

**Minutes: First and Second Business Meetings**  
**Homicide Research Working Group, June 2009 Meeting in Amherst**  
Minutes taken by Carolyn Rebecca Block, substituting for the HRWG Secretary,  
Wendy Regoeczi, who was unable to attend

**First Business Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Gabrielle Salfati, HRWG vice president, in the absence of President Tom Petee, who was unable to attend.

I. The first order of business was the plans for the 2010, 2011 and 2012 annual intensive Working Group meeting.

Gaby announced that the 2010 Annual Meeting will be in Baltimore. (This was discussed and voted on at the 2008 meeting.) She said that we will need a Program Chair for 2010, and asked for suggestions. John Jarvis said that he and Yvonne Muirhead would be willing to be joint program chairs for 2010. Their offer to take on this job was met by unanimous acclamation and expressions of gratitude from members present.

Gaby then asked for volunteers to staff the program committee. The final 2010 Program Committee is the following:

Program Committee, 2010

John Jarvis, co-chair

Yvonne Muirhead, co-chair and poster/demo organizer

Darryl Roberts, local arrangements

Lin Huff-Corzine, past-chair

Vicki Titterington

Jay Corzine

Bill Edison

Candice Batton

Dee Harper

Marieke Liem

Gaby summarized the proposals for 2010, 2011 and 2012, which were the following:

2010 - Baltimore

2011 – Loyola University New Orleans

2012 – Quantico, sponsored by the FBI  
or Loyola University Chicago

Darryl Roberts, chair of the 2010 local arrangements committee, briefly outlined the current plans.

HRWG members from New Orleans discussed the tentative plans for meeting in New Orleans. Candice Batton moved that we accept the New Orleans proposal for 2011, pending the determination of the Program Committee that the proposal meets HRWG site selection criteria. Becky Block seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

II. The second order of business was a motion from Paul Blackman, seconded by Roland Chilton, to revise the HRWG Bylaws as follows:

Under the Publications Committee description, "The Publications Committee shall be responsible . . . , delete the words: "the annual meeting Proceedings"

Lin Corzine moved that Paul's motion be amended to add that the words: "of the Newsletter" should also be deleted.

These deletions will allow the HRWG to publish the Proceedings and the Newsletter as it deems appropriate.

The motion as amended was passed unanimously.

III. Gaby asked for further discussion of the Proceedings. Candi suggested that the HRWG publish the program, the five-page summaries and the recorder notes on the HRWG web site in August.

Lin expressed concern about ensuring that HRWG information be placed on our web site. She said that we need someone to Liaise with the Web Master. She is particularly concerned with putting the Proceedings on the web.

Candi proposed that the HRWG have a web coordinator, who would be in charge of maintaining the accuracy and completeness of the HRWG web.

Gaby suggested that this "website coordinator" position become an additional Steering Committee position. However, Lin and others pointed out that that would require another By Laws amendment.

IV. Becky moved, and Lydia Voigt seconded, that "All official HRWG communications be compiled by the Secretary and sent to HRWG members in good standing via the HRWG listserv." In order to do this, the Secretary would have to work closely with the HRWG Treasurer, who maintains the current list of members in good standing. These official HRWG communications would include the business meeting minutes, reports from committee chairs, etc. After discussion this motion was passed with 26 voting for it and 3 voting against it.

V. Treasurer's report. See attached Treasurer's Report by Candice Batton.

VI. ASC 2010. Chris Dunn has agreed to work with the HRWG Secretary, Kaye Marz, to organize the HRWG sessions at the 2010 ASC meetings. He discussed his plans and asked for feedback. It is very important to plan ahead to put at least one HRWG session in the ASC program. More sessions would be even better. Chris will make sure this happens in 2010.

The 2009 ASC reception has been changed to a luncheon. It has been arranged by Candice Batton, and will be held on Wednesday. Chris Dunn will work with Candi on further reception arrangements.

The HRWG Membership Committee, chaired by Kim Vogt, volunteered to be in charge of the 2009 Booth at the ASC. Gaby and other John Jay HRWG members will be in charge of shirts and other merchandise.

VII. Ad hoc Committee on HRWG awards, Marc Riedel, chair

After due deliberation, the Awards Committee has selected the following dissertation for the Richard Block Award as the best dissertation in homicide. "Structural Determinants of Homicide in Rural Pennsylvania" by George Cronin, Temple University.

The following master's thesis was selected for the Richard Block Award as the best thesis in homicide.

"Race, Ethnicity, Economic Deprivation, and Intimate Partner Homicide: Factors that Influence Differential Victimization" by Jennifer Owens, University of Nebraska, Omaha.

There was no submission for the Carolyn Rebecca Block award for an outstanding contribution to homicide or lethal violence research by a practitioner.

VIII. Membership Committee report, Kim Vogt, chair

Kim and her committee discussed their ideas about what we can do to entice more practitioners to participate in the HRWG.

Gaby passed around a committee sign-up sheet.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned, to be continued at the Second Business Meeting.

## HOMICIDE RESEARCH WORKING GROUP

### Annual Meeting: Treasurer's Report

June 2009 - University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts

Candice Batton, HRWG Treasurer

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

University of Nebraska

#### 1) TIERED MEMBERSHIP DUES STRUCTURE

Membership dues are based on a tiered structure:

Individuals - Using honor system, dues are \$40 if income is less than \$25,000, \$60 if income is between \$25,000-\$75,000, and \$70 if income is greater than \$75,000.

Couples - Additional \$20. Couples receive one copy of all mailings.

Agencies - All agency memberships are \$110. Educational institutions are excluded from this type of membership. Agencies receive two copies of all mailings.

#### 2) MEMBERSHIPS

As of June 15, 2009, there were 135 individual memberships, 4 couples' memberships, and 6 agency memberships.

Total members = 143 persons plus representatives of 6 agencies

#### 3) INCOME AND EXPENSES

HRWG's income, expenses, and year-end balances follow for 2002 through 2009:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net Difference</u>	<u>Year End Balance</u>
2002	\$20,849	\$23,545	-\$2,696	\$18,531
2003	\$22,052	\$18,232	+\$3,820	\$26,437
2004	\$27,271	\$22,705	+\$4,566	\$18,863
2005	\$26,823	\$21,368	+\$5,455	\$27,594

**Details of Income and Expenses, 2006 to 2009**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<i>Income</i>				
Memberships	\$11,920	\$10,480	\$9,705	\$8,690
Royalties	\$9,149	\$8,822	\$10,509	\$10,705
Conference Registrations	\$4,800	\$4,940	\$3,765	\$3,010
Merchandise Sales	\$897	\$630	\$2,201	\$24
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$26,381</i>	<i>\$24,872</i>	<i>\$26,180</i>	<i>\$22,429</i>
<i>Expenses</i>				
Journal Subscriptions	\$7,307	\$5,612	\$6,766	\$1,335
Membership Promotion	\$4,713	\$6,866	\$7,745	\$950
Conference	\$3,133	\$7,351	\$4,343	\$4,254
Bank Fees	\$578	\$647	\$724	\$157
Miscellaneous	\$1,300	\$1,000	\$1,009	\$1,762
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$17,189</i>	<i>\$21,476</i>	<i>\$20,587</i>	<i>\$8,458</i>
Net Difference	\$9,192	\$3,396	\$5,593	\$13,971
Year End Balance	\$33,108	\$40,369	\$48,979	5/31: \$51,735

*Additional Estimated Income & Expenses for 2009-2010:*

*Income*

Dues = +\$1,000 Membership  
 Membership Promotion = +\$1,500

*Expenses*

Membership Promotion  
 (ASC & Merchandise) -\$4,000  
 Journal Subscriptions -\$6,000  
 Annual Meeting -\$4,254

*HRWG Year-End Balances*

1992 \$609	2001 \$26,655
1993 \$1,778	2002 \$18,531
1994 \$3,400	2003 \$23,437 (\$15,000 + \$8,437)
1995 \$3,848	2004 \$18,863 (\$15,000 + \$3,683)
1996 \$9,758	2005 \$27,594 (\$15,000 + \$12,594)
1997 \$16,362	2006 \$33,108 (\$30,000 + \$3,108)
1998 \$19,339	2007 \$40,369 (\$33,800 + \$6,569)
1999 \$18,525	2008 \$48,979 (\$35,200+ \$13,779)
2000 \$22,356	6/2009 \$51,735 (\$35,254+ \$16,481)

**4) INVESTMENTS**

HRWG currently has approximately \$35,254 invested in a total of four certificates of deposit. The maturity dates on the CDs varies so that no more than 6 months goes by without one of the four CDs maturing, in the event that cash is needed to cover HRWG expenses.

## **Second Business Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Lin Huff-Corzine, past president, in the absence of President Tom Petee and Vice-President Gabrielle Salfati, who were unable to attend.

### **I. Plans for the 2009 Proceedings**

Final papers and the Recorder notes should be sent to Pierre Rivolta, [Pierre.Rivolta@shsu.edu](mailto:Pierre.Rivolta@shsu.edu). He will assemble the 2009 Proceedings and send them to the Web Coordinator to put on the HRWG web site.

The deadline for sending material to Pierre is September 1, 2009.

### **II. Web Coordination Committee**

The Web Coordination Committee will handle all input, be responsible for maintaining currency, accuracy and completeness, and will look into design changes. Cathy and Amanda will work with Lin Huff-Corzine on this committee.

### **III. 2009 HRWG session at the ASC.**

In this session, the winners of the Richard Block Award will present their papers. The session will be chaired by either Marc Riedel or Tom Petee.

### **IV. Merchandise, 2009 ASC**

Merchandise for the 2009 HRWG booth at the 2009 ASC will be jointly organized by Gaby and Kim Vogt, chair of the Membership Committee.

### **V. Journal report, Gary Jensen, editor**

It's time to start looking for a new editor. Gary's term will end in January 2012.

Impact scores. Homicide Studies is the fastest growing Sage journal internationally. However, it is still important to try to cite Homicide Studies articles as appropriate.

Sage has outsourced journal production to India.

### **VI. Site selection.**

Attending people from New Orleans reported that the plans for developing a final proposal for 2011 were progressing well.

### **VII. Plans for Baltimore, Darryl Roberts, local arrangements**

Darryl Roberts, chair of the 2010 local arrangements committee, reported that Jackie Campbell has agreed to be the keynote speaker. Darryl and others have several ideas for interesting field trips. The space will be conducive to the HRWG usual roundtable configuration, and there will be secure space for posters and demos. One possible problem will be the cost of the rooms. Participants had suggestions for reducing the cost, such as providing a matchmaking service for room sharing.

The theme for the 2010 meeting will be "Homicide and Violence Research Issues and Practical Implications for the Coming Decade." The dates of the meeting will be June 9 to June 12, 2010.

#### **VIII. Nominations and Elections.**

Becky Block reported that our newly-elected officers are Candice Batton, Treasurer and Kaye Marz, Secretary. In 2010, HRWG will elect a President and Vice President.

#### **Members of Committees, HRWG 2009-2010**

##### **2010 Program Committee**

John Jarvis, co-chair  
Yvonne Muirhead, co-chair  
Darryl Roberts, local arrangements chair  
Lin Huff-Corzine, past-chair  
Candice Batton  
Dee Harper  
Marieke Liem  
Vickie Titterington  
Bill Edison

##### **Communications Committee**

Kaye Marz, chair  
Richard Block  
Amanda Farrell  
Patrick Walsh  
Pierre Rivolta

##### **Ad hoc Committee on HRWG Awards**

Marc Riedel, chair

##### **Publications Committee**

Gabrielle Salfati, chair  
Gary Jensen, *Homicide Studies* editor  
Lin Huff-Corzine, website liaison  
Kathy Brown, send what you would like to be on the HRWG website to her OR  
Amanda Farrell, send what you would like to be on the website to her  
Pierre Rivolta, Proceedings – send him papers & recorder notes

##### **Nominations and Elections Committee**

Becky Block, chair  
Vance McLaughlin  
Marc Riedel  
Chris Dunn  
Christa Polczynski Olson

##### **Membership Committee**

Kim Vogt, chair  
Dick Block, listserv moderator  
Candice Batton, treasurer  
Lin Huff-Corzine, website liaison  
Darryl Roberts  
Rae Taylor

##### **Site Selection Committee**

Jay Corzine, chair  
Roland Chilton  
Alan DeLine  
Lydia Voigt  
Kathy Brown

##### **ASC Committee**

Chris Dunn, HRWG session organizer  
Kim Vogt, booth and merchandise  
Gabrielle Salfati, merchandise

##### **Web Coordination Committee**

Lin Huff-Corzine, chair  
Cathy Barber  
Amanda Farrell