

Western Political Science Association Annual Membership Business Meeting
Friday, March 09, 2007
6:30 PM
Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
Grande Ballroom E

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Valerie Martinez-Ebers

2. Awards. Presentations were made of the following awards:

a. Dissertation Award, presented by Adam Warber to: Dr. Leo Blanken, University of California, Davis for his Dissertation: "Rational Empires: An Institutional Theory of Imperial Expansion."

b. Pi Sigma Alpha Award, presented by Valerie Martinez-Ebers to: Professor Sarah Fulton, Texas A & M University for her paper: "Judging Amy: The Impact of Gender on Assessments of Political Quality."

c. Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award presented by Carrie Currier to: Professor Christine Keating, Ohio State University for her paper: "Framing the Postcolonial Sexual Contract: Democracy, fraternity, and State Authority in India."

d. WPSA Best Paper on Blacks and Politics presented by Ange Marie Hancock to Professor Andrea Simpson for her paper: "Controlling Women: Intersectionality, Leadership, and the Environmental Justice Movement."

e. WPSA Best Paper on Latina/Latino Politics presented by Tony Affigne to: Victoria M. DeFrancesco Soto, Duke University for her paper: "Do Latinos Party all the Time? The Role of Shared Ethnic Group Heuristics in Political Choice," and to Matt A. Barreto, University of Washington and Adrian Pantoja, Pitzer College for their paper: "Politics and Religion in the Schoolhouse: Latino Religiosity and Attitudes Toward Education Policies."

e. Charles Redd Award for Best Award on Politics of the American West presented by David Damore to: Professor Jason P. Casellas, University of Texas, Austin for his paper: "The Election of Minorities to State Legislatures and Congress."

f. PRQ Best Article presented by Susan Burgess to: Professor S. Laurel Weldon, Purdue University for her March 2006 PRQ article, "Women's Movements, Identity Politics, and Policy Impacts: A Study of Policies on Violence against Women in the 50 United States."

3. Reports

a. Las Vegas Convention Program- Peter Steinberger

Steinberger reported that convention attendance is high, second largest (second to the last Las Vegas convention). He expressed gratitude to section chairs and local arrangement chairs.

Local Arrangements Chair Michelle Kuenzi reported that there were 883 Pre-registered participants, 60 registered on site, for a total count of 943. Over 200 panels were on this year's program.. She invited members to attend reception that is co-sponsored by Office of Vice-President and Provost UNLV.

b. Political Research Quarterly – Amy Mazur

The new editors assumed editorship in May 2006- new editorial team, new publisher Sage, new website, new on-line submission system. An annual report will be posted on website. The editors are looking to diversify the journal, trying to shorten turn around time –they have gone from 90 to 62 days. They are trying to not overwork reviews by limiting requests every 6 months.

c. Executive Director - Elizabeth Moulds

Most significant change this last year is the journal publication transition from the University of Utah to Sage Publications. WPSA now has two sets of legal documents – one with Sage and the other with the University of Utah. Sage has been very helpful through the transition. The managing of the membership data base is now housed in Sacramento. This will allow us more direct access to members.

Next year meetings will be in San Diego- Manchester Hyatt, March 20-22, 2008

2009- Vancouver, Canada- March 18-20, 2009 Downtown Hyatt

2010-Hyatt Regency-Embarcadero- April 1-3, 2010

San Diego and San Francisco both are during Easter week.

d. Treasurer - Gil St. Clair

St. Clair reported that we are solvent and financially sound. He distributed a copy of the financial report for the year.

e. Nominating Committee. Committee Chair Noelle Norton reported the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee.

5. New Business

a. Elections of Officers. The following slate was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved:

Vice President and Program Chair, 2008-2009 – Shaun Bowler, University of California, Riverside

Recording Secretary, 2007-2010 – Victoria Farrar-Myers, University of Texas, Arlington
Executive Council 2008-2011

Region A

Steve Nicholson, University of California, Merced

Melissa Michelson, California State University, East Bay

Region B

Stacy Gordon, University of Nevada, Reno

Region C
Paul Gronke, Reed College

6. Introduction of Incoming WPSA President Peter Steinberger, Reed College

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM