

## MINUTES

### WPSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Action without a Meeting Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Members Present: Manuel Avalos, Peregrine Schwartz-Shea, Gary Segura, Victoria Farrar-Myers, Michael W. Bowers, Noelle Norton, Louis DeSipio, Sean Kelly, Ted Lascher, Lisa Magaña, Melody Rose, Karthick Ramakrishnan, Rudy Espino, Chris Parker, Mark Bevir, Mary Caputi, Jeanne Morefield, and Gabriel Sanchez.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Richard Clucas, Cornell Clayton, Amy Mazur, James Gosling, and James McCann.

Members Absent: None

WPSA President Peregrine Schwartz-Shea submitted four proposals to the Executive Council for its approval through electronic mail on September 11, 2012. The minutes you are voting on today provide the formal documentation of that vote.

#### BACKGROUND

These four proposals had been on the agenda for the August 2012 Executive Council meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. The proposals were sent to the council members for consideration under the rules of taking action without holding a meeting after the cancellation of the American Political Science Association meeting due to Hurricane Isaac.

The four proposals under consideration were:

1. Approval of Advertisement/Job description for *PRQ* editors
2. Approval of a pay increase for the Associate Director, Elsa Favila
3. Approval of a change in conference rules on participation to exclude service roles
4. Approval of the Committee on Information Technology

The advertisement/job description was put before the council in order for the association to move forward with the search for new *PRQ* editors. The council approved a timeline for the job search at its March 2012 meeting in Portland, Oregon. The advertisement/job description needed to be approved for the search to be completed in the time specified in the timeline.

The proposed pay increase for Associate Director Elsa Favila was put forward because it had been several years since she had last received a pay raise. The proposal called for a 5 percent raise, which had been recommended by the WPSA Compensation Committee.

WPSA President Schwartz-Shea put forward the proposal to change the conference rules so that serving as a panel discussant or chair would not be counted toward the participation limit. The proposal had been offered as a way to overcome the difficulty often confronted by program chairs in filling some discussant and chair positions.

A Committee on Information Technology was proposed for overseeing the association's presence on the web and other technology-related concerns. The committee was offered as an important vehicle to improve the association's outreach and interaction with members, including through social networking. The members of this committee had previously been approved. This proposal was put forward to get formal council approval for the creation of the committee.

#### OUTCOME

All members of the Executive Council returned their ballots within one day, with the final ballot arriving in the early evening on September 12, 2012. The Council voted unanimously to approve all four items.

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Carrie Currier, WPSA Recording Secretary

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