

MINUTES
WPSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019
5:15 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, California
ROOM: Harbor A

1. *Call to Order* by Jane Junn at 5:18 PM.

2. *Reports*

- a. San Diego Program Chair. Jamie Mayerfeld presented the Program Chair report, providing details on special events at the conference and thanking the groups and individuals who helped make it a success.
- b. San Diego Local Arrangements. Cory Charles Gooding and Tim McCarty, University of San Diego, presented the Local Arrangements report, welcoming everyone to San Diego and mentioning some of the highlights of the conference. They thanked the University of San Diego for the financial support it provided for our annual meeting. They also acknowledged the students who volunteered their time for the conference and the WPSA directors and staff for their assistance during the planning process.
- c. Executive Director's Report. Richard Clucas gave the Executive Director's report, thanking Jamie, Cory, and Tim for their hard work in making the conference a success, and thanking Jane for her leadership of the Association. Richard discussed three items. First, he noted that the association's finances continue to be strong. Second, he reported that Valeria Chapman and Nadia Brown's terms as PGI Editors had been extended by the Executive Council for two more years. Third, he gave an overview of future conferences, beginning with 2020 at the JW Marriott at LA Live, and then following with Seattle and Portland in 2021 and 2022, respectively.
- d. Treasurer's Report. Michael Bowers presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that the association's finances are strong. During the past fiscal year, the association had \$293,232 in total income and \$247,050 in total expenses, with a net income of 46,183.
- e. Political Research Quarterly. PRQ Editor-in-Chief Seth C. McKee briefly spoke about the status of the journal. First, he expressed thanks for the previous editorial team leaving the journal in great condition during the editorial transition last summer. Then McKee quickly discussed the latest breakdown of submissions by subfield; noting that Theory submissions were slightly down and this would be looked into while International Relations submissions ticked up, whereas the other leading subfields didn't show much change as a percentage of overall submissions. The acceptance rate ticked up slightly as McKee's team shepherded through several

manuscripts approved for publication under the old editors. McKee noted a trend in a higher rate of desk rejections. The increase in desk rejections was considered a good thing since submissions are currently at an all-time high - likely to break 500 in 2019 for the first time ever. Finally, McKee said all areas of research are welcome and asked that people send their best work to PRQ.

- f. Politics, Groups, and Identities. PGI Editor Valeria Chapman presented the PGI report, describing the growing interest in the publication and some of the outstanding works that have been published in 2018. The journal is performing above expectations in submissions and citation counts. PGI is on pace for consideration for an impact factor in the next few years. Under the direction of WPSA president Jane Junn and director Richard Clucas, the association has secured a new contract with publishers, Taylor and Francis. Journal editors, Nadia E. Brown, and Valeria Sinclair-Chapman were renewed as co-Lead Editors for a second term, through December 31, 2022.
- g. Nominating Committee Report. The Nominating Committee Report was moved to follow the Award presentation.

3. Awards

- a. Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award presented by Susan Sterett and Taneisha Means to Zein Murib, Fordham University, for his paper "Identities Under Surveillance: Politics of Gender, Race and Ability at the Airport and in Survey Research."
- b. Clay Morgan Award was announced by Jane Junn. The award was given to Shiri Pasternak, Ryerson University, for the book, *Grounded Authority: The Algonquins of Barriere Lake Against the State* (University of Minnesota Press 2017).
- c. Dissertation Award presented by Jennifer Schenk Sacco and Jennifer Merolla to Giorleny Altamirano for her dissertation completed at the University of Texas at Austin, "Securing Territory: State Interests and the Implementation of Ethnic Land Rights in the Americas."
- d. Don Nakanishi Award presented by Cecilia Mo to Janelle Wong, University of Maryland, for her book, *Immigrants, Evangelicals, and Politics in an Era of Demographic Change* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2018). Pei-te Lien accepted the award for Cecilia.
- e. Best Paper on Environmental Political Theory was announced by Jane June. The award went to Rafi Youatt, New School for Social Research and Eugene Lang College, for his paper, "We Are All Wildlife? Border Spaces, Ecological Life, and Interspecies Internationality."

- f. WPSA Best Paper on Latina/Latino Politics presented by Bernard Fraga to Celeste Montoya, University of Colorado, Boulder, for her paper, “De Guerreras y Puentes: Legacies of Chicana Feminism.”
- g. Pi Sigma Alpha Award presented by Marisa Abrijano to Danielle Lemi, Southern Methodist University, for her paper, “The Multiracial Candidate (Dis)Advantage.”
- h. PRQ Best Article Award presented by Richard Clucas to Kiran Banerjee, University of Saskatchewan, and Abraham Singer, Loyola University Chicago, for their March 2018 article, “Race and the Meso-Level Sources of Domination,” and to Paul A. Djupe, Denison University, Jacob R. Neiheisel, University at Buffalo, and Kimberly H. Conger, University of Cincinnati, for their March 2018 article, “Are the Politics of the Christian Right Linked to State Rates of the Nonreligious? The Importance of Salient Controversy.”
- i. Betty Moulds Lifetime Service Award was announced by Richard Clucas. The recipient was Lyn Ragsdale, Rice University. Lyn was unable to attend the conference. Richard said that he hoped the association can recognize her next year at the Los Angeles meetings.

4. *Old Business* - none

5. *New Business*

Election of Officers led by Jane Junn. Motion was made and second to accept the slate. Motion passed.

6. *Introduction of Incoming WPSA President Jamie Mayerfeld.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:03PM