

MINUTES

WPSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2014

6:15 P.M. – 6:45 P.M.

Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Seattle, Washington

ROOM: Metropolitan A, Third Floor

1. *Call to Order*

Meeting called to order by Gary Segura at 6:20pm.

2. *Awards*

a. Dissertation Award

Award presented by Benjamin Bishin to Loren Collingwood, University of California, Riverside for his dissertation completed at the University of Washington titled the “Pursuit of Victory and Incorporation: Elite Strategy, Group Pressure, and Cross-Racial Mobilization.” In addition honorable mention was given to Alexander George Theodoridis, University of California Merced, for his dissertation completed at the University of California, Berkeley, “Party Identity and Political Cognition.”

b. Asian Pacific Americans and Politics Award

Award presented by Natalie Masouka to Loan Le, University of California, Berkeley for her paper “Theories of Immigrant Incorporation: The Acquisition of Citizenship in Context.” Loan Le was present to accept the award.

c. Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award

Award presented by Richard Clucas since Kimberly Nalder was not available to present the award. The award was presented to Kristen Kanthak and Jonathan Woon of the University of Pittsburg for their paper “Women Don’t Run? Representation, Election Aversion, and Gender Differences in Candidate Entry.” Mary Caputi’s paper “Feminism, Progressivism and the ‘New Normal’” was given honorable mention.

d. WPSA Best Paper on Blacks and Politics

Award Presented by Richard Clucas to Regina M. Freer, Occidental Challenge; Melinda Abdullah, California State University, Los Angeles; and Ange-Marie Hancock, University of Southern California for their paper “Black Community Organizing in the Obama Era: The Case of Los Angeles.” Ange-Marie Hancock was present to accept the award.

e. WPSA Best Paper on Latina/Latino Politics

Award presented by Christina Bejarano to Gabriel Sanchez and Edward Vargas, University of New Mexico, for their paper “Taking a Closer Look at Group Identity:

The Link Between Theory and Measurement of Group Consciousness and Linked Fate.” Gabe Sanchez was present to accept the award.

- f. Best Paper on Environmental Political Theory
Award presented by Andrew Biro to Timothy Luke, Virginia Tech, for his paper “The Holocene-Anthropocene Extinction Event: Ecocritique as Probing the Impact of Urbanistan.” Timothy Luke was present to accept the award.
- g. Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on the Politics of the American West
Award presented by Richard Clucas to Douglas J. Ahler, Jack Citrin, and Gabriel S. Lenz, University of California, Berkeley, for their paper “Do Open Primaries Help Moderate Candidates? An Experimental Test on the 2012 California Primary.”
- h. PRQ Best Article Award
Award presented by Martin Johnson to Daniel Yuichi Kono and Gabriella R. Montinola, University of California Davis, for their article “The Uses and Abuses of Foreign Aid: Development Aid and Military Spending.” Honorable mention was given to Jennifer Rosen, Northwestern University for her paper “The Effects of Political Institutions on Women’s Political Representation: A Comparative Analysis of 168 Countries from 1992 to 2010.”
- i. Pi Sigma Alpha Award
Award presented by Gabe Sanchez to Rene Rocha, University of Iowa for his paper “Multiple or Malleable Traditions in American Politics? Insights from the Intersection of Immigration, Social Capital, and Welfare Policy.”

3. Reports

- a. Seattle Convention
Report on the annual meeting by Victoria Farrar-Myers. Victoria thanked the many people who helped to make the conference a success. In addition she discussed several key things added this year: conferences within a conference, the broader use of social media (twitter and cascading), and the different theme panels. Finally she offered a comparison between the Seattle and San Francisco conferences, the latter of which has been considered our most successful in terms of numbers. San Francisco had 1049 preregistrations, Seattle had 1053. San Francisco had 1267 total registrations, Seattle was 1231 Friday evening but was expected to exceed the San Francisco numbers Saturday.

Christine Di Stefano also gave the local arrangements chair report, reiterating the success of the conference and reminding people of the special deal negotiated for the Northwest African Museum.

- b. Executive Director
Report by Richard Clucas where he indicated that finances are strong, the executive council approved policies that allow us to create awards, accept gifts, and do other things to help ascertain the organization’s long term financial security. These new

financial measures were largely created in response to the individuals who put forth the idea of creating the Joel Olsen award.

Overall conference updates: Seattle has been a success, thanks to those who helped organize the conference, and future planning dates. Next year will be at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2-4, 2015. The schedule for future years is: 2016 San Diego, 2017 British Columbia, and 2018 San Antonio. He is working on signing contracts for 2019 in San Francisco and 2020 Long Beach.

Finally, one aspect to future planning involves being more sensitive to religious holidays. We have traditionally planned the conference over Easter weekend since it allows the organization to secure the best hotel rates, affecting those who celebrate Easter as well as affecting Passover from time to time. The council has agreed to be more attentive to these issues moving forward and try to examine cost differentials on hotels. A member of the audience raised concern that flights also tend to be higher on the holiday weekends so we should try to have full information on the total costs that might be endured for a holiday weekend. A suggestion was made to survey individuals about what level of cost differential they may be willing to endure.

c. Treasurer

Michael Bowers reported on the finances. We began the year with assets around \$369,000 (approximately \$547,000 in total assets, and net assets of \$414,000).

d. Nominating Committee

Nominating committee chair was Stacy Gordon and the committee put forth the nominating slate. The slate included Julie Novkov (Vice-President and Program Chair), Michael Bowers (Treasurer), Jane Junn and Jennifer Wilking (Executive Council Region A), Tiffany Howard (Executive Council Region B), and Teena Gabrielson (Executive Council Region C). Motion for a vote by Valery Martinez, Second by Peregrine Schwartz-Shea. Motion passed unanimously to approve the slate.

e. Political Research Quarterly

Final PRQ report by the editorial team at Washington State - Amy Mazur and Cornell Clayton. Gary Segura introduced the editorial team and mentioned their dedicated 8 years of service leading the editorial team of the journal and their success in boosting the journal's profile. Amy and Cornell reported that their main goal was to get the journal in better shape than when they received it and they gave thanks to everyone involved in that success. Reports were available for distribution at the meeting.

Richard Clucas presented them with plaques for their service and congratulated them on their hard work and the success of the journal.

f. Politics, Groups, and Identities

Eric Waltenburg gave a report on PGI, noting several highlights which includes PGI is receiving approximately 10 new manuscripts per month with steady submissions, turnaround time is only 70 days, and they accept just under 20% of submissions. He reminded the audience that PGI has three main parts – research articles, a dialogue section, and review essays. Finally he noted there are two upcoming special issues: one edited by Ange-Marie Hancock and Christina Beltran – on Latino politics and political theory; and a different special issue is planned on gender and political psychology.

Finally, Gary gave a final speech thanking several individuals who helped him: Peri as previous president and Victoria as the incoming president, the many volunteers who serve the organization, Richard Clucas, Elsa Favila, his previous doctoral students who have worked with him, his colleagues on the Latino National Survey, and three personal mentors. Then he introduced Victoria Farrar-Myers as the new president.

Victoria thanks everyone and calls for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Julie Novkov, Seconded by Ange-Marie Hancock. Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm

Minutes Recorded by Carrie Liu Currier, Secretary