

**MINUTES**  
**WPSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018**  
**5:15 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**  
**Hyatt Regency Embarcadero, San Francisco, California**  
**ROOM: Garden A**

1. *Call to Order* by Stephen Nicholson at 5:17 PM.
  
2. *Awards*
  - a. Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award presented by Richard Clucas to Edana Beauvais, McGill University, for her paper *Discursive Inequity and the Internal Exclusion of Women Speakers*.
  
  - b. WPSA Best Paper on Blacks and Politics presented by Christopher Lee to Jennifer Garcia, Oberlin College and Christopher Stout, Oregon State University for their paper *Racism and Policymaking: How Racial Resentment Shapes Legislative Behavior in the US Congress*.
  
  - c. Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on the Politics of the American West presented by Sophia Jordan Wallace to Daniel Tichenor, University of Oregon, and Robin Jacobson, University of Puget Sound, for their paper *The Uneven Welcome: Diversity, Power, and Identity in the U.S. Southwest*.
  
  - d. Clay Morgan Award presented by Richard Clucas to John Meyer, Humboldt State University, for his book *Engaging the Everyday: Environmental Social Criticism and the Resonance Dilemma* (MIT Press, 2015).
  
  - e. Dissertation Award presented by Mark Ramirez to Nazita Lajevardi, Michigan State University for her dissertation completed at the University of California, San Diego titled *A Comprehensive Study of Muslim American Discrimination by the Legislators, the Media, and the Masses*.
  
  - f. Don Nakanishi Award presented by Jeanette Harvie to Diane Wong, Cornell University for her paper *The Politics of Staying Put: (Re)generation Not Gentrification of New York City's Chinatown*.
  
  - g. Best Paper on Environmental Political Theory presented by Farah Godrej to Christian Hunold, Drexel University for his paper *Green Infrastructure and Urban Wildlife: From Animal Control to Shared Existence?* With honorable mention to Piers H.G. Stephens, University of Georgia, for his paper *Environmental Exploitation: A Preliminary Examination of the Terrain*.

- h. WPSA Best Paper on Latina/Latino Politics presented by Marcela Garcia-Castañon to Mackenzie Israel-Trummel and Allyson Shortle, University of Oklahoma for their paper *Mobilizing Fears: Perceptions of Deportation Risk and Political Participation in 2016*.
- i. Pi Sigma Alpha Award presented by Richard Clucas to Rebekah Herrick and Jeanette Mendez, Oklahoma State University for their paper *American Indian Identity's Influence on Party Identification*.
- j. PRQ Best Article Award presented by Richard Clucas to Tiffany D. Barnes, University of Kentucky, and Erin C. Cassese, West Virginia University, for their March 2017 PRQ article *American Party Women: A Look at the Gender Gap within Parties*.
- k. Betty Moulds Lifetime Service Award presented by Richard Clucas to Timothy V. Kaufman-Osborne, Whitman College.

### 3. **Reports**

- a. San Francisco program and local arrangements reports. Program report was given by Jane Junn, thanked the 28 program chairs and noted we had 287 total panels including 4 short courses and 4 mini courses, and a new initiative with community colleges. Local arrangements chairs Marcela Garcia-Castañon and Melissa Michelson thanked everyone for coming to the San Francisco meeting.
- b. Executive Director report by Richard Clucas. Thanked the local arrangements chairs and the program chair for the San Francisco conference, as well as those institutions that have donated funds to offset the costs of the conference. Richard noted the new editors for Political Research Quarterly, and thanked the outgoing editors for their service to the journal. Finally he explained the change of venue from San Antonio to San Diego as a result of the California laws that prohibit travel by state employees to Texas with regard to the state's anti-LGBTQ laws.
- c. Treasurer report by Michael Bowers. The majority of the association's income comes from memberships and registrations, where total income is just under \$350,000. Awards run approximately \$3000 per year. Noted there was a \$54,000 cancellation fee for the San Antonio conference move to San Diego, which was only half of the amount that they were asking for. The net income this year was \$70,487.39.
- d. Nominating Committee report by Tehama Lopez Bunyasi introducing the slate of candidates.
- e. Political Research Quarterly report by James Scott. Record number of submissions with 474 manuscripts, and the highest number of citations ever. New impact factor is 40% higher than the previous one.

f. Politics, Groups, and Identities report unavailable but Richard Clucas noted the journal is thriving.

**4. *Old Business*** - none

**5. *New Business***

Election of Officers led by Stephen Nicholson. Motion to accept the slate by Jane Junn, seconded by Jamie Mayerfeld. Motion passed.

**6. *Introduction of Incoming WPSA President Jane Junn.***

Meeting adjourned at 6:08PM