

MINUTES

WPSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

5:10 PM – 5:45 P.M.

Vancouver Hyatt Regency

Room: Regency E (Third Floor)

1. *Call to Order*

Jason Casellas

Jason Casellas called the meeting to order at 5:12 pm.

Jason gave some acknowledgements, thanking those involved in organizing the conference and running the association for all their work.

2. *Reports*

a. Vancouver Conference

Steve Weldon, Aaron Hoffman

Program Chair Lorrie Frasure thanked Jason for his leadership and the members of the planning team for their hard work. Lorrie gave an overview of the conference achievements, including in the large number of panels and participants. She also discussed the various special events, including the talk following the business meeting by Jody Wilson-Raybould. Wilson-Raybould was Canada's first Indigenous Minister of Justice and Attorney General and the first woman to be elected as an Independent Member of Parliament

The co-chairs of the local arrangements crew, Steven Weldon and Aaron Hoffman, were unable to attend the meeting.

b. Executive Director

Richard Clucas

Richard talked about the work he has been doing since the last business meeting. Among other activities, he has been:

- Working on conferences, including preparing for this one and future ones; he signed contracts over the past years for conferences in 2026 to 2028. These will be at the San Diego Manchester Hyatt (2026 and 2028) and the Denver Hyatt (2027)
- Handling a considerable amount of administrative work, much of it dealing with financial and bookkeeping issues. With council's approval, he moved all the association's bank accounts in California to more accessible and better paying institutions; he hired a new bookkeeper who is an expert in nonprofit organizations; and he hired a Web Content Manager. He also handles a wide variety of smaller administrative chores.

c. Treasurer

Richard Clucas

Natalie Masuoka could not make the meeting, so Richard gave the Treasurer's report in her place. Richard noted that the association experienced a small loss last year, something that has not happened previously in his tenure. He attributed the loss to several factors, including greater food and beverage expenses (especially surrounding the party to honor Elsa Favila), an overdue invoice from Portland State for the preceding fiscal year, a decline in revenue from membership dues and registration fees, overbilling by Taylor and Francis for PGI member subscriptions, and paying two bookkeepers at the same time during the transition from one bookkeeper to the new one. Richard said that the association should expect to continue to pay higher food and beverages expenses than it did prior to the pandemic, but that they should be lower than experienced in the last fiscal year. He is expecting membership and registration to increase with the conference returning to the states next year and the pandemic further in the past. He does not expect any of the other additional charges to repeat this year.

Despite the small loss, Richard reported that the association's finances remain strong and with sufficient reserves to handle much larger losses if necessary.

d. Political Research Quarterly

Tony Smith

Tony was unable to attend the meeting. No report was given.

e. Politics, Groups, and Identities

Regina Branton, Tony Carey

Regina gave an overview on the accomplishments during their first full year as editors of PGI. She reported that the journal received 181 manuscripts in 2023, with 26% being accepted for publication. The editors have maintained conference engagement with the APSA, NCOBPS, and PRIEC. She also reported on three forthcoming special issues, one on Flowers for Our Founders, a second on LGBT Politics, and a third on Community Engaged Research.

f. Nominating Committee

Valerie Martinez-Ebers

Valerie was unable to attend the meeting, so Richard presented the Nominating Committee report. Richard went over the diverse considerations the committee uses in putting forward names on the nominating slate to ensure the council is representative of the association's diverse character.

Vice President and Program Chair: March 2, 2025—April 4, 2026

Carrier Liu Currier, Texas Christian University

Treasurer: March 29, 2024 – February 28, 2027

(Election to fill out the remainder of Michael Bowers's term)

Natalie Masuko, University of California, Los Angeles

Recording Secretary: March 1, 2025 – February 29, 2028

Ivy Cargile, California State University, Bakersfield

Executive Council: March 1, 2025 – February 29, 2028

Region A

Kathryn Perkins, California State University, Long Beach

Scott Seigel, San Francisco State University

Region B

Ngoc Phan, Hawaii Pacific University

Region C

Christopher Stout, Oregon State University

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

- a. Election of Officers Jason Casellas
Jason brought the proposed slate of candidates to the floor for consideration. It was moved and seconded. He asked if there were any other motions. There were not. The vote was called. The slate was approved unanimously

6. Introduction of Incoming WPSA President Lorrie Frasure

Jason introduced incoming WPSA President, Lorrie Frasure. And then transferred the gavel to her.

7. Adjournment

Lorrie adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm

Submitted by Ivy Cargile, Recording Secretary