

**Minutes**  
**WPSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016**  
**Manchester Hyatt Hotel, San Diego, California**  
**ROOM: Coronado A, Fourth Level**

1. *Call to Order* at 5:21 PM by Louis DeSipio.
  
2. *Awards*
  - a. Asian Pacific Americans and Politics Award presented by James Lai to Neil Visalvanich, Durham University for his paper: *Asian Candidates in America: An Experimental and Observational Look*. The paper was a consensus choice by the committee. The paper looks at the candidates of Asian Americans and examines how they do across different biographical scenarios.
  
  - b. Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award presented by Meredith Conroy to Catherine N. Wineinger, Rutgers University for her paper: *How Can a Black Woman be a Republican? An Intersectional Examination of Identity Politics in the Mia Love Campaign*. Catherine is a Ph.D. candidate at Rutgers, and the committee selected the paper because it pushed the field of race, gender and ideology and the ways in which it is portrayed by the candidate, the media discourse, and social media.
  
  - c. WPSA Best Paper on Blacks and Politics awarded to Christopher Towler, Western Washington University for his paper: *Far-right Sympathy and Racial Intolerance: Race, Integration and Reactionary Conservatism in the 1960s*. The recipient was not present.
  
  - d. Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on the Politics of the American West presented by Richard Clucas to Deserai A. Crow, Lydia A. Lawhon, Elizabeth Koebele, Adrienne Kroepsch, Rebecca Child, and Juhi Huda, University of Colorado-Boulder for their paper: *Information, Resources, and Management Priorities: Agency Outreach and Mitigation of Wildfire Risk in the Western United States*. The committee unanimously selected the paper. This work makes a nice contribution to our evolving understanding of land issues and focuses on the themes of social capital, community and trust. Lydia Lawhon and Elizabeth Koebele were present to receive the award.
  
  - e. Dissertation Award presented by Louis DeSipio to Julian D. Gottlieb, University of Seattle for his dissertation completed at the University of California, Santa Barbara, titled: *The Protest News Framing Cycle: How News Attention and Framing Change over the Course of a Protest*. There were a record 20 nominees for the award this year. Julian was not present to receive the award.

- f. Best Paper on Environmental Political Theory presented by Justin Williams to Margaret E. Farrar, John Carroll University for her paper *Sustainable Places*. The committee was impressed with the array of methods that she used in the paper. She was not present to receive the award.
- g. WPSA Best Paper on Latina/Latino Politics presented by Christina Bejarano to Alex Street, Carol College, Chris Zepeda-Millan, University of California Berkeley, and Michael Jones-Correa, Cornell University for their paper *Political Effects of Having Undocumented Parents*. There were 18 papers nominated for the award. The paper used original survey data on young adult foreign-born Latinos to assess the impact of political and legal status.
- h. Pi Sigma Alpha Award presented by Richard Clucas to Christopher Holman, Nanyang Technological University for his paper *Machiavelli and the Constellative Use of History*. Christopher was not present to receive the award.
- i. PRQ Best Article Award presented by Louis DeSipio to Mirya R. Holman, Tulane University, Monica C. Schneider, Miami University and Kristin Pondel, Gfk for their December 2015 PRQ Article: *Gender Targeting in Political Advertisements*. Honorable mention was granted to Mehmet Gurses, Florida Atlantic University for his March 2015 PRQ article: *Transnational Ethnic Kin and Civil War Outcomes*. The recipients were not present.

Richard Clucas reminded the award winners that their winning papers are all eligible for expedited review at *PRQ* and encouraged recipients to submit them and take advantage of this great opportunity.

### **3. Reports**

- a. San Diego Conference: Julie Novkov, Casey Dominguez

Julie Novkov gave the program report for San Diego. 28 substantive areas where panels were organized including two new areas (one on Critical Perspectives on Higher Education as well as one on Politics, Literature and Film), three events sponsored by the APSA, four Wednesday workshops, and 5 mini-conferences within a conference. She encouraged all to enjoy the reception and thanked everyone for the work they did at the conference.

Local arrangements team presentation by Casey Dominguez welcomed everyone to San Diego and thanked the San Diego local arrangements team and the volunteers for their work.

- b. Executive Director Report: Richard Clucas

Richard Clucas thanked the University of San Diego for its work and the financial support it offered while hosting the conference this year. He then noted four additional points:

- 1) The Association's finances continue to be strong and we are growing as an association. We are taking donations and have created two endowments.
- 2) Future conventions – next year's meeting has encountered some challenges as the Empress Hotel where we were scheduled to stay will be undergoing a major renovation. The renovation will cause us to lose half of our guest rooms. Therefore we are exploring the option of perhaps another hotel, splitting between two hotels, or expanding the possibility of moving to Vancouver as an option. 2018 we will be in San Francisco, 2019 in San Antonio, 2020 in Los Angeles.
- 3) Changes in editors – the search is underway for new editors to *PRQ*, please encourage people to apply and get the word out. The Council approved a continuation of the Purdue University-based *PGI* editorial team, some editors are new and some are returning. The *Western* Newsletter also has two new editors and are restructuring the newsletter so it is entirely online and they are working closely with the blog to get all of our internet/social media interconnected.
- 4) Donations – we have approximately \$9000 in donations thus far and people are encouraged to donate.

c. Treasurer Report: Michael Bowers.

We had a good convention last year, second best in terms of income. Net assets have gone up approximately \$55,000 and we have approximately \$601,000 in reserves, but that amount is necessary in case there is an emergency, like what befell APSA in New Orleans in 2012.

d. Nominating Committee Report: Pei-te Lien

Pei-te introduced the slate for the nominating committee and noted that the committee paid attention to diversity in the list of nominees.

e. *Political Research Quarterly*: Jeanette Mendez

Jeanette introduced the new co-editors of *PRQ*: Clarissa Hayward and James Scott. Submissions are around 400 a year, acceptance rate is around 12%. One-third of all submissions are American politics and they have been trying to do more outreach to IR and political theory. *PRQ* also sponsored two new roundtables at the conference about publishing in *PRQ* and the second on the data transparency issue. *PRQ* has not signed onto DA-RT and they do not have plans to sign it, because they do not want to make one particular methodological approach the standard of the discipline.

f. *Politics, Groups, and Identities*: Anna Sampaio

Anna Sampaio discussed the interdisciplinary nature of the journal. Among the things they have done is to do a virtual special issue this year – collecting pieces that are already published and put them together as an open access opportunity. This has helped get the articles a lot of new hits. Submissions are up, the rejection rate is at 62% at this point in time, and response time is down to 60 days. *PGI* is also looking to increase their social media presence and will do a blog to help drive traffic to the journal. She encouraged people to keep asking their institutions to subscribe to the journal, and noted that *PGI* has not signed onto DA-RT.

g. *The Western*: Richard Clucas

Richard noted that we have two enthusiastic and creative new editors of our newsletter, and that the team is working on some innovative new approaches, including going to an entirely online format tied to our blog.

**5. *New Business***

- a. Election of Officers. A motion was made by Anna Sampaio to accept the nominating slate. Seconded by Ronald Schmidt. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

**6. *Introduction of Incoming WPSA President Julie Novkov*** by Louis DeSipio. Louis thanked those who helped him over this past year and introduced Julie Novkov as the new president. Julie then thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to the upcoming year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08PM.