

**Minutes**  
**WPSA Executive Council Meeting**  
**August 29, 2019**  
**Hilton Hotel, Embassy Room**  
**Washington, DC**

Members present: Mark Brown, Tony Carey, Richard Clucas, Elsa Favila, Mario Feit, Sarah Gershon, Steven Johnston, Jane Junn, Jessica Lavariega Monforti, Valerie O'Regan, Natalie Masuoka, Jamie Mayerfeld, Seth McKee, Ricardo Ramirez, and Sarah Shair-Rosenfield

Members absent: Janni Aragon, Michael Bowers, Jason Casellas, Lan Chu, Shirin Deylami, Farah Godrej, Mario Guerrero, and Brent Steele

Guests: Rina Williams

Meeting called to order by President Jamie Mayerfeld at 6:30 PM.

### **I. Approval of minutes**

Call for motion to approve minutes from April 2019 Executive Council meeting. Motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

### **II. Reports**

Executive Direct Report presented by Richard Clucas. Richard reported that he has focused primarily on three main areas since the April WPSA meeting: working on conference planning (past and future), helping with WPSA committees, and handling a variety of administrative duties.

Elsa Favila provided the local arrangements report for the April meeting in San Diego. The meeting had among the highest turnout and most activity of any conference in the association's history. It was a great success.

Rina Williams presented the report from the Nominations Committee. She explained how the selection process worked and how the committee sought diversity in its choices. She presented the list of nominees that will be voted on in April.

Elsa Favila reported on membership. The WPSA added 105 members in the past year.

### **III. Old Business**

Richard Clucas reported on future convention sites. He reported that he signed hotel contracts for San Francisco in 2023 and Vancouver, BC, in 2024. Both conferences have been scheduled to avoid occurring on the first day of Passover. Future conference sites: Los Angeles 2020; Seattle 2021; Portland 2022; San Francisco 2023; Vancouver 2024.

#### **IV. New Business**

Elsa Favila presented the Mid-Year Budget Report. She reported no problems in the budget. She also discussed changes in the submission process for WPSA conferences.

Jane Junn summarized a proposal to create a new WPSA Committee on Publications, which would provide the council with more thoughtful input on the Association's journals and newsletter. The proposal called for the creation of a standing committee to be tried on an experimental basis. After two years, the Executive Council would consider whether to make the committee permanent or to discontinue it. Discussion of the proposal followed. Motion to approve the Publication Committee was made and seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

Jamie Mayerfeld summarized a proposal to create Scholarly Videoconference Communities. Other members of the Climate Committee (Richard Clucas, Jessica Lavariega Monforti, Sarah Shair-Rosenfield) discussed additional aspects and potential effects of the proposal. General discussion of the proposal. Motion to approve the proposal allowing the Climate Committee to develop these online communities was made and seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

Jessica Lavareiga Monforti summarized a proposal to create a WPSA Status Committee on First-Generation Scholars. Motion to approve the proposal creating the new Status Committee was made and seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

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Minutes submitted by Mark Brown