

MINUTES

WPSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2013

6:15 P.M. – 6:45 P.M.

Loews Hollywood Hotel

ROOM: Mount Olympus

1. *Call to Order – 6:30pm* Peregrine Schwartz-Shea

2. *Awards*
 - a. Dissertation Award was presented by Craig Arceneaux to Nathan Jones for his dissertation: “The State Reaction: A Theory of Illicit Network Resilience,” completed at the University of California, Irvine.

 - b. Asian Pacific Americans and Politics Award was presented by Pei-te Lien to Chris Haynes and Carrie Skulley, University of California Riverside, for their paper “Linked Fate and the Inter-Ethnic Differences among Asian-Americans.”

 - c. Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award was presented by Tamara Metz to Heath Fogg Davis, Temple University, for his paper “Gender Inspection on Public Transportation and Race Class Politics in Urban Place.”

 - d. WPSA Best Paper on Blacks and Politics was presented by Boris Ricks and Lorrie Frasure to Hannah Walker, University of Washington, for her paper “The Political Effects of Geographically Sensitive Crime Rates: Preliminary Research from Washington State.”

 - e. WPSA Best Paper on Latina/Latino Politics was presented by David Leal to Juan Urbano, Brian Hanson and Thomas Ringenbert, the University of Kansas, for their paper “Racial Threat, Immigration, and Trust in Congress in Rural Communities.”

 - f. Best Paper on Environmental Political Theory was presented by Breena Holland to Andrew Biro, Acadia University, for his paper “The Good Life in the Greenhouse? Autonomy, Democracy, and Citizenship in a Warmer World.”

 - g. Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on the Politics of the American West was presented by Robert Preuhs to Bradley Clark Jr., Fort Lewis College, for his paper “Dam Removal and River Restoration on the Elwha River: Does Size Really Matter?”

 - h. PRQ Best Article was presented by Stephen Nicholson to Sarah Fulton, Texas A&M University, for her article “Running Backwards and in High Heels: The Gendered Quality Gap and Incumbent Electoral Success.”

- i. Pi Sigma Alpha Award was presented by Ted Jelen to Matthew C. Ingram, State University of New York, Albany, for his paper “Networked Justice: Judges, the Diffusion of Ideas, and Legal Reform Movements in Mexico.”

3. *Reports*

- a. Hollywood Convention
 - Program report by Gary Segura. 1233 people are registered for the annual meeting, 1063 were preregistered. This is almost 1300 roundtables or panel presentations.
 - Local Arrangements report by Ange-Marie Hancock. Local chairs are responsible for recruiting students, helping Elsa and asking local departments to help pay for items. She reported all went well.
- b. President report by Peregrine Schwartz-Shea. She recognized retiring APSA director Michael Britnall for the service he has provided to the political science profession.
- c. Executive Director report by Richard Clucas. Financially we had a strong year, with a \$55,000 increase over the previous year in spite of a bad economy. Thanked those for organizing the conference, the local arrangements committee, Peregrine Schwartz-Shea, and Elsa for all of their work. He then made the following announcements: 1) Next year’s conference is in Seattle (April 17-19, 2014), then Las Vegas’s Caesar’s Palace in 2015, then San Diego’s Hyatt in 2016, then Victoria, British Columbia’s Empress Hotel in 2017, and San Antonio’s Hyatt in 2018, 2) launch of the second official journal of the association, PGI – and a reminder that members do get subscriptions to this journal, 3) search for PRQ editor is going well and the deadline is May 15, 4) there is a new and expanded presence for the WPSA on the web – with a hashtag, Facebook, and Twitter accounts to make us more cutting edge in technology, and 5) reminder to attend the WPSA reception at the pool.
- d. Treasurer report by Michael Bowers. Financial report for March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013. A beginning balance of \$314,104.75. The net income from the convention was the best we have ever had and we ended the year with more than \$369,000 so we increased our assets this year by over \$55,000. The adopted budget was passed out to those in attendance and the one item that stands out is PGI memberships, which is being budgeted for \$10,000 but it is still uncertain what that will be.
- e. Nominating Committee report by Julie Novkov. She presented the slate from the nominating committee which includes: Louis DeSipio (VP), Michael Genovese & Kim Nalder (Region A), Regina Branton (Region B), Celeste Montoya (Region C).
- f. Political Research Quarterly report by Cornell Clayton. The impact factor has doubled since 2007, submissions have doubled and the acceptance rate has dropped to 10%.

g. Politics, Groups, and Identities report by James McCann. The submission site is up and running. Three sections in PGI: research articles, literature review/essays and dialogue segment to discuss weighty issues in a more interactive format. The June issue table of contents are now out in hard copy and will be posted soon.

4. *Old Business - none*

5. *New Business*

- a. Election of Officers - Peregrine Schwartz-Shea asked for any nominations of the floor. The motion to approve was made by Ted Jelen, Valerie Martinez-Ebers seconded it. Approval was unanimous.

- 6. *Introduction of Incoming WPSA President Gary Segura.*** Peregrine Schwartz-Shea introduces Gary Segura and he thanks Peri for a wonderful year as president. Motion to adjourn by Ronald Schmidt, seconded by Stephen Nicholson.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM by Gary Segura.