

MINUTES – Labor Section/ASA  
August 9, 2009 – San Francisco Annual Meeting

The meeting was brought to order by our new president, Kate Bronfenbrenner. We thanked Michael Schwartz for his tenure as president, and welcomed Carolina Bank Munoz as our new president and Steve McKay as our new council member.

### Awards

Distinguished Book Award – Edward Webster et al., *Grounding Globalization: Labour in the Age of Insecurity*

Distinguished Scholarly Article Award – Paul Almeida, “The Sequencing of Success: Organizing Templates and Neoliberal Policy Outcomes”

Distinguished Student Paper Award – Anna Wetterberg, “Codes, Coercion, and Culture: Explaining Labor Self-Regulation in the Apparel Industry”

Honorable Mention: Joshua Bloom, Gabriel Hetland, John-Paul Ferguson

We circulated lists for committees and set-up and clean-up at the reception.

We announced that members of the section worked on writing a letter to Sen. Feinstein and to collect signatures from California scholars (138 as August 11<sup>th</sup>). We are trying to set up a meeting with Sen. Feinstein later in August and may contact members to put a delegation together. We also submitted a resolution on the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) to the ASA. (The SSSP passed one Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.)

We’ve had requests for two types of listservs. One just for essential announcements/information for section members, and another that can include circulating interesting articles, discussions on contemporary issues, etc.

Our membership is dwindling. We need to bring it back up or risk losing sessions.

### 2010 Annual Meeting Program and Sessions

Theme: Citizenship

Suggested Sessions:

Operation Dixie

Organizing in the south

Labor and the environment in the south (especially as it pertains to black workers) – (Dan suggested contacting Aldon Morris on this topic since he was presenting a related paper at this year’s meeting.)

Citizenship (unions do a lot of work on this) – (Someone suggested proposing something related to citizenship to the ASA as a spotlight session –

Human rights and labor rights

Immigration in the south and labor

Right to work states

Everyone was invited to the reception (which I understand was a resounding success. There were 167 people in attendance and we were able to recruit 9 new members).

Announcements:

Dan Clawson  
International Labor Association  
Sweden, July 2010  
Submissions due by October 1

Ruth Milkman  
International Labour Process Conference  
Rutgers University, March 2010