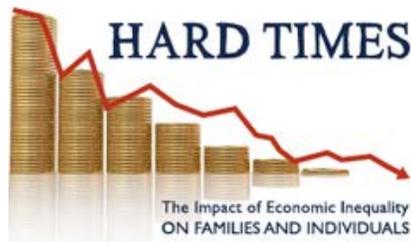


As with the August 2013 New York meeting, participation at the August 2014 San Francisco meeting was also robust. 43 participants exchanged many good ideas about possible directions for the new organization. As in 2013, we continue to receive emails with suggestions and inquiries from these individuals.

Key matters discussed included:

- **The ORN Acting Advisory Board:** Since the beginning in 2013, Roz and Jon Darling and Peter Stein have been acting in an informal leadership capacity, in partnership with our wonderful ASA liaison, Karen Gray Edwards. Following some discussion about formalizing the leadership John Kennedy, Scott McNall, Susan Praeger, and Tom VanValey also agreed to serve on the advisory board until the 2016 Annual Meeting (Seattle), when we will hold an election to replace them with our first "real" board.
- We also heard reports about ORN-related activities at several regional sociological society meetings, including at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS/Lynda Lytle Holmstrom), Midwest Sociological Society (Barbara Keating for Tuck Green), Pacific Sociological Society (Dean Dorn), Southern Sociological Society (Jon Darling), and an update on the ASA's perspective (Karen Gray Edwards)
- Plans for ORN programs at the ASA 2015 Annual Meeting in Chicago: Scott McNall and Tom VanValey will organize a workshop on planning for retirement; Jon Darling & Susan Prager will co-chair the ORN's inaugural regular paper session (see the ASA 2015 Call for Papers and/or the call for papers menu tab here); Roz Darling will chair the committee that will invite an eminent retired sociologist to present the inaugural Annual Invited "A Life in Sociology" Lecture.
- The Opportunities in Retirement Network is sponsoring a book, to be published by ASA and tentatively titled, *Sociological Lives*, edited by Rosalyn Benjamin Darling and Peter Stein. An editorial board is being formed and all submissions will be peer reviewed. The book will be a compilation of autobiographical accounts written by retired sociologists, focusing on the evolving meaning of sociology in their lives.



We are looking for accounts that take a life-span perspective and go beyond academic experiences. We are especially interested in post-retirement activities, challenges, and accomplishments. Submissions should be 3,000 to 4,500 words. Inquiries should be sent to [rdarling@iup.edu](mailto:rdarling@iup.edu). Submissions should be sent to [steinpeterj@gmail.com](mailto:steinpeterj@gmail.com). The deadline is March 1, 2015.

- Research in retirement: An ORN five year longitudinal study about retirement among sociologists. Wave 1 is already available from Susan Prager at [profprager@aol.com](mailto:profprager@aol.com). The call for participating in Wave 3 will be distributed via the ASA-ORN listserv.
- Several people spoke about hoping to establish some *ad hoc* ORN-related interest groups and Art Shostak [shostak@gmail.com](mailto:shostak@gmail.com) reported that he recently began such an active interest group known as *SAGES - Sociology Advisory Group on Elder Societies*, which has already advised on three issues so far. Contact Art for more information. We hope others will follow suit and establish additional related interest groups.
- We looking forward to the 2015 ASA Annual Meeting in Chicago, when ASA-ORN will present its first full slate of program activities. Come join us.