

Business Meeting Minutes
Section on Aging and Life Course
Saturday, August 20, 2016
5:30-6:10 p.m. 2nd Floor, Willow Room A.
Sheraton Seattle Hotel

I. CALL TO ORDER: Jeylan Mortimer

II. APPROVAL OF THE 2015 MINUTES: Jill Suitor

Last year's minutes were approved.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jill Suitor

The Section on Aging and the Life Course continues to be in excellent financial shape. We maintain a high level of activity at the annual meeting, which includes holding the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Lecture and Reception and the Mentoring Program Dinner. We are able to cover these costs through the generous institutional and individual support that we continue to receive, as well as income from the book raffle. The section chair, Jeylan Mortimer, and the chair of the Professional Development and Mentoring Committee, Madonna Harrington Meyer, were particularly successful in obtaining financial support for this year's mentoring dinner.

Income from dues and our section allocation from ASA increased slightly in the past year, thanks to efforts by the Chair, Jeylan Mortimer, and the Membership Committee, Georgiana Bostean and Kyler Sherman-Wilkins, to attract new section members.

In 2014, in anticipation of further rising costs of food and drink at ASA locations in 2015 and 2016, the SALC Council voted to hold the Matilda White Riley Lecture and the SALC Business Meeting late in the day, to be followed by the Mentoring Dinner at a nearby location. This change from previous years substantially reduced the cost of hosting the MWR Lecture and Business Meeting and allowed fundraising efforts to be focused on the Mentoring Dinner. The combination of reduced meeting costs and the highly successful fundraising for the Mentoring Dinner resulted in tickets being made available at a price well below the actual cost this year. (Full report provided at bottom of minutes.)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Program Committee: Jeylan Mortimer

The 2016 Program Committee (Jeylan Mortimer, Chair, Tim Owens, and Jane McLeod) selected the program theme for 2016, "Challenges and New Directions for Life Course Studies," identified invited and open session topics, and chose session organizers.

SALC has six sessions on the 2016 ASA Annual Meeting program, which is above the allocation of four that we would have received based on our September 2015 membership count of 530. To achieve a fifth allocated session we needed to increase our membership to 600. To attain this goal, we initiated a vigorous and highly successful membership drive immediately following the 2015 meeting, together with the SALC Membership Committee (Georgiana Bostean, Chair, Kyler Sherman-Wilkins, Rebecca Wang, and Tirth Bhatta). This highly successful drive included several appeals to lapsed members (encouraging them to renew their memberships) and current members (urging them to recruit colleagues and students), as well as free student memberships made possible by donations to SALC. By 9/30/2015 (the last day that ASA accepts new memberships for the calendar year), we had increased our membership total to 612, thereby earning five official program slots. Our sixth session at the 2016 meeting is co-sponsored with two other sections, the Section on Disability and Society and the Section on Medical Sociology. This sixth session is counted by ASA as one of the Section on Disability and Society's allocations.

Our six sessions include three open sessions, “Life Course Research and Social Policy,” organized by Madonna Harrington Meyer, “Life Course Construction in Challenging Circumstances,” organized by Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson, and “Rethinking Social Movements in Relationship to Disability, Health, and Aging,” organized by Robyn Brown (co-sponsored). In addition, we have one invited session, “Emerging Trends and New Directions in Life Course Studies, organized by Jeylan Mortimer; Section Roundtables, organized by Carol Aneshensel and Andrew London; and the combined Matilda White Riley Distinguished Lecture and SALC Business Meeting. Our events also include the SALC Reception and Mentoring Dinner, organized by Madonna Harrington Meyer, Committee Chair, Janet Wilmoth, Jerald Herting, Stacy Torres, and Adriana Reyes.

This remarkably full and interesting program is the result of vigorous efforts and planning by this year’s Program Committee, Membership Committee, session organizers, authors, and Council members. I am most grateful to them for their prodigious efforts and constant dedication to SALC.

The detailed program of SALC events at our 2016 annual meeting follows.

Saturday August 20 SALC Section Day

7:00-8:15 am SALC Council Meeting

8:30- 10:10 am Life Course Research and Social Policy

Organizer: Madonna Harrington Meyer

Lags and Leaps: The Dynamics of Demography, Economy, and Policy and the Implications for Life Course Research. Angela O’Rand and Amie Bostic.

Exploring Life Course and Network Mechanisms Underlying Prison-based Therapeutic Communities. Derek Kreager, Dana Haynie, David Schaefer, Jacob Yang, Martin Bouchard, Michaela Sayer

Do U.S. states’ socioeconomic and political contexts influence disability across the adult life course? Jennifer Karas Montez, Mark D. Hayward, and Douglas A. Wolf

School Wellness Policies and Adolescent Obesity: An Ecological Study. Rebecca Utz
Discussant: Jacqueline Angel

10:30 am – 12:10 pm SALC Roundtables

Organizers: Carol Aneshensel and Andrew London
(14 tables, 52 papers)

2:30 – 4:10 pm Emerging Trends and Future Directions in Life Course Studies

Organizer: Jeylan Mortimer

New Directions in Life Course Studies. Michael Shanahan

Criminal Justice and the Life Course. Sara Wakefield and Robert Apel

The Life Course and Mental Health. William Avison

Neighborhood, Place, and the Life Course. Christopher Browning

The Influence of Social Welfare Policies on Health Disparities across the Life Course. Pamela Herd

4:30- 5:30 pm. Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award Lecture

Presenter: Professor Debra Umberson, University of Texas-Austin

5:30-6:30 pm. SALC Business Meeting

6:45-9:00 pm. SALC Reception and Mentoring Dinner

Organizer: Madonna Harrington Meyer

The Paris Ballroom at Hotel Monaco. 1101 Fourth Avenue, Seattle

Sunday, August 21

10:30 am-12:10 pm Life Course Construction in Challenging Circumstances

Organizer: Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson

B. Book Raffle Committee: Jennifer Ailshire

(Amelia Karraker and Ryon Cobb assisted with ticket sales)

The book raffle will be held at the Mentoring Dinner. Section members have donated 16 prizes: 12 Books/2 Kindle Fires/2 Seattle-themed items. Members will be encouraged to donate their books for next year's raffle. The raffle will take place at the mentoring dinner rather than the business meeting this year. Continuing this practice would be beneficial because data from past years indicates that the raffle is more successful when conducted during the dinner.

2016 Donors:

Vern Bengston

Pam Herd

Twyla Hill

C. Membership Committee: Georgiana Bostean and Kyler Sherman-Wilkins (Presented by Georgiana Bostean)

1. Membership Summary

Current members by type

As of 8/12/2016, SALC has 554 members, which is well above the ASA average of 464 (in June), and above our level approximately this time last year (516 in Aug., 2015). We hope to reach over 600 this year (as we did last year) to receive a higher number of allotted sessions at the annual meeting. That means we still need to recruit 45 members by year end.

In order to increase our membership, we need to continue recruitment efforts through personal communications, e-mails, and social media outlets. Word-of-mouth is among the most effective, so thank you to all Council members who have sent e-mails or mentioned SALC to their students and colleagues. We ask that you continue to do so.

2. Central Concerns and Recommendations

These recommendations remain much the same as last year's:

a) Attrition, particularly of regular members

Attrition has increased slightly since last year. We've lost more members this year compared to last. Of non-renewals, a greater proportion are members who did not renew ASA than those who renewed

ASA membership, but did renew SALC. The greatest proportion of non-renewals are regular members. **ASA Footnotes (June 2014) summarizes results of a survey of ASA non-renewals and finds that section membership is a key benefit of ASA, and that cost is a major reason for not renewing.**

Recommendations:

- **Highlight the ASA & SALC “low income” options.** There is a “low-income” ASA option (\$50 for regular membership if unemployed), and a non-voting Associate Membership ASA option (\$103 for those without academic appointments). Our section has a “low income” membership option for \$10 and \$6 membership for students. We may be losing some student members who finish their degrees, but do not place in full-time positions immediately, so allow their section or ASA membership to lapse.
- **Continue social media (Facebook, Twitter) section involvement to bolster section sense of community. Is there feedback on members’ reception of the new section in the newsletter that features a member bio?**

b) Student membership

SALC student membership, at 24% of members, is below ASA section average of 29.5%. Most of our attrition (56%) is from student members.

Recommendations:

- **Highlight networking benefits.** As last year, the Membership Committee suggests focusing on promoting the professional mentoring and networking benefits of Section membership. Regular encouragement and reminders by SALC members within departments with aging/life course specializations may also enhance student membership and decrease student attrition.
- **SALC Student Rep outreach.** In addition, SALC student representatives can send personal testimonials to their department peers about SALC, an approach that seems to have been effective in the last few years since we began doing this.

3. Additional Strategies to Increase Membership

We continue to recommend many of the same approaches as we did last year, as they appear to be effective.

a. Tailored communications to recruit new members

We thank all Council Members who sent out a membership e-mail to their networks. Clearly, tailored e-mails from Council members to their networks are effective. We continue to recommend that Council members consider using our membership e-mails to personalize and send to their networks, perhaps once or twice per year. The membership committee also periodically tracks membership numbers to assess effectiveness of these communications.

b. Personalized e-mails to lapsed members

Since the majority of non-renewals are regular members, it’s helpful to keep an ear open when talking to colleagues and learn why people aren’t renewing SALC. We also keep an eye on the list of non-renewals and reach out to those names we recognize (and several Council members have done so as well) who have not renewed.

c. Joint section membership campaign

In 2012, we did a joint recruitment with the Culture and Youth sections. There may be benefits in joining with other sections to have a membership “special” with discounted membership to both sections. For next year, we might consider a joint membership campaign with one or two sections.

d. Student recruitment e-mails from SALC Student Representatives

As mentioned above, tailored recruitment e-mails seem to be more effective than general e-mails to listserv members. Engaging Student Representatives in member recruitment may help attract student members. Kyler Sherwin-Wilkins, a student representative, recently joined efforts on the

membership committee and has already done great work in helping to send out mentorship dinner announcements to his networks.

e. Discounted mentorship dinner tickets for current SALC members

This year, the mentorship dinner is discounted for any ASA student member. Considering this is a key section event, especially for students, it might help incentivize section membership to have a discount on the mentorship dinner ticket for current SALC members. In the future, we can set the pricing for student tickets to be low overall, and lower for section members than non-members.

Council discussed gift memberships as a potential way to increase membership. Jessica Kelly-Moore explained that, in addition, SALC members wishing to sponsor one or more student memberships, who may not have a specific student in mind to sponsor, can write a check to SALC, earmarked for Student Memberships. Any SALC faculty member could then pay for a student, submit the receipt, and get reimbursed from ASA. Since the donations are earmarked for student memberships and do not include any other source of income, it is allowed by ASA. After receiving donations, these student memberships could be claimed on a "first come" basis via announcement through our communications.

D. Communications:

Newsletter Editor, Kristen Schultz Lee

During the 2015-2016 year, the fall, winter, and summer newsletters were published and distributed via member email and the section website. Kristen Schultz Lee of the University at Buffalo, SUNY served as newsletter editor. Official SALC announcements, announcements of upcoming conferences, workshops and calls for papers were published in each newsletter. Announcements of promotion or employment changes, recent publications and personal information, such as marriages, births, or tributes to recently deceased members were included when submitted by members. Three recurring columns were included in each newsletter: Five Questions..., Emerging Scholars Profile, and Journal Spotlight. The "Five Questions" column profiles a section member by asking them to answer five questions about their hometown, proudest accomplishment, first job, a surprising fact about themselves, and the best piece of professional advice they have received. The "Emerging Scholars Profile" highlights the research and career goals of emerging scholars in the section. The "Journal Spotlight" introduces journals that might be appropriate venues for section members' work. Suggestions for new columns or features to be added to the newsletter are always welcome.

Web Manager, John Reynolds (Presented by Jill Suitor)

The section website seems to be functioning well as one of the section's media streams. Between going live on 9-14-2014 and 7-31-2016, there have been 44 posts to the front page and 2,958 views of the website's pages. The vast majority of views are of the front page, followed by the pages containing newsletters and section award information. Though there were fewer views this year (1416 versus 1542 last year) there were more international visitors, with the top five "senders" consisting of Germany, Canada, Taiwan, Russia, and the United Kingdom.

Last, John is happy to continue serving as SALC website manager for another year, and equally willing to pass it on to the next interested (and likely more skilled) section member.

Listserv Editor, David Warner (Presented by Jill Suitor)

Current Practices: During the 2015-16 academic year, regular listserv announcements were distributed to SALC members (with current ASA dues) on a twice monthly schedule, typically during the first and third weeks of the month. The twice-monthly distribution has been the long-standing practice of the Section to

limit the number of electronic messages members receive. With the SALC Facebook and Twitter accounts, members also have the opportunity to receive announcements “on demand.”

2016-2017 Editorship: After six years, David will be stepping down as SALC Listserv Editor following the 2016 ASA annual meeting. He expressed that it has been a pleasure to interact with the leadership and membership of the section. He thanked the section all for this opportunity and looks forward to serving SALC in a different capacity in the future.

Suitor summarized the Council discussion of the search for a new Listserv editor, which included recruiting a graduate student or a pair of graduate students to share the responsibility.

Facebook Manager, Deborah Carr

Our section’s Facebook page started roughly 2.5 years ago, and now has 510 members – a 30 percent increase from August 2015. Carr estimated that less than one-half of our members are dues-paying members of the section, due in part to the fact that many of our members are not sociologists or members of ASA. The site is a forum for sharing news articles related to aging and the life course; recent publications by and accomplishments of our section members, colleagues and collaborators; announcements regarding jobs, fellowships, grants, and calls for papers; and new data resources. We average one post per day. Although she does the majority of the postings, she eagerly welcomes posts by other members. The most “liked” posts are those citing the research or noting the accomplishments of our section members and colleagues. The section can also be used for crowdsourcing, where members can request advice regarding teaching, research, service, or professional development from one another.

One challenge is that she regularly receives requests to join the section from people whose names she does not recognize and who do not appear to have any ties to sociology or research (based on my looking at their profile or Googling their name). Although she does not want to be exclusionary, she does need to protect our members from potential spammers. To this end, if council members know of someone who would like to be a member yet does not get instantly “approved,” you can encourage them to email Carr directly and she will then know to accept their membership request.

The success of our Facebook page depends on everyone’s input – so please don’t be shy. If you would like to share information about a personal accomplishment but are reticent to post it yourself, please Carr the heads up and she will do the posting. She is looking forward to another successful year of “seeing you” all on Facebook.

Twitter Manager, Duygu Basaran (Presented by Jill Suitor)

Our Twitter account, which is ASA_SALC, now has 200 followers and we follow 205 institutions/individuals. Last year we had 84 followers. Ideally we'd like to have more followers so please spread the word when you give a talk, teach or simply talk about the Section on Aging and the Life Course.

If members have Twitter accounts and she knows some do, she'd appreciate if they tweet out their talks/presentations or new articles/books mentioning SALC's Twitter account. She tries to tweet as much as she can when she sees Facebook posts about our members' latest publications.

Please send Doi-goo an email if you have questions at dbasaransahin@gradcenter.cuny.edu.

E. Committee on Professional Development and Mentoring Report: Madonna Harrington Meyer

SALC Award and Mentoring Dinner Committee: Madonna Harrington Meyer (chair), Stacy Torres and Adriana Reyes (student representatives), Jerald Herting (local representative), Janet Wilmoth (past chair).

The committee's main responsibility is to plan the dinner. The graduate student representatives identified 5 suitable locations, our local representative visited the venues and provided feedback, we held a conference call and selected our location. The dinner will be **Saturday August 20, 6:45-9pm**, at the Paris Ballroom of Hotel Monaco. Hotel Monaco is located at 1101 4th Avenue, Seattle. Our buffet will include fresh, local, Pacific Northwest ingredients. The program, which was created by the graduate student representatives, "Getting a Job: Hunting, Interviewing, and Early Career Planning" will feature Patricia Thomas, Purdue University; Lindsay Wilkinson, Baylor University; and Pamela Herd, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The actual cost of the dinner is \$57 per person. Thanks to generous donations from numerous sponsors, we have been able to reduce ticket prices to \$30 for faculty and \$10 for students. This includes the meal, one free alcoholic drink for all, and microphone for the program. We expect to sell at least 100 tickets, and can sell as many as 170 as the room is spacious. Each of the four award winners receives two free tickets to the event.

As committee chair, Madonna Harrington Meyer worked closely with Jeylan Mortimer, SALC Chair, to coordinate a fundraising effort. The following institutional sponsors and individual donors for this year's event will be recognized in the dinner program, in the section business meeting, and the section newsletter. These are all sponsors at this time, there may be additional donations in the next month.

Institutional Sponsors:

Department of Sociology, Case Western Reserve University
Department of Sociology & Institute for Health, Health Care Policy & Aging Research, Rutgers Univ.
Department of Sociology, Syracuse University
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Life Course Center, University of Minnesota
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The Center for Population, Aging and Health, University of Western Ontario
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Reynolds, John
Shanahan, Mike

Suitor, Jill
Umberson, Debra
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F. Research Groups and Roundtables Committee: Carol Aneshensel and Andrew London

For the 2015 program, we had approximately 60 submissions and accepted almost all of them. Two authors withdrew their papers before the tables were finalized and three authors withdrew their papers after the preliminary program was announced, leaving a final roundtable session with 52 papers organized into 14 thematic tables. We recruited a diverse group of presiders from the SALC membership.

Table 1. SALC Round Table Historical Submission Report

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Number of submissions		49	43	59
Number accepted		47	34	57
Number withdrawn		6	10	4
Total # of papers on program	29	41	24	53
Number of tables	7	10	7	14

Once again, no research group meetings were requested this year. At the 2013 meetings, council decided to leave the opportunity for research groups in place for now, with a plan to disseminate information about these groups through the newsletter and listserv and involving student reps in identifying potential research group topics.

Carolyn Aneshensel reported that it was difficult managing the final days prior to the deadline for session submission because, as Jennifer Montez commented, the papers arrive in the Roundtable folders late in the process after decisions are made in regular sessions. The system was also very cumbersome regarding having two organizers because one must make a special request. Make a request that submitting deadlines for roundtables a week later would allow a smoother process.

The Council discussed reinvigorating the research roundtables, which were originally developed to provide a more informal venue for discussing research within a particular

G. Committee on Nominations: Debby Carr

The SALC nominating committee for this year consisted of Duane Alwin, Judith Treas, Anna Zajcova, and Deborah Carr (chair).

The committee received 32 nominations (including self-nominations). From this list of nominees, the committee recruited an outstanding slate of 10 nominees:

Elected to office were:

Chair:

Pamela Herd, University of Wisconsin

Secretary-Treasurer:

Debra Street, University at Buffalo-SUNY

Council:

Tyson Brown, Vanderbilt University
Hui (Cathy) Liu, Michigan State University

Student Representative:

Rebecca Wang, Syracuse University

The Nominating Committee wishes to thank the excellent candidates who agreed to be placed on the ballot and to serve in these capacities. The election results were extremely close, and were based on the 297 votes cast. *This represents a relatively small share of our total membership*; all SALC members are strongly encouraged to vote and shape our Council's leadership.

H. Award Committees

Graduate Student Paper Award: Joseph C. Hermanowicz

The Graduate Student Paper Award Committee consisted of Joe Hermanowicz (chair), Jay Gubrium, Steven Hitlin, Kristen Shultz Lee, and Jennifer Montez.

The Committee received and reviewed eleven papers. By a process of ranking and discussion, the Committee decided to give the award to Katie Fallon (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and Casey Stockstill (University of Wisconsin-Madison) for their paper, "The Condensed Courtship Clock: How Elite Women Manage Self-Development and Marriage Ideals."

Outstanding Publication Award: Stefanie Mollborn

Each year the Section on Aging and the Life Course's Outstanding Publication Award (OPA) honors an outstanding recent contribution to the field of sociology of aging and the life course. The winner is chosen by the OPA Committee. Since journal articles received the award in the two previous years, this year the outstanding publication needed to be a book (which could be either a monograph or an edited volume) published within the past three years. This year, the OPA Committee considered 9 nominations.

This year's committee included Janel Benson of Colgate University, Mark Hayward of the University of Texas at Austin, Richard Miech of the University of Michigan, and Stefanie Mollborn of the University of Colorado Boulder (Chair). I'm very grateful to the committee for their committed and discerning service on this important task.

The chair verified that the nominations met the eligibility criteria and that one of the authors and nominators was a current SALC member. Two initial readers were assigned for each book and were scored on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being highest. The book's intellectual and empirical contributions and importance for the fields of aging and the life course were the main evaluation criteria. The chair calculated average scores for all submissions, and the entire committee jointly evaluated the top-scoring finalists during a conference call.

The high quality of the submission pool was notable, with important and wide-ranging contributions to understanding aging and the life course. The committee agreed that among this field of excellent books, one emerged as the winner: Corey Abramson's book, *The End Game: How Inequality Shapes Our Final Years* (Harvard University Press 2015, <http://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674743953>). Corey Abramson is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Arizona.

This well-written and engaging book chronicles a study of the ways in which inequalities earlier in life shape not only diversity in well-being in old age, but also the differential ability of older persons to bring resources to bear to deal with problems. The challenges that aging brings touch everyone, but people respond differently depending on their social locations. This book examines both cultural and structural influences on the end of life in a carefully designed ethnographic study of older Americans living in more and less

advantaged neighborhoods. The study makes new and important about cumulative advantages and the pathways through which it shapes aging in U.S. society. The work is nuanced and insightful, and its contributions to the literatures on aging and the life course are impressive.

Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award: Jessica Kelley-Moore

Committee: Jessica Kelley-Moore (Chair), Andrea Willson, John Reynolds, Angie O’Rand

The committee met by phone on May 4 with two agenda items:

1. Select the 2016 Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar.
Madonna Herrington Meyer was selected unanimously by the committee for this honor.

Madonna Herrington Meyer

Madonna has accumulated more than two decades of sociological research on retirement and later-life economic wellbeing, particularly through the lens of the gendered welfare state. Her work has made critical contributions across research, theory, and policy analysis. The committee was especially laudatory regarding her involvement with national policy initiatives, putting her own research to work for the improvement of the lives of older adults. Her recent book with Pamela Herd, *Market Friendly or Family Friendly?* earned critical acclaim, including the Kalish Book Award from the Behavioral and Social Sciences section of the Gerontological Society of America. In addition, Madonna has a named Professorship in the area of teaching and has been an active contributor to the professional organizations of our discipline, including SALC. As one committee member described it, Madonna is “the total package.”

2. Discuss the current nomination process for MWR Distinguished Scholars.

The current committee charge is as follows:

Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award Selection Committee

- Solicits nominations from membership and selects Distinguished Scholar Awardee
- **Chair:** Section Chair-Elect
Members: Two third-year Council Members and one member of the Section appointed by the Chair-Elect. Not specified in By-laws.

In the past several years, SALC has received fewer nominations than one would expect, given the frequent talk among SALC members regarding the deservedness of many accomplished scholars in our field. We discussed potential barriers to nominating, including: (1) the busy time of year that nominations are due; (2) lack of knowledge about who has already received the honor [or not]; (3) possible perceptions that nominations must include a coordinated letter writing campaign for a nominee; (4) limited communication from the Section about the upcoming deadline and importance of this award for our Section.

In addition, the committee noted the lack of balance across nominations, ranging from a single letter from a current junior-level mentee to a packet of strong letters from senior scholars in SALC. This amounts to an uneven level of information the MWR Selection committee has available to make a decision among nominees.

Based on discussion at the SALC Council meeting there were several possible changes to the nomination process were noted. These included:

1. Create a letter of solicitation to all SALC members and attach the list of former award winners.
2. Advertise early and often!
3. Solicit ideas for nominations from Council members.

4. Create a separate solicitation for past award winners. This particular suggestion generated significant discussion in the committee, as we would not want to create a perception of a club-like culture.
5. Make a practice of carrying forward a nomination for 3 years, and letting nominators know this so they do not have to repeat the effort in the following year.

A further suggestion was that in the fall, the MWR Selection Committee in a given year collects nominations – names only – for MWR Scholars. The Committee then solicits peers in SALC who can evaluate a nominee and write a letter of support. Those letters of support would be due by March 1.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Collaboration with SSSP Division on Youth, Aging, and the Life Course: Andrew London

Andrew London, Chair of the SSSP Youth, Aging, and Life Course Division (YALC) raised the question of whether the ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course (SALC) would be interested in trying to build with YALC? He explained that on the pro side, YALC has up to 10 sessions at the annual meeting. That is a lot of opportunity for people to present their work. Three of those are YALC-only sessions (one panel, often thematic; one round table session; one critical dialogue session, which is a particular SSSP format to try to create dynamic exchanges). The other 7 are co-sponsored panels (with health and health care, mental health, family, sexuality, disability, etc. If SALC encouraged more participation in SSSP, there would be more opportunity for panel presentations. This might be particularly beneficial for graduate students and junior scholars who sometimes are unable to get onto panels at ASA. Building the visibility of aging and life course research in SSSP might also help stimulate publications in *Social Problems*, which is a high-impact sociology journal. YALC also offers a best graduate student paper award and an award for scholar-activists.

On the downside, trying to encourage more participation in YALC would involve more money for memberships and more time and money for participation. The time and money constraint for participation is particularly difficult when section day for SALC is at the end of the ASA because SSSP always overlaps with the beginning of ASA. There is also a concern that SSSP sessions are not well attended. Building attendance at sessions is key for people to feel that presenting at SSSP is worthwhile. Some might also perceive that encouraging participation in YALC would be to the detriment of SALC.

There was discussion of co-sponsoring sessions. Final suggestions were to invite students to the mentoring dinner in 2017 and to explore ways of co-sponsoring a session in 2018.

B. MWR Award Committee charge to generate nominations: Jessica Kelley-Moore

For the past few years, nominations for the MWR have been minimal. Kelly-Moore would like to consider ways of increasing nominations. Thus far, we solicit nominations widely through our SALC communications network (via the listserv, newsletter, website, Facebook, Twitter).

After an extended discussion in the Council earlier in the day, it was agreed that the 2015-16 and 2016-17 Committees would continue come together electronically to pursue the options proposed

during the discussion, including nomination by the committee and providing a suggested template of nomination materials.

C. Outstanding Publication Award –Inclusion of monographs and edited volumes: Jeylan Mortimer

One of this year's award nominators suggested that only books, not edited volumes, be eligible for this award. Committee members were divided on this issue. One noted that it is challenging to evaluate both edited and authored books. Another member, who served on this committee before, pointed out that since in "lean" years we receive few nominations, we shouldn't limit the pool. Also, such a rule would contradict Section precedent. In 2013, the award was given to Settersten and Angel (eds.) for the *Handbook of Sociology of Aging*.

The Council had discussed this issue earlier in the day and agreed that edited books will continue to be considered for the award. However, discussion in the Business Meeting led to renewed consideration of this issue and a call for further discussion at the 2017 Council meeting.

D. Thanks to Outgoing Council, Committee Chairs: Jeylan Mortimer

Jeylan Mortimer thanked the outgoing Council member, officers, and committee chairs.

E. Thanks to Reception/Mentoring Dinner Donors: Jeylan Mortimer

Jeylan Mortimer thanked the SALC Mentoring Dinner committee for their excellent work organizing the dinner this year, and the donors for their generous support of this event.

F. Introduction New SALC Chair: Jessica Kelley-Moore, 2016-17

Jeylan Mortimer introduced Jessica Kelley-Moore as the incoming 2016-17 chair.

G. Plans for 2017 Annual Meeting: Jessica Kelley-Moore

The ASA theme will be Inequality, Culture, and Social Inclusion Across Global Contexts. Given that the meeting is outside the US and we have a global theme, the 2017 SALC program will include an invited session on International Perspectives on the Social Exclusion of Older Adults. A second session will invite submissions on cross-national comparisons of aging processes and experiences. The section will also revive a SALC tradition and offer thematic roundtables to which authors can submit their work, or have an organized set of presentations on a particular topic. The full SALC program will be announced in late September.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

2016 Treasurer's Report

To: Council Members, Section on Aging and the Life Course
From: J. Jill Sutor, Secretary-Treasurer
Date: August 16, 2016

Net Assets:

\$18,576.00	June 30, 2016
\$13,121.00	June 30, 2015
\$16,833.00	June 30, 2014
\$15,623.00	May 30, 2013
\$11,864.00	June 30, 2012
\$11,536.00	June 30, 2011
\$10,256.00	June 30, 2010

INCOME

Dues Income (1st and 2nd quarter only):

\$642	2016 (estimated additional dues income for 3 rd and 4 th quarter=\$750)
\$611	2015 (estimated additional dues income for 3 rd and 4 th quarter=\$556)
\$660	2014 (estimated additional dues income for 3 rd and 4 th quarter = \$640)
\$557	2013 (estimated additional dues income for 3 rd and 4 th quarter = \$700)
\$714	2012 (additional dues income for 3 rd and 4 th quarter = \$769)
\$681	2011 (additional dues income for the 3 rd and 4 th quarter = \$674)
\$679	2010 (total for the year was \$1,325)

ASA Section Allocation:

\$2,224	2016
\$2,160	2015
\$2,220	2014
\$2,240	2013
\$2,224	2012
\$2,210	2011
\$2,252	2010

Other Income (1st and 2nd quarter only):

\$3,005	2016 will also include an estimated \$3,950 "other" income, based on mentoring dinner tickets and donations (~3,500 estimated in 3 rd quarter) and anticipated book raffle proceeds (~\$450).
\$0	2015 will include an estimated \$6,200 "other" income, based on mentoring dinner donations (\$5,740) and book raffle proceeds (\$460).
\$1,200	2014 will also include an estimated \$8,790 "other" income, based on donations for the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar (MWRDS) reception (\$2,700), mentoring dinner donations and ticket sales (\$5,590 [including \$1,200 from the 2 nd quarter]), and book raffle proceeds (\$500).

\$250	2013 will also include an estimated \$9,785 income, based on donations for the MWRDS reception (\$2,050), mentoring dinner donations and ticket sales (\$7,235), and book raffle proceeds (\$500).
\$0	2012 will also include an estimated \$8,995 income, based on donations for the MWRDS reception (\$3,850), mentoring dinner donations and ticket sales (\$4,645), and book raffle proceeds (\$595). (Note: Actual other income posted in the 3 rd and 4 th quarter was \$9,565)
\$200	2011 will also include \$500 from UC-Irvine for the MWRDS reception, approximately \$4,200 in mentoring dinner donations and ticket sales, and an estimated \$500 in book raffle proceeds. (Note: Actual other income posted in the 3 rd and 4 th quarter was \$5,360)
\$0	2010 4 th quarter statement should include \$1,000 donation from Springer and Case Western for MWRDS reception, \$2,850 in donations for mentoring dinner, \$2,250 in mentoring dinner ticket sales, and \$500 from book raffle (Note: Actual other income posted in the 3 rd and 4 th quarter was \$5,660)

EXPENSES

Annual Meeting Costs:

\$7,888	August 2016 (Estimated annual meeting expenses are \$7,888 based on the costs of the MWRDS reception (\$1,000), council breakfast (\$180), awards plaques (\$330), student paper award (\$250), copying costs for meetings (\$250) and mentoring dinner (\$5,878)
\$8,454	August 2015 (Estimated annual meeting expenses are \$8,454, based on the costs of the MWRDS reception (\$1,000), council breakfast (\$180), awards plaques (\$390), student paper award (\$250), copying costs for awards and meetings (\$250) and mentoring dinner (\$6,384)
\$12,348	August, 2014 (Estimated annual meeting expenses are \$12,348, based on the costs of the MWRDS reception (\$4,378), council breakfast (\$120), awards plaques (\$400), student paper award (\$250) and mentoring dinner (\$7,200)
\$11,897	August 2013 (Estimated annual meeting expenses are \$11,897, based on the costs of the MWRDS reception (\$3,700), council breakfast (\$700), awards plaques (\$400), student paper award (\$250) and mentoring dinner (\$6,829)
\$9,135	August 2012 (Estimated annual meeting expenses are \$9,135, based on the costs of the MWRDS reception (\$3,500), council breakfast (\$240), awards plaques (\$414), student paper award (\$250) and mentoring dinner (\$4,731) (Note: actual expenses for 2012 were \$9,872)
\$8,148	August 2011 (1 st quarter reimbursement (\$12) plus estimated annual meeting expenses for the MWRDS reception (\$2,800), council breakfast (\$700), awards plaques (\$400), student paper award (\$250) and mentoring dinner (\$3,986) (Note: actual expenses for 2011 were \$8,328)

\$7,000 August 2010 (estimated expenses for MWRDS reception (\$1000), mentoring dinner (\$5200), council breakfast (\$400), and awards (\$400) (Note: actual expenses for 2010 were \$8,225, which included MWRDS reception (\$1,882), mentoring dinner (\$5,222), council breakfast (\$429), awards plaques (\$408), student paper award (\$250), and reimbursement (\$34))

Cost of Section Newsletter:

\$0	2016 (The newsletter continues to be fully electronic)
\$0	2015 (The newsletter continues to be fully electronic)
\$0	2014 (The newsletter continues to be fully electronic)
\$0	2013 (The newsletter continues to be fully electronic)
\$0	2012 (The newsletter continues to be fully electronic)
\$0	2011 (The newsletter continues to be fully electronic)
\$0	2010 (The newsletter is now fully electronic)

SUMMARY

The Section on Aging and the Life Course continues to be in excellent financial shape. We maintain a high level of activity at the annual meeting, which includes holding the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Lecture and Reception and the Mentoring Program Dinner. We are able to cover these costs through the generous institutional and individual support that we continue to receive, as well as income from the book raffle. The section chair, Jeylan Mortimer, and the chair of the Professional Development and Mentoring Committee, Madonna Harrington Meyer, were particularly successful in obtaining financial support for this year's mentoring dinner.

Income from dues and our section allocation from ASA increased slightly in the past year, thanks to efforts by the Chair, Jeylan Mortimer, and the Membership Committee, Georgiana Bostean and Kyler Sherman-Wilkins, to attract new section members.

In 2014, in anticipation of further rising costs of food and drink at ASA locations in 2015 and 2016, the SALC Council voted to hold the Matilda White Riley Lecture and the SALC Business Meeting late in the day, to be followed by the Mentoring Dinner at a nearby location. This change from previous years substantially reduced the cost of hosting the MWR Lecture and Business Meeting and allowed fundraising efforts to be focused on the Mentoring Dinner. The combination of reduced meeting costs and the highly successful fundraising for the Mentoring Dinner resulted in tickets being made available at a price well below the actual cost this year.