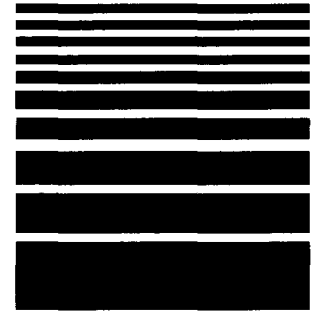


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ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES

Final Call for Submissions for 2000 Meeting

The deadline for submissions for the 2001 annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association is June 1, 2001.

Presentations of research in both applied and theoretical demography are welcome, as are related topics in economics, sociology, geography, political science, and psychology. Although we are a regional US organization, we encourage the participation of individuals, and the study of demographic topics, from any region or country. We encourage potential contributors to organize standard sessions as well as roundtables, software demonstrations, panel discussions, and workshops.

The SDA meeting is a particularly good venue for student participation. We encourage presentations by students and will present special honors for the best student papers (both graduate and undergraduate) and the best applied demography paper at the meeting.

Please send all proposal and abstracts by 1 June 2001, to:

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People needing accommodations for a disability should contact Dr. Schmertmann with their special requests before September 25.

Annual Meeting to be Held in Miami

The 2001 meeting of the SDA will be held at the Eden Roc Resort in Miami Beach, October 11-13, and will include a Friday night beach party. The Eden Roc is a classic Miami Beach Hotel that has recently undergone extensive renovations. Miami Beach has numerous fine restaurants that will be highlighted in the restaurant guide being prepared by John McHenry. Both the Miami and Fort Lauderdale airports serve Miami, although flights to Fort Lauderdale often cost less.



Demographic Transitions

Carla Hall Alphonso has recently completed her Ph.D. at Tulane and in the fall will be an Assistant Professor at Presbyterian College.

Lynne Cossman has joined the Mississippi State University Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work as an Assistant Professor of Sociology. In this capacity, she will design and teach a new medical sociology curriculum. She will also be a Research Fellow in the Social Science Research Center's Rural Health Safety and Security Institute, studying health issues in the state and region as well as following her own research agenda.

Ron Cossman has accepted a postdoctoral position at Mississippi State University's Social Science Research Center. He will be working with the Rural Health Safety and Security Institute, focusing on spatial analysis, GIS, and economic studies. He will assist on many grant projects, as well as developing his own projects.

Bob Hummer has been named Director of the Population Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

Marjorie Tallant Nam died March 1, 2001. She was an Instructor of Anthropology, History, and Women's Studies at Tallahassee Community College and the wife of long-time SDA member Charles Nam. Memorial contributions may be made to Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science, Marjorie Tallant Nam Fund, 3945 Museum Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32310.

Behind the Scenes at *Population Research and Policy Review*

Population Research and Policy Review is undergoing substantial changes behind the scenes to improve service to our members. Woody Carlson, the journal's editor, and his staff implemented a completely electronic system for managing journal submissions, reviewer's comments, and editorial decisions. The turnaround time at the editorial office now averages less than two months. Kluwer Publishing is making changes in their publication process that will reduce the printing time of issues from twelve weeks to two. Beginning in 2001, PRPR will be distributed directly from the membership office (currently housed at the University of Florida). This change means that address changes or other inquiries will be handled immediately rather than being sent to Kluwer Publishers in Amsterdam. Although these changes resulted in slower publication of some 2000 issues, there will be substantial improvement in 2001. Look for a special issue of PRPR on high-skill immigration, with special guest editors Thomas Espenshade and Eui-Shin.

Graduate Student Housing for the Annual Meeting

Eileen McConnell has volunteered to help graduate students find roommates for the annual meeting. Students interested in finding a roommate should contact her at eimcconn@indiana.edu, informing her of their gender and of their smoking preference.

Member Directory

Many members have asked for access to a directory of their friends and colleagues in SDA. Beginning approximately July 1st, the SDA Mailing list will be available on the association's website. The mailing list contains the name, affiliation, and contact information for anyone who has been a member of SDA or a conference attendee in the past three years. If you receive a newsletter, you are on the mailing list. If you do not want your information posted to the website, please contact June Nogle, Secretary-Treasurer, prior to June 15th (junen@ufl.edu or 352-392-0171 ext. 334).

REVISIONS PROPOSED FOR THE SDA CONSTITUTION

As discussed at the October 2000 business meeting in New Orleans, the SDA Board has proposed revisions in the SDA Constitution. The Board does not regard any of the alterations as extensive or major, but such changes are not final until approved by a mail ballot of the SDA membership. This ballot will be sent out to members late this spring along with the ballot for election of officers. Copies of the Constitution and By-laws will not be included with the ballot mailing so members might want to keep this copy for reference (or they can view the Constitution and proposed changes on the web at http://www.fsu.edu/~sda/sda_constitution.html and http://www.fsu.edu/~sda/sda_proposed_changes_02may01.html).

The following are the revisions as proposed by the Board of Directors (the current Constitution follows):

Article XI, Section 1 hitherto has simply stated the Constitution's original effective date of November 1, 1980. The Board has expanded this section to mention approval of the name change from Southern Regional Demographic Group in 1987. It would also include the approval date of the revised document this year, once that is determined.

The Board proposes to eliminate Article XI, Section 2. This section made certain provisions necessitated by the transition from an executive committee under the sponsorship of the Oak Ridge Associated Universities, to the Board of Directors of the newly independent association. These events took place about 1980, and we regard this section as no longer necessary.

The only other changes proposed are to correct a few typographical errors and to make several small changes in wording and punctuation. For example, in the last line of Article III, we propose to change "as indicated in the by-laws" to "as specified in the by-laws". In Article VI, Sec. 1, "to fill other elective offices that have been vacated" has been changed to "to fill any elective offices that have been vacated".

The Board hopes the membership will support making these few changes and will mark their ballots accordingly.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHERN DEMOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

** Approved _____, _____
[date to be entered, when known]

Article I - Name

Article II - Purposes

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Southern Demographic Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

SECTION 1. The Southern Demographic Association, Inc. (SDA) is a scientific and educational corporation of the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is composed of persons with professional interest in demography and population studies. As set forth in the charter of incorporation, its purposes are to supplement and complement the demographic programs of educational institutions, research organizations, and state and local government agencies in the South (as defined in the by-laws). The SDA will (a) serve as an organized channel of information concerning programs, facilities, and demographic research in the region; (b) encourage broad multi-disciplinary studies of population trends and changes in the region and their social, economic, and environmental determinants and consequences; (c) generally advance demographic research and training in the region; and (d) serve other purposes that further public understanding of the significance of Southern population patterns.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Members of SDA shall consist of individuals and organizations with a professional commitment to its purposes who pay annual dues in the amounts established from time to time by the Board of Directors (the Board). There shall be different classes of membership as specified in the by-laws.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the president, the president-elect, the secretary-treasurer, the immediate past president, and at least three directors, one of whom shall serve

as vice-president and one of whom shall be a legal resident of Virginia.

SECTION 2. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, once in conjunction with the annual meeting of the members and the other at a time and place determined by the Board. Other meetings may be called by the president, as required. At board meetings a quorum shall consist of four (4) members.

SECTION 3. The Board shall have responsibility for the management and control of the activities and publications of SDA, for the administration and custody of property and funds, and for relations with other professional organizations. Actions of the Board shall be communicated to the members.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of SDA shall be a president, a president-elect, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer, elected as specified herein and in the by-laws. The president is the chairperson of the board and the chief officer of SDA. The vice-president is vice-chairperson of the Board and shall discharge the presidential duties in the absence or disability of the president.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS, TERMS OF OFFICE, AND FILLING VACANCIES

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual election by mail ballot to elect a president-elect and at least one director, and to fill any elective offices that have been vacated in the previous year. Special elections by mail ballot shall be held on the recommendation of the Board.

SECTION 2. The terms of office of the president and the president-elect shall be one year, after which they shall succeed to the offices of immediate past president and president, respectively.

SECTION 3. The vice-president shall be elected by the Board from among the directors not holding other office, and shall serve in that office no longer than one year.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Standing or temporary committees required to conduct the activities of SDA shall be appointed by the president, with the approval of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETING OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1. There shall be one regular meeting annually of the members, which shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board. Special meetings may be held on the call of the Board.

SECTION 2. The secretary-treasurer shall give

adequate written notice of the time and place of meetings to each member in good standing.

SECTION 3. At each regular meeting, the members shall: a. Receive a report from the president on the activities of the Board since the last such meeting. b. Receive a report from the secretary-treasurer on the activities of the office for the year, including financial and membership statements. c. Receive reports from committees as required. d. Make suggestions for activities to be considered by the Board.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Board, or by a petition to the Board signed by at least twenty-five (25) members. A proposed amendment shall be communicated to the members and discussed at the next meeting of the members. Within sixty (60) days after the meeting, the Board shall formulate the final wording of the proposed amendment and direct the secretary-treasurer to submit it to the members in good standing for ratification by mail ballot. An amendment shall become effective following ratification by two-thirds of the members casting ballots.

ARTICLE X - BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. Definitions and procedures that require flexibility shall be governed by the by-laws, provided they are not in conflict with the Constitution.

ARTICLE XI - RATIFICATION

SECTION 1. This Constitution became effective in its original version on November 1, 1980. It was revised to reflect the change of name of the organization from Southern Regional Demographic Group to Southern Demographic Association, which was approved October 12, 1987. The present version will become effective on the first day of** the month following ratification, _____, _____. [to be inserted after ratification].

REVISIONS TO THE SDA BY-LAWS

The SDA Board has approved a number of changes in the SDA by-laws. The complete text of the new by-laws text can be found on the SDA website (http://www.fsu.edu/~sda/sda_bylaws.html). Printed copies of the By-laws are available upon request from the Secretary-Treasurer June Nogle. In addition to a few substantive changes, some sections were resequenced to put them in a more logical order but were not otherwise changed. Apart from minor items of wording and punctuation, the changes are as follows:

Article II, Section 2. Formerly Section 3; the SDA membership year has been changed to correspond to the calendar year.

Article II, Section 3. Formerly Section 2.

Article III, Section 2. Combines former Sections 2 and 3.

Article III, Section 3. Formerly Section 4.

Article IV, Section 1. The SDA fiscal year, like the membership year, now corresponds to the calendar year.

Article IV, Section 3. The last sentence formerly read: "The Board shall approve arrangements for investment of funds."

Article V was formerly Article VI, and some of its sections have been renumbered. Former Section 6 was dropped, since it covered the same topic as (new) Section 6.

Article V, Section 1. Now specifies a date (June 1) by which ballots should be mailed, and the time allowed for returning ballots (30days). The provision about tie election results has been made more explicit. These provisions move the annual election to an earlier date than in past years.

Article V, Section 2. Formerly Section 7.

Article V, Section 3. Formerly Section 4. The second sentence is new.

Article V, Section 4. Formerly Section 3.

Article V, Section 5. A sentence that stated that the term of a director elected as an officer would be that of the officer has been dropped as unneeded.

Article V, Section 6. Formerly Section 2.

Article VI. Formerly Article V.

Article VI, Section 3. New section, providing for a Publications Committee.

Article VI, Section 4. Formerly Section 3.

Article VI, Section 5. Formerly Section 4.

Article VII, Section 6. In the first sentence, "shall support the unique objectives" has been changed to "shall support the designated objectives". The second sentence has been changed to clarify that a primary author may also appear on the program as a discussant, second author, etc. A new third sentence requires payment of the meeting registration fee by all paper presenters (this does not include invited plenary speakers).

Article VIII. A new Section 1 deals with SDA's official journal and provides that the journal editor is ex officio a non-voting member of the SDA Board.

Article VIII, Section 2. Formerly Section 1. It now provides that the newsletter editor(s) serve ex officio as non-voting member(s) of the Board.

Article VIII, Section 3. Formerly Section 2.

Article IX, Section 1. The wording "studies in the South" has been changed to "studies concerning or relevant to the South".

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