

Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)



4S COUNCIL AND OFFICERS MEETING

San Francisco, California

March 21-22, 2014

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport Hotel

Meeting Room: Boardroom II

(Atrium Level – near top of escalator)



AGENDA
4S COUNCIL AND OFFICERS MEETING

Friday, March 21
9:00am-12:00pm, 1:30pm-5:30pm

Welcome and announcements

Overview of activities since San Diego meeting: Gary Downey, President

Appointments of Steve Zehr, Secretary; Paige Miller, Treasurer; Wes Shrum, Program Officer!!

2-hour Skype meetings in November

Theme of critical participation (*Technoscience*, December 2013)

Non-Council members on prize committees (per new governance procedures)

Appointment of Lisa Cartwright (UC San Diego) to Fleck prize committee

Appointment of Jessica Mesman (Maastricht U) to Carson prize committee

Appointment of Yuko Fujiyaki (U Tokyo) and Nelly Oudshoorn (U Twente) to Edge prize committee

Appointment of Samuel Tettner (6S rep; Mahindra United World College) to Mullins award committee

Bernal prize committee (includes 2014 winner and President; 3rd member not yet appointed)

Clarified roles of Handbook editors, Handbook Committee, and Publications Chair

Clarified title and duties of Wenda Bauchspies, 4S Exhibit and Prize Coordinator

Established routine practices for charging committees

Formalized budget planning: Paige Miller, Treasurer and Wes Shrum, Program Officer

6S members moving to produce video content for 4S website

Jess Bier (2nd-year 6S rep) organizing video production for Dutch WTMC, April and July

Bryn Whiteley (1st-year 6S rep) organizing video for STGlobal, Washington D.C., April

Ex-officio committee members: Gary Downey, per governance; Steve Zehr, by appointment

Reconstituted committees

Nominations Committee: Claire Waterton, chair, with Council as voting members

Digital Publications Subcommittee: Wen-Hua Kuo (chair), Katie Vann, Abby Kinchy, Ali Kenner (Drexel U), Laurel Smith-Doerr (U Mass, Amherst), Kelly Moore (ex officio, Loyola U Chicago)

Future meetings: Claire Waterton, chair

New committees created

Reports and Position Statements Committee: Vivian Lagesen (chair), Wen-Hua Kuo, Wes Shrum

Making and Doing Committee: Sulfikar Amir (chair), Joe Dumit (UC Davis), Nina Wakeford (Goldsmiths, U London), Chia-Ling Wu (National Taiwan U), Sara Wylie (Northeastern U), Teun Zuiderant-Jerak, (Linköping U)

4S Mentoring Award Committee: Kaushik Sunder Rajan (chair), Leandro Rodriguez Medina

4S Building STS Award Committee: Kenji Ito (chair), Vivian Lagesen, Ed Hackett (ASU), Jane Summerton (U Oslo)

Formalized liaison process with other organizations

Added "liaison officer" to duties of 4S Secretary

Nominated Myanna Lahsen (Brazilian Institute for Space Research) to Future Earth Engagement Committee

Added link to STS-Africa network to website



Website design

Made changes to current website to simplify and clarify governance activities

Clarifications of meeting procedures: all

Other logistical issues: all

(1) Updates, initial discussions, decisions when possible

Minutes

Minutes of the October 2013 San Diego meeting as published at www.4sonline.org/minutes

Decision item: approval

4S/ESOCITE meeting

Program update: Leandro Rodriguez Medina, Co-Chair

Site update: Wes Shrum, Program Officer

Decision item: none

Ethnografilm (<http://www.ethnofilmfest.org/>)

Program/site update: Wes Shrum, founder/organizer and 4S representative

Decision item: none

4S Handbook

Update from Handbook Committee: Steve Zehr, chair

Decision item: none

Reports and Position Statements Committee

Review of charge: Gary Downey

Discussion of proposed Guidelines and Procedures for Prospective Authors: Vivian Lagesen, chair

Decision item: approval of guidelines and procedures?

Discussion of proposed Position Statement (from group led by Ron Eglash [Rensselaer])

Decision item: recommend for vetting by the membership?

Liaison with other organizations

Review of liaison responsibilities: Steve Zehr

Update on 4S involvement in ICSU (International Council for Science)

Membership was difficult to obtain. 4S has sponsored representatives to meetings.

Decision items: continue practice? Fund travel?

Public Engagement Committee

Council suspended New Initiatives in 2013

The Reports and Position Statements Committee and Liaison Officer perform the other functions of this committee

Decision item: eliminate the Public Engagement committee?

4S Mentoring Award Committee

Review of charge and schedule: Gary Downey

Discussion of materials collected (and possibly produced) to date: Kaushik Sunder Rajan, chair

Decision item: approval of mentoring award in principle. Approval of formal proposal?



Digital Publications Subcommittee

Review of charge and schedule: Gary Downey

Discuss draft two-year plan for the development of digital publications: Wen-Hua Kuo, chair

Address proposal documents from Sage Publications for STS-HPS open access journal at their site

Address issues raised by Subcommittee and Publications Committee regarding 4S hosting its own OA journal and other digital publications

Consider available expertise and proposed costs for site build and editorial management

Consider possible sharing of resources with other STS societies and networks: a global STS OA journal?

Consider additional logistics involved in 4S hosting its own OA journal and other digital publications

Decision item: proposal for 4S to develop its own journal and begin developing associated digital publications

4S Building STS Award Committee

Review of charge and schedule: Gary Downey

Discussion of materials collected and possibly produced to date: Kenji Ito, chair

Decision item: approval of Building STS award in principle. Approval of formal proposal?

4S Making and Doing Committee

Review of charge and schedule: Gary Downey

Discussion of materials collected and possibly produced to date: Sulfikar Amir, chair

Decision item: approval of annual Making and Doing Exhibition in principle. Approval of formal proposal for call for submissions and awards for exhibits?

4S Web redesign

Review of edits made to current 4S website: Steve Zehr

Discussion of possible future directions for 4S website, especially given digital publications initiative

Decision item: none

(2) Break-out committee meetings (approximately 4:30pm)

Note: committee chairs are invited to include members not present via Skype

Digital Publications Subcommittee: **Wen-Hua Kuo** (chair), Katie Vann, **Abby Kinchy**, Ali Kenner (Drexel U), Laurel Smith-Doerr (U Mass, Amherst), **Kelly Moore** (ex officio, Loyola U Chicago)

Reports and Position Statements Committee: **Vivian Lagesen** (chair), **Wen-Hua Kuo**, **Wes Shrum**

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Saturday, March 22

8:30am-12:00pm

(3) Nominations, updated reports, continued discussions, decisions when possible

Nominations

Review of charge: Gary Downey

Discussion of list of potential candidates for Council: Claire Waterton, via Skype

Votes to limit total to 12 nominees

Votes to rank-order nominees

Discussion of list of potential candidates for President: Gary Downey

Discussion of procedures used this year for nominating candidates: Steve Zehr

Other discussions

(4) Discussion of other issues facing the Society

Results of survey from San Diego meeting

How to improve the thematic distribution of sessions?

Should 4S divide itself into sections, akin to ASA?