

WPSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021
12 noon – 1:00 P.M.
Virtual meeting conducted using Zoom platform

1. **Call to Order** at 12:03 p.m. by Jessica Lavariega Monforti

2. **Reports**

a. Virtual Online Conference

Ricardo Ramirez

Ramirez delivered report indicating the challenging task of switching from an in person to hybrid to fully online conference. Thanks to Elsa and the section chairs, the process went smoothly. Of course, attendance was not as high as San Diego in 2019, which had 354 panels and 1178 registrants. For the online conference, there were 179 panels and 634 registrants at the time of the report. Zoom accounts used by section chairs and other members also saved WPSA some money.

b. Executive Director

Richard Clucas

Clucas highlighted his work on conference planning, including canceling the in-person conference in Seattle and negotiating a new contract at the Seattle Hyatt in 2025. He has also worked with the Publications committee in preparation for two searches for PRQ and PGI. He has also worked with other WPSA committees, especially the 75th Anniversary committee. Finally, he reported his work on administrative duties.

c. Treasurer

Michael Bowers

Bowers presented the assets and liabilities of the organization, and noted that, despite the pandemic, the organization made \$9,000 from the Los Angeles virtual conference last year. Overall net income was \$77,182, so organization is in healthy financial shape.

d. Political Research Quarterly

Seth McKee

McKee reported PRQ had a decline in new submissions due to the pandemic, and noted acceptance rates for Theory, American, and Comparative papers have increased, while IR acceptance rates have dipped slightly. He reported a concern about backlog for printing articles accepted, which Sage has agreed to address.

e. Politics, Groups, and Identities

Nadia Brown

Brown's written report was presented by Clucas. The journal is flourishing, both in importance to discipline and in submission. The journal editors have also introduced a wide range of innovative programs, including peer mentoring and micro syllabi.

f. Nominating Committee

Lisa Magaña

Magaña reported the slate, which is attached.

3. Awards

The following awards were presented:

CLAY MORGAN AWARD FOR BEST BOOK IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICAL THEORY

Presenter: Chris Buck

Recipient: Cara New Daggett

Honorable Mention: Rafi Youatt

DISSERTATION AWARD

Presenter: Hakeem Jefferson

Recipient: Justine Davis

DON T. NAKANISHI AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE IN ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN POLITICS

Presenter: Ngoc Phan

Recipient: Janelle Wong

POLITICAL RESEARCH QUARTERLY BEST ARTICLE AWARD

Presenter: Shane Singh

Recipient: Christian R. Grose and Jordan Carr Peterson

POLITICS, GROUPS, AND IDENTITIES BEST ARTICLE AWARD

Presenter: Melissa Michelson

Recipient: Claire L. Adida, Kim Yi Dionne, and Melina R. Platas

BETTY MOULDS LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

Presenter: Richard Clucas for Gary Segura

Recipient: Shaun Bowler

Congratulations were in order.

4. Old Business -- No old business

5. New Business

a. Election of Officers

Jessica Lavariega Monforti

Voting on the slate was moved by Lisa Magaña, and seconded by Melissa Michelson.

Slate unanimously approved

6. Introduction of Incoming WPSA President Ricardo Ramirez

Ramirez takes the gavel and adjourns meeting at 1:02 p.m. PST.