



The Academy of Leisure Sciences

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Minutes of Annual Meeting
Baltimore, Maryland
October 19, 1991

The program portion of the annual meeting was convened at 8:50 a.m. by incoming President and Program Chair, Bev Driver. Dr. Driver led the Academy members in a discussion of the development of a White Paper. Areas of discussion included: 1) desirability of such an effort, 2) intended audience, 3) purpose, 4) dissemination channels, 5) authors, and 6) a general discussion of content. It was concluded that a White Paper was a valuable effort for the Academy and that it should be developed for the general public with distribution through mass media, predominantly newspapers and T.V. A variety of purposes were identified, most of which related to 1) increasing public's understanding of the importance of leisure in addressing social issues, and 2) identifying social trends and the relationship of leisure to these circumstances and situations. It was decided that a committee of the Academy would be responsible for developing the whole paper. Members selected to the committee were: Geoff Godbey, Jack Kelly, Bev Driver, Diana Dunn, Doug Sessoms, and Tom Goodale. It was left to the committee to determine the process through which they would develop the White Paper.

President Ditton called the business meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.; October 19, 1991.

Peter Witt, Chair of the Future Scholars Program introduced the five individuals selected for the first year. They were:

Allison Adams - University of Utah
Susan Inman - Virginia Commonwealth University
Beth Kivel - San Francisco State University
Jennifer McKinney - Florida State University
Ingrid Sheridan - University of Minnesota

Minutes of the 1990 meeting were approved. Minutes were previously distributed.

Treasurer's Report was distributed at the meeting. As of September 30, 1991, there was a balance of \$2,462.70. The report was accepted by the members.

Program Committee Report - The morning's activities relating to the White Paper were accepted as the committee report.

Nominations and Elections Committee Report - No new Fellows were elected to the Academy.

New Officers - President-Elect - Dr. Peter Witt

Nominations and Elections Committee: Tom Goodale and Karla Henderson

Old Business

1. **Doctoral Dissertation Awards Committee - Geoff Godbey explained the policies, procedures and advertising for the Award. Also, he presented a \$500 check for half of the costs of the Award from Venture Publishing. Discussion ensued regarding the coordination of this Award with other Doctoral Awards. Further, it was pointed out that there was a lack of participation from academia in nominating doctoral students. President Ditton thanked Dr. Godbey and his committee for their good work in getting the award program organized.**

It was recommended that Dr. Edgar Jackson be appointed to chair this Committee in the coming year to provide continuity for committee activities.

2. **Future Scholars Program (FSP). Peter Witt commented on the contributions from several members and organizations in support of the program. A summary of support was distributed to the membership. Twenty-one applications were received. Dr. Witt asked for a \$500 commitment by ALS annually to support The Scholar's Program.**

Two motions were presented by Peter Witt.

- a. **Moved that sponsorship of the FSP be listed as "ALS and SPRE" rather than "ALS in cooperation with SPRE". Second: Heath; passed.**
- b. **Moved that the Executive Committee of ALS should be empowered and the Board of Directors of SPRE should be approached to authorize specific groups to solicit funds for the FSP to honor specific individuals.
Second: Dunn; passed.**

President Ditton formally thanked P. Witt, NRPA and SPRE for their work and support of FSP.

Recommended to new president that Leo McAvoy and Carol Peterson head the FSP for 1992. Leo McAvoy to head program in 1993 with person to be selected next year. McAvoy and Peterson agreed and they were appointed by President-elect Driver.

3. **501(C)(3) application**
L. Allen informed the membership that the application had been submitted to the IRS and is presently under review.
4. **President Ditton reported that ALS will have a session at the 4th Symposium on Social Sciences in Resource Management at Madison, Wisconsin. A call for papers will be developed, but the exact nature of the session has not been set as of yet.**
5. **President Ditton reported that copies of the revised ALS constitution had been provided to each member. Also, copies of the 10th Anniversary ALS brochures were provided to NRPA Trustees, Boards of other NRPA organizations, and to the leadership of the other academies.**

New Business

1. **President-elect Driver indicated that next year's annual meeting will be the same format as this year and held on Saturday of the Congress.**
2. **C. Van Doren raised question of NRPA's support and recognition of the Leisure Research Symposium and leisure research in general. He will investigate the history of NRPA's involvement and support of the Symposium and research in general to determine whether an anniversary is imminent.**
3. **President Ditton thanked everyone for their outstanding work and he felt many fine programs had been put into place.**

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m.