NSU. Lori Heflebower was chosen President-elect and will serve as the president of OSA for 1988-89.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

The afternoon program focused on the 200th Anniversary of the Constitution. Speakers were:

Dr. Joseph Blackman, TJC
Chairman, Oklahoma Constitution 200
Topic: Evaluating the Bicentennial

Dr. John George, CSU
Topic: Political Extremists and the Constitution

5. ADJOURNMENT

The annual meeting of OSA adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.
MINUTES - OSA MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 1988

1. INTRODUCTION

The annual meeting of the Oklahoma Sociological Association was held at Central State University, Edmond, OK on November 4, 1988. Registration was held from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m., and at 10:00 the meeting was opened by the President of the OSA, Billy Johnson.

2. STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The Student Paper Competition was held during the morning session. This year prizes were awarded for qualitative and quantitative papers.

Twenty-five dollars were awarded to: Paul Lamb, Central State University, whose paper was awarded first place in the quantitative competition and to Shawna Trotter, Northeastern State University, whose paper was awarded first place in the qualitative competition.

Fifteen dollars were awarded to Kent Dickerson, Oklahoma State University, whose paper was awarded second place in the qualitative competition.

3. BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of the 1987 meeting and the OSA financial report were read by Rebecca Baughman, Sec/Treasurer. At the time of the November 4, 1988 meeting, OSA had $249.25 in its account.

A report on Free Inquiry was given by Dr. Marilyn Afflect. She stated that the November 1988 issue was in the mail and that she had a list of reprints that are available for only the cost of postage. Dr. Afflect also stated that for the first time Free Inquiry did not break even. This was due to printing costs and the costs of paying the typesetter. More subscriptions are needed. The possibility of seeking donations from Sociology departments across the state was mentioned. To help alleviate some of the financial problems the decision has been made to raise the college subscription rate from ten dollars to twenty dollars per year. The increase will go into effect in 1990.

The election for President-elect and Secretary/Treasurer was held. Terry Dean, Rose State was chosen President-elect and will serve as the President of OSA for 1989-90. David Ford, ORU was elected Secretary/Treasurer of OSA for 1988-1990.

Dr. Billy Johnson, President of OSA, thanked the nominating committee for their work. He also urged all faculty to really look at student papers they receive during the Spring semester and
encourage students to enter the good papers in the student paper competition next year.

The incoming president, Dr. Lori Heflebower thanked Billy Johnson for all of his work as President of OSA. She asked if there would be any objections to having next year’s meeting at Tahlequah. No objections were made. There was some discussion as to a topic for next year’s program but no definite decision was made.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

The topic for the afternoon program was "Sociology in a Complementary Setting." Sociology's auxiliary role in the areas of criminal justice, social work and chemical dependence was discussed by: John Karlin, Phillips University; A.L. Moffatt, NEO A&M; Elizabeth Berger, Central State University; and Richard Rettig, Central State University.

Ray Quiet, East Central and Ed Arquitt, OSU discussed the "Recommendations for Strengthening the Social Sciences in Oklahoma Higher Education".

5. ADJOURNMENT

The annual meeting of OSA adjourned at approximately 4:05 p.m.
MINUTES FOR THE OSA MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 1989

I. INTRODUCTION

The 1989 annual OSA meeting was held at Western Hills State Lodge in Wagoner Okla. The meeting began informally on Thursday evening the second with a social held at the lodge. Friday morning began with refreshments and registration from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. The meeting was officially convened at approximately 9:45 a.m.

II. STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Six papers from students representing four schools were presented in the undergraduate student paper competition from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the morning. First place and twenty five dollars was awarded to Ms. Joani Luzi of CSU for her paper entitled "Drinking Behavior as it Relates to Relationship with Parents, Parental Drinking Behavior and Gender. Second place and fifteen dollars was given to Ms. Jeanne Fowler of OSU for her paper "Role of the Greeter in a Gesellschaft World."

III. LUNCHEON AND GUEST SPEAKER

A luncheon for OSA members and student guests was held at the lodge. The special guest speaker was the Reverend Carol Parrish, the leader of Sparrow Hawk community since 1981. Her topic concerned community formation structure and goals. She also addressed problematic concerns of the community. A question and answer session followed her presentation.

IV. BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was opened by president Lori Heflebower. Minutes from the last annual meeting were read by David Ford and were approved by those assembled. A treasurer's report was given. Prior to the 1989 meeting the OSA had $344.23 in it's two accounts at the Tulsa Teacher's Credit Union.

A report on Free Inguity was given by Marilyn Affleck. She announced that after the November 1990 issue, Joan Luxenburg of CSU would be assuming editorship of the journal. She announced that we were doing all right financially, but planned to increase the subscription rate for libraries. She announced a goal of trying to double the subscription rate. Typesetting will still be done at OSU because of the excellent typesetter there. The November 1989 issue of the journal did not have many submissions from Oklahoma sociologists. Marilyn stated she hoped more Oklahoma sociologists would submit papers to help the journal remain primarily a vehicle for Oklahomans.
Elections for OSA president-elect were held. Dave Wampler chaired the nominating committee and Billy Johnson conducted the election. Nominees were John Gross - OSU, Richard Pettig - OSU, and William Zellner - ECU. Richard Pettig was elected.

Under new business feedback was gathered concerning the overnight - next day meeting format. There seemed to be a general consensus to continue with this format next year.

It was moved and seconded by those assembled to allow students, particularly those who were presenting papers, to only have to pay registration for the meeting rather than having to pay registration and dues.

President Lori Heffebower encouraged faculty to get their students to submit papers for the competition next year.

V. PANEL SESSION

The afternoon's program consisted of a panel session and interaction on innovative teaching techniques in sociology classes. The panel was chaired by Richard Pettig. Other members included Sharron methvin, Billy Johnson, Marilyn Affleck and Carla McVarrish. Ideas were shared concerning testing methods, presentation styles and ways to encourage class participation through interesting projects.

VI. CLOSING REMARKS

At the end of the meeting President Heffebower thanked TJC and their faculty for their contribution of printing up the OSA Directories. The previously mentioned student paper awards were announced. Terry Dean the 1990 president also made a call for submission of student papers. She also led the assembly in a show of appreciation to Lori for her service. President Heffebower gave thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the 1989 meeting. The meeting officially adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Ford, OSA Secretary/Treasurer
MINUTES FOR THE MOUNTIAN, 2, 1989 QSA MEETING

II. INTRODUCTION

The 1989 annual QSA meeting was held in the Tom Haden Center on the campus of Iowa State College in Midwest City. The meeting began informally on Thursday evening the first with a social. Friday morning began with registration and refreshments from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. The meeting was officially convened by President, Terry Dean at 10:00 a.m.

III. Student Paper Competition

Seven papers from students representing five schools were presented from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. First place in the twenty-five dollar award was given to Shelly Curtiss of CB for the quantitative category. Gary Steward and Jane Burns tied for second place in the qualitative category and each received a fifteen dollar award. Laren Welch of North Eastern won first place in the qualitative paper category and an award of twenty-five dollars. Terry Klein of ISC took second place in this category and was awarded fifteen dollars. James Kenda I received a third place prize of ten dollars.

IV. LUNCHEON AND GUEST SPEAKER

A luncheon for QSA members and student guests was held on the campus of Iowa State College. The special guest speaker was Dr. Virginia McDermott, the honors program director for Oklahoma City University. Her interesting and entertaining subject matter was the relationships of women and men particularly in the areas of differences in verbal and nonverbal communication.

V. BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting was convened at 1:40 p.m. by President, Dean Minnie. The minutes were approved. A brief financial report was also given by David Ford.

A report on the status of the Free Inquiry Journal was given by Marilyn Affleck. Members were informed that a new subscription rate of twelve dollars would go into effect in 1992. Joan Luxemburn of CB was introduced as the new editor for the journal. Susan Waller and David Ford both also of CB were introduced as the new assistant editors. Susan Waller gave a brief report regarding ideas for changes in the journal. New associate editors were being recruited by Joan and the associate editors would be handling those related organization, finances and promotion of the journal. Susan also stated that there was always a need for more reviewers and scribes from the QSA membership. Terry Dean ended the membership in thanking Marilyn for her hard work on the journal these past years.

Under new business, Richard Babin the President-Elect suggested the idea of having next year's meeting at Dream Mountain Resort & Lodges, the show of hands the membership's support for the idea.
Elections for President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer were held. Liz Berger chaired the nomination committee, which also included Ed Arpicht and Pat Hitchcock. Nominees for President-Elect were David Knottnerus and William Miller. Nominees for Secretary/Treasurer were Pat Barker and Ken Elder. Knottnerus of OSU was voted in as President-Elect and Pat Barker of OKC Community College was voted in as Secretary/Treasurer. Richard Retting of OSU assumes the Presidency.

V. AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES AND CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The computer lab in the Tom East Center was made available in the afternoon for members to explore various kinds of software options. Ruth Brown of Boise State made a presentation on the use of computer software as a teaching tool. At 3:20 p.m. Richard Retting announced the winners of the student paper competition. Retting as the new president expressed appreciation for the work of outgoing president Terry Dean. The meeting was officially adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Ford, Secretary/Treasurer 1990-1991
OKLAHOMA SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
1992 Business Meeting Minutes
November 6, 1992

President David Knottnerus opened the meeting.

President elect Bill Zellner announced the winner of the undergraduate student paper competition, Libbe Gray from the University of Central Oklahoma. An award of $35 was announced.

Nominations and elections were held for two offices. Billy Johnson and John Rourdette were on the nominating committee. Because of past experience of difficulty with the secretary/treasurer position, Billy suggested a change of philosophy in terms of how we nominate and elect officers. He stated that only one person's name should be put into nomination for each position, unless there were nominations from the floor. People nominated should really be dedicated to working in their elected position.

After much discussion about the secretary/treasurer position it was decided that David Ford would assume an interim role for one year.

Billy Johnson defined the role of the President-Elect. He then submitted Jack Hickman's name. After a short discussion, Richard Rettig moved that David Ford and Jack Hickman be elected to their positions by acclamation. The motion carried. Jack then made some comments in response to his election.

David Ford gave a report. No minutes were read from the previous year's meeting because there were none. A financial report was given. Remarks were made concerning balancing the books after the paperwork was acquired from the previous sec./treasurer. They balance! Trust me! Financial receipts from the meeting totaled $1,572. After paying estimated expenses it was anticipated that we would have about $581 in the account. A motion was made by David Ford to use funds from the account to copy and mail out the directory to the membership. The motion was carried.

President Knottnerus thanked Ford and Johnson. He then made comments regarding Oklahoma having both a state organization and a state journal. We are in a fairly unique position.

Shauna Cleary representing Joan Luxenburg, gave a report on the status of the journal. It was announced that finances were tight but that we were currently in the black.

Two motions were submitted to the organization by the journal's board of governors.
1. Authorization to pursue the purchase of a computer for OSU and the journal was requested.
2. A suggestion of doing a special issue on a specific theme with a guest editor was given to the group.

After much discussion these motions were passed.

It was also announced that Joan Luxenburg still plans to resign her position as editor.

Discussion regarding the possibility of having a special issue took place. It was stated that sociology classes could use the special issue as a text. Richard Rettig stated that the initial idea was to make a special
issue on Crime and Delinquency by combining articles from past issues. The articles would be accessible and could be used as an auxiliary text. Joan’s workload could be reduced. It could raise extra funds for the journal. Some complications were mentioned about the process of doing an extra issue. It was suggested that the theme issue could come out one every four times. The main motivation was stated again to raise more money for the journal. All the suggestions would be given to Joan for her consideration.

David Knottnerus asked about submission of names to the board of governors for replacing Joan as editor. A discussion was had about the need to find a very committed person to take over the editorship.

There was no old business.

Under new business, David Knottnerus raised the issue of continuing the student paper competition. There was much discussion regarding problems with that format and the decline in the number of submissions the past several meetings. A general consensus prevailed that the organization should try a format of undergraduate, graduate and faculty paper presentations, after the style of this year’s meeting.

Knottnerus solicited feedback about this year’s meeting format. He also raised the issue of expanding to a day and a half or two day meeting. Questions were raised and debated about how such meetings could be structured. The possibility of having small workshops was also discussed.

There was an indication of support for Bill Zellner’s proposal to have the meeting at Lake Arrowhead Lodge and have an over night/next day format.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30.

Submitted by

[Signature]

David A. Ford,
Secretary/Treasurer
Oklahoma Sociological Association
OKLAHOMA SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
1994 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 1994

The 1994 meeting was held at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

The 1994 business meeting of the Oklahoma Sociological Association was convened by President-elect David A. Ford at 1:55 p.m.

A Treasurer's Report was read by the Secretary/Treasurer, Cal Easterling.

The minutes of the 1993 business meeting were read and approved.

The meeting was dedicated to Dr. Jack Hickman, President of O.S.A. for 1993-94. A plaque was presented in his honor to Sharon Methvin in memory of Dr. Hickman, who passed away due to cancer on Thursday, October 27, only one week before the scheduled meeting.

Dr. Ed Webster from N.S.U. was nominated by David Ford as President-Elect for 1994-95. The nomination was seconded by Ed Arquitt of O.S.U. and Dr. Webster was elected.

John Cross reported on the Free Inquiry in Sociology Journal. The November issue is currently being typeset. Don Martin, Gary Steward, and others were acknowledged for their work with the Journal. Joan Luxenburg was thanked again for the great job she had done. The Journal is comparable with the very best regional journals.

Funding for the Journal was discussed. John Cross reported that the printing bill has not been paid for the May issue. There is $300 outstanding for manuscript fees. The November issue is "shaky" in
terms of financing.

Dr. Cross gave a brief history of the journal’s consortium, which currently includes only U.C.O., Cameron, and O.S.U. The possibility of dissolving the consortium was raised. One suggestion was that the board be composed of representatives from institutions that contribute to the journal. Individual participation was also encouraged.

Dr. Cross announced a rate change for the journal. In 1995 the subscription rate will increase from $12 to $20. Library subscriptions will be $30 in the U.S. and $35 outside the U.S. Manuscript fees will increase to $25. The viability of the journal was said to be at stake.

President David Ford said there are no By-laws or Guide-lines for the O.S.A. He proposed that he be empowered to appoint a task force or committee to draft some recommended By-laws to be presented and discussed in the 1995 meeting. There was general agreement that such a document would be beneficial to the O.S.A., particularly in light of the fact that we need to focus on the future with a new century coming in a few years.

Dr. Ford articulated the following as possible goals for the future of the O.S.A.

1) Written By-laws, including procedures and officers’ structure
2) The O.S.A. should become incorporated, complete with a tax number, as an official non-profit organization
3) A look to the past--commemoration of our history
4) Emphasis on building relationships with non-participants
5) A regular newsletter to be sent to sociology departments across the state
6) Recruit both institutional and individual memberships

Dr. Ford emphasized that these steps should help get a
better turnout for our meetings and broaden the base for the journal.

It was generally agreed that the first weekend in November would be kept for the O.S.A. meetings. Dr. Ford proposed that the next meeting be held on Friday only with the Round-Table in the afternoon. The motion was seconded and carried.

Stephen Melsch moved to establish reps on the executive committee as follows:

one from two-year colleges
one from public four-year colleges
one from private four-year colleges
one from four-year public universities with graduate programs in sociology

These reps would do public relations work, build relationships, and advertise the O.S.A. and the Free Inquiry journal. The motion was seconded and carried. Stephen Melsch was chosen to represent the two-year colleges and Doug Reed was chosen to represent the private four-year institutions. The remaining reps will be appointed by the executive committee during the year.

President David Ford moved that the O.S.A. contribute $75 to the Cameron University Jack Hickman Scholarship Fund which will benefit an individual sociology major each year who shows scholarly potential. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Ford also called for more timely notice of participation and registration.

The suggestion was made that student memberships be allowed. The question of whether undergraduate students should be allowed to be full voting members was debated. Dr. Ford replied that this is a possibility and will be considered during the writing of the By-laws.
It was further suggested that students be listed on the membership roster, and that the journal should be optional for students.

The suggestion was made that the proposed By-laws might be mailed to the membership and voted upon by mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Calvin Henry Easterling
Secretary/Treasurer
1994
The 1995 meeting was held at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

The 1995 business meeting of the Oklahoma Sociological Association was convened by President David A. Ford at 11:51 a.m. Dr. Ford thanked Ed Webster and Cal Easterling for their work on the By-Laws, registration, and other matters.

Dr. Ford announced that O.S.A. has met its goal of incorporation. This will be a foundation for O.S.A. from now on. The Executive Committee, with help from David Knottnerus, examined several sets of By-Laws from other state associations. Numerous drafts were written. Sid Brown helped greatly with legal issues. The final draft is not perfect but the document is malleable because amendments are possible in the future. The By-Laws provide for student membership in the O.S.A. The journal, Free Inquiry in Sociology, is officially connected to the O.S.A. A federal tax number is being sought. This will enable contributions to be made. The Journal will also be able to use the tax number.

David Ford moved that the By-Laws be accepted. Joanna Howard seconded the motion, which carried by a voice vote.

Legal counsel Sid Brown said that we must hereafter use "O.S.A., Inc." in our literature and on our checks.

A Treasurer's Report was read by the Secretary/Treasurer, Cal Easterling.

The minutes of the 1994 business meeting were read by Secretary/Treasurer Cal Easterling, who moved that they be accepted. The motion was seconded by David Knottnerus and carried by a voice vote.

John Cross gave a report on the Journal’s financial status. The balance was currently $4,417.57. The November publication appeared to be solvent. 33 manuscripts had been submitted. They have reduced the number of extra copies printed. All subscriptions are now on a calendar year basis. O.S.A. memberships will be 1996 subscriptions. The manuscript fee is $13 for subscribers and $28 for non-subscribers. All present were urged to send contributions from their institutions. They were considering a special issue on gangs, and will send out a call for articles. Dr. Cross thanked all present who had contributed by reviewing articles and asked for volunteer reviewers, as well as additional manuscripts.

Dave Ford commented that all the suggestions concerning the Journal made in the previous year’s meeting had been implemented.
Any person or institution who contributes $100 or more to the Journal can serve on the board.

Sid Brown suggested raising more money for the gangs issue.

David Ford explained the nomination process and thanked Ed Webster, Doug Reed, and John Bourdette for serving on the Nominating Committee. The election of officers was then held, with the following persons elected by voice vote:

President-Elect.............Joanna Howard, Langston University
Secretary/Treasurer..........Sharon Methvin, Cameron University
Board of Advisors...........Richard Dodder, Oklahoma State Univ.
                          Linda Wilcox, Southern Nazarene Univ.
                          Doug Reed, Phillips University

Dr. Ed Webster from Northeastern State University assumed the leadership as President of O.S.A. during the business meeting. He started by thanking Dave Ford and Cal Easterling for their excellent work.

Dr. Webster proposed a newsletter about O.S.A., as well as a speakers' list—speakers and lecturers on various topics. He promised to continue pursuing the federal tax number, and suggested that a committee put together a history of the O.S.A.

The 1996 meeting will held in Tulsa on the second or third Friday in November at the University Center at Tulsa. The theme for next year's meeting will be The Greenwood District and the Tulsa Riot of 1921. Papers might be focused on this topic.

Sharon Methvin asked about the Proceedings. Ed Webster explained that only 2 papers were received; therefore, the Proceedings was not published in 1995.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin Henry Easterling, Ph.D.
Secretary/Treasurer
1993-95
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
OKLAHOMA SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 1996 ANNUAL MEETING
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

OSA president Ed Webster called the 1996 Business Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The secretary's report of the 1995 meeting was read. Dave Ford made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by John Cross. The treasurer's report of the 1995 meeting was read. Prior to the 1996 meeting, the Association had a cash balance of $783.11. After a short discussion regarding the correct cost for lunch at the 1995 meeting, Dave Ford made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and it was seconded by John Cross. Both motions carried.

President Webster acknowledged the assistance of the faculty from Tulsa Community College in coordinating the meeting location arrangements. He also expressed appreciation to the students from Cameron and TCC who assisted with morning registration.

Dave Ford gave a report from the Nominating Committee. Dr. Ford, on behalf on the Committee, recommended and made the motion that Cal Easterling serve as President Elect. It was seconded by Ed Arquist. The motion carried. President Elect Easterling then stated that he hoped the membership would support his efforts and continue an active involvement in the state association.

It was noted that the Board of Advisors were elected for a two year term and therefore will continue to serve one more year.

John Cross gave a report on "Free Inquiry." The Journal had a current balance of $2,126.30. He noted that the special issue on Gangs received 47 submissions. A total of 77 articles had been received as regular submissions. The review board was now accepting submissions for the November 1997 issue. Four had currently been accepted. Dr. Easterling asked if the special issue on gangs could be ordered for class use. The editor noted that if there was sufficient demand, the issue could be reprinted for such purposes. The "Free Inquiry" report was approved and seconded.

Old Business

The tax number for the association needs to be pursued.

The OSA Newsletter will continue to be pursued.

Anyone who is interested in reviewing journal submissions should send a note to Dr. Cross.

New Business

It was noted that the student attendance at the annual meeting is putting the faculty to shame. Ed Arquist encouraged the membership to try to encourage their colleagues to get involved in the association.
JoAnn Howard took over the role of president for 1997. She stated that the 1997 annual meeting would be held in Langston, OK in conjunction with Langston's 100 anniversary. Her goal for the meeting is to have 100 bodies present. The meeting is to be held on the 7 or 14 of November.

Dr. Arquist announced a special study opportunity for college credit was being offered by his department at OSU.

The 1996 annual business meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Sharon Methvin
OSA Secretary/Treasurer
Unapproved Minutes
Oklahoma Sociological Association, Business Meeting, November 6, 1997
Langston University, Langston OK

OSA president Joanna Howard called the 1997 business meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

President Howard expressed thanks to those Langston University faculty, staff, and students that assisted with the planning and operation of the meeting.

1996 OSA meeting minutes were read and approved.

Free Inquiry Report - Dr. John Cross, Editor.

J. Cross reported a current balance of 3,144.99 with costs for printing the November issue, postal fees for the November issue, and D. Sweet’s salary to be paid. J. Cross recommended the association increase the rate of individual subscription rates. During discussion D. Ford suggested the association include extra subscription forms with membership/journal information. J. Cross suggested cross-referenced mailing lists with other professional organizations. S. Methvin raised the question of a special issue of Free Inquiry on women’s issues. J. Cross stated additional funding would be needed for a special issue.

OSA Web Site - Dr. John Lamberton.

J. Lamberton with Transtrack, Inc. developed the OSA web site. The site contains the updated OSA directory, a bulletin board, and a chat room for faculty and students. In the future on line registration for the annual meeting and journal subscriptions may be possible.

Secretary/Treasures Report - Dr. Sharon Methvin.

1996 treasures report was read and approved.

New Business

Increasing OSA involvement in the state - There was discussion on increasing the number of students involved in the association. S. Methvin suggested a student newsletter or student representative. D. Ford indicated a continuity problem exists with student participation and membership. Suggestions included designating a faculty representative from each school and developing a rotating student representative for each school.

Nominating committee – There was discussion of the next slate of officers. John Lamberton was nominated as president elect and Doug Reed was nominated as secretary/treasurer. D. Ford moved to accept slate and association approved with a unanimous “I.”
President Cal Easterling announced the next annual meeting would be held in the State Capital, 4th floor rotunda on November 6, 1998. The theme for the meeting would be “Future Studies.”

The 1997 annual business meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas P. Reed
Dr. Douglas P. Reed
OSA Secretary/Treasurer
Oklahoma Sociological Association  
Minutes from November 10, 2000 Business Meeting  
University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma 

1999-2000 Officers:  
Wil Scott (OU) President  
Doug Reed (UCO) President-Elect  
John Lambertson (OSU) Secretary/Treasurer  

OSA President Wil Scott called the 2000 Business Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.  

Previous Meeting Minutes:  Doug Reed read the minutes from last year’s meeting. The minutes were approved.  

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report:  Doug Reed reported that the previous account balance was $1,080.04. The current account balance is $1,030.04.  

Free Inquiry Report:  Al Mata, Editor, gave a report on the Free Inquiry journal. He is looking at putting some material on the Internet in PDF format. There would be a need for money to assist with production and a need for ideas for themes.  

New Business:  Discussion was held on the need for creative momentum to increase meeting participation. There is a need for all schools to be represented with faculty and students. Ideas included vendors, more time, student papers, and social activity.  

Election of 2000-2001 Officers:  
Doug Reed (UCO) President  
Kay Decker (NWOSU) President-Elect  
Kelly Damphousse (OU) Secretary/Treasurer  

Next year’s meeting will be held at the University of Central Oklahoma.  

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.  

Respectfully Submitted,  

[Signature]  
Kelly R. Damphousse  
OSA Secretary/Treasurer
Kelly,

Here are the minutes from the OSA meeting in Edmond held November 9, 2001

1. Dr. Doug Reed, OSA President called the business meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.
2. Welcoming remarks were given by Dr. Reed and Academic Affairs VP of UCO, Dr. Don Betz.
3. Dr. Kay Decker read the minutes from the 2000 meeting in the absence of Dr. Kelly Damphhouse, Sec/Treasurer of OSA. The minutes were approved after one change was made.
4. The Treasurer’s report was delivered by Dr. Decker and approved, the bank account balance was $4,158.00.
5. Al Mata submitted the annual report for Free Inquiry, and asked that all Sociology Departments have representation on the board, and should assist with the website. Dr. John Cross of OSU will take over the editorship of Free Inquiry beginning January 1, 2002. Discussion was held regarding the funding for Free Inquiry.
6. No new business was discussed.
7. Nominations for the 2001-2002 slate of officers were taken from the floor. Kay Decker was named the Incoming President, Gary Steward made the motion to have David Newcomb from Rogers State serve as the Vice President, and Kelly Damphhouse will continue to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. All positions were filled by acclamation. The new officers were installed, and Dr. Decker talked about the next meeting to be held at NWOSU in Alva.
8. David Ford addressed the low attendance issue during the announcements.
9. The business meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

I tried to get everything written down, and hope that nothing of great import was left out.

The keynote speaker for the meeting was delivered by Dr. Steve Sloan on International Terrorism. The keynote was held in conjunction with the luncheon.