

**MINUTES**  
**WPSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022**  
**5:15 PM – 5:45 P.M.**  
**Hilton Downtown Portland**  
**Room: Atrium Ballroom**

1. *Call to Order* by Ricardo Ramirez at 5:20 PM.

2. *Reports*

- a. Portland Program Chair. Pei-te Lien presented the Program Chair report, providing details on special events at the conference and thanking the groups and individuals who helped make it a success.
- b. Portland Local Arrangements. Kim Williams, Portland State University, presented the Local Arrangements report, welcoming everyone to Portland and mentioning some of the highlights of the conference. She also thanked those involved in making the conference happen.
- c. Executive Director's Report. Richard Clucas gave the Executive Director's report, thanking Pei-te, Kim, and Elsa for their hard work in making the conference a success, and thanking Ricardo for his leadership of the Association. He thanked the Mark Hatfield School of Government for its financial support. Richard then gave a short report on his activities. He discussed three main areas of work. First, he noted that he does a considerable amount of administrative work. He then talked about the work that Elsa and he put into the conference. He thanked Ron Schmidt for his leadership in chairing the 75th anniversary committee. Lastly, he talked about his work with the association's three publications, noting that there are new editors for all three. He concluded by inviting everyone to the 2023 conference in San Francisco.
- d. Treasurer's Report. Michael Bowers presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that the association's finances are strong. During the past fiscal year, the association had \$254,301 in total income and \$211,088 in total expenses, with a net income of \$43,214.
- e. Political Research Quarterly. PRQ Editor-in-Chief Seth C. McKee was unable to attend the meeting. Richard Clucas present the PRQ report. Richard started by thanking Seth and the rest of the PRQ editorial team for editing the journal, noting that their tenure ends on June 30, 2022. He then introduced the new editorial team, led by Charles Anthony ("Tony") Smith from UC Irvine.
- f. Politics, Groups, and Identities. PGI Editor Nadia Brown was unable to attend the meeting. Melissa Michelson presented the PGI report in her place. Melissa described

the myriad of innovations and activities in which the journal has been involved, leading to its growing importance and respect in the discipline.

- g. Nominating Committee Report. Jane Junn presented the Nominating Committee Report.

### **3. *Awards***

The award ceremony has been moved to the reception on Thursday evening. This is the last time it will appear on the Business Meeting agenda and minutes.

### **4. *Old Business*** - none

### **5. *New Business***

The only item in new business was the election of offices. Ricardo Ramirez called for a motion. A motion to approve the Nominating Committee slate was moved and seconded. No other motions were made. The motion passed.

### **6. *Introduction of Incoming WPSA President Pei-te Lien.***

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm