

Minutes
WPSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015
5:15 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Caesars Palace Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada
ROOM: Florentine Ballroom I

1. Meeting called to order by Victoria Farrar-Myers at 5:16pm.

2. *Awards*

a. Asian Pacific Americans and Politics Award presented by Pei-te Lien.

Award given to Loan K. Le, Institute for Good Government and Inclusion, and Paul M. Ong, University of California, Los Angeles, for their paper, “Trajectories of Asian American Partisanship.” This is the third year the award has been issued. Loan K. Le accepted the award on behalf of the two authors.

b. Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award presented by Meredith Conroy.

Award given to Marcela García-Castañon, San Francisco State University, for her paper, “Community Makers, Citizen Shapers: the Role of Women in Mexican Immigrant Political Socialization.”

c. Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on the Politics of the American West presented by Brent Boyea and Todd Belt. Award given to Julie E. Carlisle, University of Idaho, Stephanie L. Kane, Washington State University, David Solan, Boise State University, and Jeffrey C. Joe, Idaho National Laboratory, for their paper, “Place Attachment and Public Support for Solar Development in Southern California.”

d. Dissertation Award presented by Janni Aragon. Award given to Chris Parsons, University of Toronto for his dissertation completed at the University of Victoria, B.C, Canada: “The Politics of Deep Packet Inspection: What Drives Contemporary Western Internet Service Provider Surveillance Practices.” Janni noted that Chris’s dissertation was just granted a book contract. Chris was unable to accept the award in person.

e. Best Paper on Environmental Political Theory presented by Timothy Luke.

Award given to Justin Williams, University of Michigan, for his paper, “The Space of Social Justice.”

f. WPSA Best Paper on Latina/Latino Politics award presented by Marcela García-Castañon. Award given to Katsuo Nishikawa, Trinity University, and Kiku Huckle, University of Washington, for their paper, “Can Places of Worship Help Politically Socialize Immigrants?”

g. Pi Sigma Alpha Award presented by Justin Vaughn. Award given to David Glick, Boston University, and Dino P. Christenson, Boston University, for their paper “Legitimacy, Ideology, and the Court’s Roller Coaster Week of Salient Decisions.” Dino Christenson accepted the award on their behalf.

h. PRQ Best Article Award presented by Andrew Valls. Award given to Dino P. Christenson, Boston University, Corwin D. Smidt, Calvin College, and Costas Panagopoulos, Fordham University, for their article: "Deus ex Machina: Candidate Web Presence and the Presidential Nomination Campaign." Honorable mention given to Sarah Shair-Rosenfield, Arizona State University, and Magda Hinojosa, Arizona State University, for their paper, "Does Female Incumbency Reduce Gender Bias in Elections? Evidence from Chile."

3. Reports

a. Las Vegas Convention Program report given by Louis DeSipio.

Louis noted we had 1224 registrants at the time of presentation, making us number three in terms of the largest WPSA conferences, but we hope to do better once the final numbers are completed. He thanked the local arrangements chairs, Richard, Elsa and the approximately 28 section chairs for the conference. Special note was made of the four conferences within a conference that were held this year, and everyone is encouraged to create similar opportunities in future conferences.

b. Executive Director report given by Richard Clucas.

Richard outlined six key areas in which he has been involved. First, the finances look quite strong thus far with the conference. Second, he is pleased with how well the conference is going and thanked everyone for their hard work. In addition, noted that the local arrangements chairs have raised money for us locally, so extra thanks to UNLV and to the individuals who have been involved in giving support to the association. Third, convention planning continues. Next year will be at the Manchester Hyatt in San Diego from March 24-26th. In 2017 we will be at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia, in 2018 in San Francisco, and in 2019 in San Antonio (2018 and 2019 venues were switched to avoid worker contract renegotiation which will be occurring in San Francisco at the end of 2018, which might possibly impact the 2019 conference). Fourth, an editorial search is undergoing for PGI and the call for editors will soon be posted online. Fifth, a special thanks to Ron and Rosemary Schmidt for their generous \$2000 donation to the WPSA. The WPSA has begun to take donations, and others are encouraged to donate to the WPSA endowment or to awards such as the Betty Moulds award and the Joel Olson award. Finally, everyone was encouraged to join the WPSA reception at the Apollo pool following tonight's meeting. One additional note is that a future planning committee has been created to consider a wide range of issues that have come up at the WPSA over time, ranging from the regional character of the association, the timing of the conference, succession planning, etc. This information will be available online at some point and members will be asked for their feedback on a variety of issues.

c. Treasurer report given by Michael Bowers.

The financial report for 2014-15 was passed out at the meeting. On March 1, 2014 the beginning balance was a little over \$414,423. With the revenue from convention income, membership, and other sources the total assets reported were around \$644,500. Michael explained some of the items among the operating expenses. Insurance was almost double what we normally pay because we are taking out cancellation insurance (around \$2000 a year). The amount listed under professional fees was lower than the previous year

because Portland State University has not billed the association for the work of the Executive Director. Also, PGI dues were twice as much as normal because we are paying for two years this year but next year we are back to normal with one year at a time. Expenditures for the year were around \$116,000, so net assets were a little more than \$528,475 with an increase of about \$114,000 over the year. So we are doing well.

d. Nominating Committee report given by Stacy Gordon.

Nominees for the various positions were announced. Stephen Nicholson, University of California Merced for Vice President and program chair; Carrie Liu Currier, Texas Christian University for Recording Secretary; Executive Council Region A: Lorrie Frasure-Yokley, University of California, Los Angeles and Ricardo Ramirez, University of Notre Dame; Executive Council Region B: Maurice Mangum, Texas Southern University; Executive Council Region C Andrew Aoki, Augsburg College. The committee selects nominees with attention to diversity in terms of gender, race, ethnicity and institutional diversity.

e. *Political Research Quarterly* report given by Jason Maloy

Nine months into the new editorial transition all is going well. In 2014 they had a record high number of manuscript submissions (214 in the first half of the year under the old Washington University editorial team, 224 in the second half under the new editorial team). Also worked hard to increase the reviewer pool and added 300 new reviewers to the system since they have been in charge. They have 20 new reviewer awards and those will be posted on the website soon. Each of the reviewers awarded will receive a gift certificate for Sage publications and an email to their department heads recognizing them for their service.

f. *Politics, Groups, and Identities* report given by Richard Clucas.

The editors could not be with us so Richard gave the report on their behalf. They thanked two outgoing editors on the team and are welcoming two new editors who they know are bringing new ideas and energy to the journal which is now in its fourth year. The number and quality of submissions is high. 138 submissions in the past year and they expect them to increase. Backlog is currently one year. Mention of a few special editions that they have published recently and a reminder on the journals unique features like the dialogues section.

g. *The Western* report given by Steven Stambough and Valerie O'Regan

After 6 years their term is up. Encouraged people to apply as the new editors and noted that the new format may change and meld with the blog and other social media forms in the future.

4. Old Business – none

5. New Business

- a. Election of Officers by Victoria Farrar-Myers. Nominations were solicited from the floor and when none were raised a motion to approve the slate was made by Janni

Aragon. Seconded by Tony Affigne. Nomination slate was approved by members present.

6. Introduction of Incoming WPSA President Louis DeSipio by Victoria Farrar-Myers. Victoria turned over the gavel and the presidency to Louis DeSipio. Louis called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Valerie Martinez-Ebers, seconded by Shaun Bowler.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.