

Summary of OSA Meeting  
November 2 2007

Dr. Bob Bausch welcomed all to the 2007 OSA meeting and introduced vice president Monica Varner, secretary/treasurer Brenda Chappell, John Cross – Free Inquiry and Dean Von Underwood.

Brenda Chappell discussed the 2007 OSA meeting minutes and treasurer's report and both were approved.

Dean Von Underwood discusses the \$8-10 million dollars of improvements that have been done to Cameron's campus explaining that this is a great time of physical change for it. He then welcomed OSA's speaker James Anderson.

John Cross's main issue was to make the web easier to use. The Inquiry has been a difficult project this year because of his ill son. Major libraries are encouraged to join because it helps us out. The cost was raised due to publishing cost. The major source of income is libraries but they are not encouraged to join. The Inquiry got special funding - \$2000 – but we won't have that money next year. The subscription rate is about 65%.

Dr. Bausch took nominations for the president elect. Monica nominated Joseph Simpson (student) which stirred inquiry. Dr. Ford asked Mr. Simpson who he was and he responded: a graduate Ph.D. student working on his thesis at OSU. Dr. Ford questions the ability of a student to put on the OSA conference.

Joanna Howard suggested that the person should be a full-time faculty.

Dr. Bausch read the rules of the president elect from the by-laws.

Joanna Howard was nominated and Joseph Simpson wanted a vote between the two candidates. Joanna Howard was nominated as president elect.

Dr. Ford discussed the flaw in the by-laws and suggested that something be written that the president elect should be a practicing sociologist in academic study.

Dr. Varner mentioned allowing people in related fields and that we need to make changes to clarify the requirements for board members. She said that there was nothing about graduate students serving on the board and we need to write an amendment to clarify this issue.

Dr. Cross suggested that the president and president-elect come together to make the language clear and Dr. Ford made a motion to do this and all approved this motion.

Dr. Sid Brown discussed OSA's non-profit status and we would need to get the IRS to approve this. The bi-laws need to reflect our incentive to help others outside of our association. Dr. Brown needs to see what OSA does for the community and not just for the members then explore this with the IRS.

A motion was made to pursuer non-profit tax exempt status and the motion was carried.

A motion was made to adjourn and was carried.