Minutes
Board Meeting
September 13-14, 2011

September 13, 2011

Location: Reserve Officers Association
One Constitution Avenue, NE
Washington D.C. 20002

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

SSAB Members: Marsha Katz, Acting Chair
Jagadeesh Gokhale
Dorcas Hardy
Mark Warshawsky

Presenters: Kelly Croft, Deputy Commissioner for Systems, SSA
Brigitte Madrian, Chair, Technical Panel on
Assumptions and Methods
Janet Barr, Member, Technical Panel on
Assumptions and Methods
John Bongaarts (via telephone), Member, Technical
Panel on Assumptions and Methods
Mark Duggan, Member, Technical Panel on
Assumptions and Methods
Melissa Favreault, Member, Technical Panel on
Assumptions and Methods
Tim Marnell, Member, Technical Panel on
Assumptions and Methods
S. Philip Morgan, Member, Technical Panel on
Assumptions and Methods
John Sabelhaus, Member, Technical Panel on
Assumptions and Methods
Andrew Samwick, Member, Technical Panel on
Assumptions and Methods
Karen Woodrow-Lafield, Member, Technical Panel on
Assumptions and Methods

SSAB Staff: Katherine Thornton, Staff Director
Debi Sullivan, Deputy Staff Director
Jeremy Elder
Joel Feinleib
Beverly Rollins
David Warner
Guests: Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security and Trustee of the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) Trust Fund
Charles Blahous, Public Trustee, OASDI Trust Fund
Robert Reischauer, Public Trustee, OASDI Trust Fund
Invited Government Officials and Social Security Program Experts

September 14, 2011

Location: 400 Virginia Avenue, S.W., Suite 625
Washington, D.C.  20024

Presenters: Scott Frey, Deputy Commissioner for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, SSA
Phil Gambino, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Communications, SSA
Darrell Taylor, Office of Communications, SSA

On September 13, the Board held a special session at the Reserve Officers’ Association to meet with members of the 2010-2011 Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods. The Technical Panel met with the Board members in a closed session that was followed by a public presentation of their recommendations. The Panel’s recommendations will be posted to the Advisory Board’s website at www.ssab.gov.

The Board also met with Kelly Croft, SSA’s Deputy Commissioner for Systems and Chief Information Officer. Mr. Croft described SSA’s efforts with its Information Resources Management Plan, Internet authentication, systems modernization, and capacity planning. He discussed SSA’s budget situation and how it is impacting his office and its work. He noted that the number of disability applications completed online by the public is increasing. Mr. Croft also noted that SSA has instituted tiered storage – a new approach for storing information and files.

On September 14, the Board met with Scott Frey, SSA’s Deputy Commissioner for Legislation and Congressional Affairs; Phil Gambino, SSA’s Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Communications; and Darrell Taylor of SSA’s Office of Communications. Mr. Gambino and Mr. Taylor discussed SSA’s Office of Communications and some of its current initiatives. They provided a status update on the online version of the Social Security Statement and other features that will be available on SSA’s upcoming My Social Security website. Scott Frey described recent Congressional hearings that have involved SSA, and a legislative package that the agency is developing for Congressional consideration. He also discussed the Budget Control Act and its implications for SSA.
I certify that the minutes written for the September 13-14, 2011 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.

Marsha Katz
Acting Chair
Social Security Advisory Board

Date: October 21, 2011