

**Minutes**  
**WPSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**  
**Action without a Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 14, 2011**

Members Present: Manuel Avalos, Peregrine Schwartz-Shea , Michael W. Bowers, Noelle Norton, Kim Geron, Pei-te Lien, Julie Novkov, Louis DeSipio, Christine DiStefano, James Gosling, Arturo Vega, Sean Kelly, Ted Lascher, Lisa Magaña, Melody Rose, Karthick Ramakrishnan, Rudy Espino, and Chris Parker.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Richard Clucas, Elsa Favila, Cornell Clayton, and Amy Mazur.

Members Absent: None

WPSA President Manuel Avalos submitted two proposals to the Executive Council through electronic mail on September 14, 2011.

The first of these proposals revised the Association Bylaws and Policies to give the Committee on the Status of Asian Pacific Americans the same standing as the other WPSA status committees. At the association's April 2011 meeting in San Antonio, the Executive Council voted to create the new status committee. The council then instructed Richard Clucas to put forward a proposal to be taken up at the September 2011 Council meeting in Seattle incorporating the new status committee into our Bylaws and policies so that it is treated the same way as the other status committees.

Since there was not a quorum at the Seattle meeting, Avalos submitted the proposal to the Executive Council following the association rules governing Taking Action Without a Meeting (Bylaws Article VII, Section 8). The proposal changed Article IX, Section 2, of the Bylaws and Section I of the Association Policies. In addition to giving formal recognition of the new committee, the proposal provided for the creation of a new conference paper award for the Best Paper on Asian Pacific Americans and Politics.

The second of the two proposals called for the expansion of the Executive Council to include the Vice-President Elect and the editor of *Politics, Groups and Identities*, bringing the total number of councilors up from 20 to 22. The rules governing the expansion of the number of Councilors are more complex than for most changes in WPSA Bylaws. Under most circumstances, the Executive Council can change the Bylaws on its own. However, our Bylaws and California state law require that changes in the size of the council be submitted to the association members through a written ballot.

Avalos proposed that the Council take the following action:

1. Submit changes in the WPSA Bylaws (Articles VI and X) to association members to expand the size of the council to include these two new members;

2. Establish the record date as December 31, 2011;
3. Instruct the Executive Director to mail the ballots to members by February 28, 2012, so that the association meets the 60-day deadline for the mailing;
4. Establish the date in which ballots must be returned as March 31, 2012, which would allow members to return their ballots at the WPSA meeting;
5. Allow the Executive Director to extend the time for return of the ballot for no more than two successive periods of thirty days each if a quorum has not been met;
6. Authorize the Executive Director and Associate Director to take the steps necessary to conduct the vote.

All members of the Executive Council returned their ballots, with the final ballot arriving on October 3, 2011. The Council voted unanimously in support of both proposals.

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Submitted by Noelle Norton, Recording Secretary