

Minutes
WPSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
30 August 2018, 6:30 to 7:30pm
Place: Sheraton, Beacon D
Boston, Massachusetts

Members Present: Mark Brown, Richard Clucas, Carrie Currier, Elsa Favila, Lorrie Frasure-Yokley, Steven James Johnston, Jane Junn, Jessica Lavariega Monforti, Jamie Mayerfeld, Valerie O'Regan, Ricardo Ramirez, Tony Carey.

Ex Officio Present: Valeria Chapman, Seth McKee, Mark Button, Stephen Nicholson.

Members Absent: Andrew Aoki, Janni Aragon, Michael W. Bowers, Lan Chu, Mario Feit, Farah Godrej, Maurice Mangum.

Guests: Cory Gooding, Huw Price, Christina Bejarano, James Lai, Patrick McGinty, David Shafie.

Meeting called to order at 6:34 by Jane Junn

- I. Approval of April 2018 meeting Minutes from the WPSA Executive Council Meeting and WPSA Business Meeting. Motion by Stephen Nicholson, seconded by Jessica Lavariega Monforti, motion passed.
- II. Reports
 - A. Executive Director's Report by Richard Clucas. Richard reported that he was involved in four main areas since the last meeting. The first area is conference planning. He gave a conference activities report detailing his work on the recent conference in San Francisco, the upcoming conference in San Diego, and his work on future conferences. He reported that the San Francisco conference had a slightly lower turnout than expected. The theme for the 2019 conference is more specialized on climate change this year rather than a larger, broader theme. Second area Richard is involved in is publications, both PGI and PRQ as well as the newsletter. We are looking for a new newsletter team of editors, and asked the membership to ask around if people are interested. Third activity Richard works on is finances and there is a recent financial report he will detail in the spring meeting. Fourth activity is general administrative duties, including work on awards, agendas, etc. Fall and winter plans are to sign contracts for 2022 and 2023 conferences and to find a new newsletter editor team.
 - B. Local Arrangements on the San Francisco conference by Elsa Favila. The San Francisco conference was not as strong as had hoped, but

did net almost \$80,000 in revenue and was approximately fifth overall in attendance.

- C. Local Arrangements for the San Diego conference by Cory Gooding. Excited to welcome WPSA to San Diego.
- D. Nominating Committee Report by James Lai. The committee has a slate that includes Vice President and program chair nominee Ricardo Ramirez, Region A is Melissa Michelson and Ainsley Lesure. Region B is Mark Ramirez and Region C is still a search in progress.
- E. PRQ Editors Report by Seth McKee. Discussed the new editorial team and their model. Five editors have diverse areas of expertise and a good feel for the future direction of the journal. Added a new section called “trends” to the journal, and will be putting all of the annual reports on the website to increase transparency. Questions raised about the presence of the editorial team at the WPSA and the role of political theory and environmental politics in the journal. The council hopes to hear more about outreach on these areas in the next meeting.

III. Old Business

- A. Future Convention Sites discussion by Richard Clucas. We have received reasonable bids from two hotels for a non-holiday weekend (1) Caesars Palace in Las Vegas and (2) the Downtown Hilton in Portland, and both have also provided bids for 2023. Richard recommended we hold conference in Las Vegas in 2022 and Portland is 2023. Steven Johnson raised objections to Vegas, others noted cheap flights to Vegas could be attractive. Jane Junn said that it was important to approve a site for 2022 that would not be divisive since that will be the Association’s 75th anniversary. She recommended we approve Portland for 2022. Richard told the council that Salt Lake City could not accommodate us. Motion to approve 2022 in Portland by Steven Johnson, seconded by Jessica Lavariega Monforti. 7 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions. Motion to go to Vegas in 2022 by Stephen Nicholson, seconded by Ricardo Ramirez. 2 in favor, 6 opposed, 2 abstentions. Motion passed for 2022 in Portland. 2023 location was not decided.
- B. PGI Publishing Contract discussion led by Valeria Chapman and Richard Clucas. Jane Junn is continuing to negotiate with Taylor & Francis on the renewal of our contract, since a decision has to be made before the end of the calendar year. The big issue is that we need more financial support from the publisher for the myriad of activities in which the editors are involved. The contract is important because it is not just a question of this current editorial team but it is for the benefit of future editorial teams. Richard emphasized to the council the importance for all the council members to get their home

institutions to subscribe to PGI. Motion by Ricardo Ramirez to allow Jane to continue to negotiate the final terms of the contract and if it proves unsatisfactory to look elsewhere, seconded by Steven Johnson. Motion passed.

- C. PGI Editor Extension/Search by Richard Clucas. The Council approved a timeline for the next search at its March meeting in San Francisco. However, the Council has the option of renewing the current editors' terms for two years. WPSA President Jane Junn has talked with Valeria Chapman and Nadia Brown, the current editors. Both have expressed their desire to continue as editors. There was agreement among the council that Valeria, Nadia, and the entire editorial team have done a superb job in editing the journal. A motion was made by Laurie Frasure-Yokley to extend the editors' terms for two more years. It was seconded by Jamie Mayerfeld. Motion passed.

- D. Anti-Harassment Policy report by Christina Bejarano. A motion was made at last August's Executive Council meeting to adopt a policy against harassment and then for the WPSA President to appoint a committee to consider potential changes in the policy. The proposal was adopted by the council and Christina Bejarano was appointed chair of the committee. Christina made a report on the progress of the committee's work. Key things to note in the revisions being considered by the committee include a definition of what is harassment, where harassment can occur, expansion on unacceptable behavior, and a section on procedures with regard to reporting and resolving complaints. At this point it is a discussion item, so please offer feedback to Christina as this policy continues to evolve.

IV. New Business

- A. Mid-Year Budget Report: Elsa Favila. Total income from the San Francisco conference is \$179,161.91 expenses are \$101,055.91 for a total revenue of \$78,106.00

Meeting adjourned at 7:44PM.