

Western Political Science Association Annual Membership Business Meeting
Friday, March 17, 2006
6:30 PM
Hyatt Regency Albuquerque Hotel
Pavilion I and II

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40PM

2. Awards

a. Dissertation Award

Presented by Liesl Haas to Dr. Gregg Daniel Miller for his Dissertation:
"Mimesis in Communicative Action: Habermas and the Affective Bond of
Understanding," completed at the University of Washington.

b. Phi Sigma Alpha Award

Presented by Ted Jelen, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to Henry E. Brady,
University of California, Berkeley and John E. McNulty, Binghamton University,
SUNY for their paper: "The Costs of Voting: Evidence from a Natural
Experiment."

c. Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award

Presented by Mary Hawkesworth, Rutgers University, to Timothy Kaufman
Osborn, Whitman College, for his paper: "Gender Trouble at Abu Ghraib."

d. WPSA Best Paper on Blacks and Politics

Presented by Ron Schmidt, Sr. to Niambi M. Charter, Duke University,
for her paper: "Threes Company? Or Three 's a Crowd? Tripartite Race
Relations in a Southern City."

e. WPSA Best Paper on Latina/Latino Politics

Presented by Melissa Michelson to Professor Adrian D. Pantoja, Arizona State
University for his paper: "At Home Abroad? The Dominican Diaspora in New
York City as a Transnational Political Actor."

f. Charles Redd Award for Best Award on Politics of the American West

Presented by Tracy Skopek to R. Christopher Burnett, California State University,
Long Beach for his paper: Wildlife Policy in California and Colorado: A
Punctuated Equilibrium Model Explanation."

g. PRQ Best Article

Presented by Ken Godwin and Harold Clarke to: Professor David Darmofal,
University of South Carolina, for his September 2005 PRQ article, "Elite Cues
and Citizen Disagreement with Expert Opinion," and to: Professor Edward T.
Lascher, California State University, Sacramento for his June 2005 PRQ article,
"Constituency Size and Incumbent Safety: A Reexamination."

h. WPSA Backstage Award

Presented by Ron Schmidt, Sr. to Elsa and Bob Favila.

3. Reports

a. Albuquerque Convention

Program Report : Valerie Martinez-Ebers

Val reported that we are having a good convention. 740 people paid registration. She thanked the 29 section chairs.

Local Arrangements Report: Tim Krebs. Tim added thanks to Betty Moulds, Bob and Elsa Favilla, and Ron Schmidt, and UNM volunteers. We will meet our goal of netting \$20,000.

b. Political Research Quarterly - Harold Clarke/Ken Godwin

There were 221 submissions (highest ever) in 2005. We published 55 articles. 8 2 x 11 format has allowed for increase in articles, also presence in JSTOR has also increased exposure. They expressed thanks to Association, University of Utah, Editorial Board and assistants, authors, and reviewers.

c. Executive Director - Elizabeth Moulds

Betty reported that it has been a busy year. We are trying to do planning a little further out to take advantage of hotel deals. Albuquerque local arrangements took a great deal of time. A couple of policy areas addressed at the Executive Council meeting in September required followup, also were brought to our attention. In the area of child care, we have obtained resources and links for members with children. The second policy area was investment policy. There came a point where we wanted to be guided with a written policy. A committee was established and drafted policy which was adopted by the Executive Council yesterday. Finances are strong and have increased since last year. We seek contributions for receptions. Receptions provide great opportunities for networking. Membership report was distributed. Membership follows convention attendance. Thus, the year after next (after Las Vegas) we will see an increase in membership. We worked hard on awards and made sure we had a full slate. Next year there are a number of things that will happen. Most notable is that the University of Utah will relinquish its publishing (but not its ownership) of the PRQ. Sage will take over publication. Thus a number of MOU's will need to be drafted. Also the membership database collection will be updated. Most likely it will follow the APSA format. It has not been built so any suggestions would be helpful. We will be closing books on Albuquerque soon. March 8-10, 2006 Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas.

d. Treasurer - Gil St. Clair

Pleased to report that we are solvent and financially sound. See attached report.

e. Nominating Committee - Valerie Martinez-Ebers

Valerie requested a motion to accept the slate, it was seconded. (see below for slate of officers)

4. Old Business

a. WPSA meeting sites and dates for 2009 and 2010

2009 Vancouver- Hyatt Regency - great location- host will be University of British Columbia

2010 San Francisco - Hyatt Regency- Embarcadero- Easter weekend April 1-4

2008 San Diego - Hyatt - also Easter weekend

5. New Business

a. Elections of Officers

Vice President and Program Chair, 2007-2008 - Andrea Y. Simpson, University of Richmond

Treasurer, 2006-2009 - Gilbert St. Clair, Southwestern University

Executive Council 2007-2010

Region A: Lisa Garcia Bedolla, University of California, Irvine

Charles C. Turner, California state University, Chico

Region B: John G. Bretting, University of Texas at El Paso

Region C: Ange-Marie Hancock, Yale University

The slate was moved and seconded and unanimously agreed by voice vote

b. Thanks to PRQ Editors Harold Clarke and Ken Godwin

6. Introduction of Incoming Editors of PRQ, Amy Mazur and Cornell Clayton, Washington State University

7. Introduction of Incoming WPSA President Valerie Martinez-Ebers, Texas Christian University

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM