

## Western Political Science Association Zoom Meeting

Monday, November 23, 2020

2:00-3:00 p.m. PST

Call to Order 2:07 PST by President Jessica Lavariega Monforti

Members present: Ainsley LeSure, Tony Carey, Lan Chu, Brent Steele, Seth McKee, Elsa Favila, Jamie Mayerfeld, Jessica Lavariega Monforti, Natalie Masuoka, Nadia Brown, Mario Feit, Farah Godrej, Michael Bowers, Mario Guerrero, Melissa Michelson, Ricardo Ramirez, Mark Ramirez, Richard Clucas, Pei-te Lien, Sarah Shair-Rosenfeld, Laura Evans, and Jason Casellas

Members absent: Shirin Deylami

Introduction and welcome by President Lavariega Monforti

### I. New Business

#### A. 2021 Seattle Annual Meeting: Richard Clucas

Richard briefs council on Hyatt Seattle situation. Worked out an agreement with Hyatt to cancel the in-person conference in April, with the understanding the association would return in 2025. Richard asks the council to approve in principle the agreement allowing us to cancel without penalty and to reschedule around the same time in 2025. The proposal provides Richard flexibility in deciding to sign off in case problems arise in the final negotiations.

Ricardo moved to accept the proposal is to accept in principle the cancellation of 2021 Conference and reschedule for 2025. Jessica seconded.

**VOTE:** Unanimous **in favor** of motion.

#### B. 2021 Program Logistics: Ricardo Ramirez

Ricardo notes panels have been created, for in person and virtual, separately. Now, we need to figure out how to proceed as an association, since some only signed up with the intent to go in person rather than virtual. Asks for advice on how best to proceed.

Elsa says we can accept more proposals but for the in-person proposals we need to reach out to them and ask if they are willing to participate virtually. We need to reach out asap.

Ricardo asks what timeline do we need now given the move to virtual.

Elsa suggests mid –December.

Nadia suggests opening up proposals with low fee structure to attract more participants. More pedagogical panels, junior scholars, etc. to attract more folks.

Ricardo wants to make sure we don't overburden section chairs given their already difficult task to deal with this year.

Sarah also suggests folks submit full panels so it is less work for section chairs. Don't redo anything until dust settles after the 15 December time when some will drop out.

Jessica proposes a deadline of **December 11**. One email to membership and a separate email indicating acceptance of papers but if we do not hear from you by this date, you are accepting a virtual presentation. Then send third email for section chairs

Nadia suggests reaching out to some groups like POC Also Know, Women AKS, etc. to allow them to come up with panels before the deadline.

Jamie formalizes proposal to allow people to send fully formed panels to the program chair.

Jessica says feedback from last year's virtual conference was positive.

Richard will send an email on overall updates to the conference.

Elsa clarifies we are sending a general letter to all participants that they are in the program but panels are being reshuffled. Reiterates Jessica's proposal from earlier.

Elsa says our numbers are half the usual due to covid.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. PST

Respectfully submitted,

Jason P. Casellas, Secretary, Western Political Science Association