

## MINUTES

### WPSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017

5:15 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Vancouver Hyatt Regency, Vancouver, British Columbia

ROOM: Georgia A, second floor

**1. *Call to Order by Julie Novkov at 5:22pm.***

Julie thanked all of those involved with local arrangements as well as Richard Clucas and Elsa Favila, especially in light of the challenges with the change of venue from Victoria to Vancouver and the complications of travel due to the U.S. Presidential election.

**2. *Awards***

- a. Asian Pacific Americans and Politics Award presented by Loan Le to Rhoanne Esteban of the University of California, Santa Barbara, for her paper, “Understanding How Political Context and Racial Coalitions Matter for Asian Pacific American Representation in California.”
- b. Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award presented by Richard Clucas to Sara Angevine of Whittier College, for her paper, “Aborting Global Women’s Rights: How the U.S. Represents Women Worldwide.”
- c. WPSA Best Paper on Blacks and Politics presented by Richard Clucas to Elizabeth Maltby, University of Iowa, for her paper, “Criminal Justice and the Polarization of Public Opinion.”
- d. Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on the Politics of the American West presented by Juliet Carlisle to Albert Ponce of Diablo Valley College for his paper, “Racialized Disposability, Migration, Labor and Violence.”
- e. Dissertation Award presented by Andy Aoki to Sanne Rijkhoff, Portland State University, for her dissertation completed at Washington State University titled, “False Alarm! The Measurement and Assessment of Political Cynicism and the Consequences for Political Participation.”
- f. Best Paper on Environmental Political Theory presented by Richard Clucas to Farah Godrej of the University of California Riverside for her paper, “Gandhi, Yogic Self Control, and Food Justice.”
- g. WPSA Best Paper on Latina/Latino Politics presented by Valerie Martinez-Ebers to Andrea Silva of the University of North Texas for her paper, “Generation Justice: How Judges Immigration Experience Affects Rulings on State Immigration Laws.”

- h. Pi Sigma Alpha Award presented by Priscilla Yamin to Angela X. Ocampo of the University of California Los Angeles for her paper, “A Sense of Belonging: Habitual Voting among Latinos.”
  - i. PRQ Best Article Award presented by Douglas Dow to Inés Valdez of Ohio State University for her article, “Punishment, Race and the Organization of US Immigration Exclusion.”
  - j. Betty Moulds Lifetime Service Award presented by Victoria Farrar-Myers to Ron Schmidt, former WPSA President. This was the first time the award was given. Ron has played an invaluable role in association’s affairs for over two decades and a regular participant at the Association’s annual meeting for even longer. Ron thanked the association for the award and for being the center of his scholarly life over the years.
3. *Reports*
- a. Vancouver
    - Program report by Stephen Nicholson – this year had 1097 attendees, placing this year in the top five in terms of attendance. The conference had 310 panels.
    - Janni Aragon and Steven Weldon as local arrangements chairs thanked everyone for coming.
  - b. Executive Director report by Richard Clucas. Richard explained why the Association was forced to relocate to Vancouver when the meeting had originally been planned for Victoria. He thanked those who were involved in the conference, especially the two local arrangements chairs, and also Simon Fraser University’s Political Science department, which contributed \$5000 to the conference. Richard discussed the fundraising efforts he has conducted over the year to help fund the Betty Moulds Lifetime Service Award. He also encouraged applications for the Political Research Quarterly editor positions, and noted the deadline is quickly approaching. He mentioned this year is our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an association and that upcoming meetings will be in San Francisco in 2018, San Antonio in 2019, Los Angeles in 2020, and we will be exploring Portland or Seattle in 2021.
  - b. Treasurer report by Michael Bowers. Bowers noted that the two largest sources of income for the Association are membership dues and conference registrations. Revenue this year totaled \$315,667.54. In terms of expenses, the largest are contract services (which includes Richard’s salary), payroll (which includes Elsa Favila’s salary), the journals, and the cost of the reception. The total expenses are \$226,306.75, for a net income of \$89,360.79.
  - c. Nominating Committee - Michael Ferguson. Michael noted the committee looked for diversity in terms of types of institution (R1/teaching, public/private, large/small), and in terms of the research interests of committee members.

- d. Political Research Quarterly – Jeanette Mendez noted submissions were at 411 for the year, which was the exact same as the previous year. The editors are also doing more outreach to the fields of international relations, comparative politics, and political theory, and submissions are up in each of those areas. Reminder to award winners that they get an expedited review process at PRQ.
- e. Politics, Groups, and Identities - Valeria Sinclair Chapman. The journal gets around 200 manuscripts per year and turnaround time is 81 days. Reminder it is an interdisciplinary journal and encouraged people to both submit and for people to review for the journal.
- f. The Western - Janni Aragon. If you have any grad students on the market please contact her as they would like to add that information in and the Western is also working more with the IT committee to coordinate efforts.

4. *Old Business* - none

5. *New Business*

- a. Election of Officers. Julie Novkov asked for a motion to accept the slate: Ron Schmidt made the motion to approve the slate, Janni Aragon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. *Introduction of Incoming WPSA President Stephen Nicholson of University of California Merced.*

*Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm by Stephen Nicholson*