

2007 APSA COUNCIL AGENDA
Wednesday, August 29, 2007
Chicago, IL
Fall Council Meeting Action Items and Highlights

I. Items for Approval on Consent Agenda

1. ACTION:
 - a. Council reviewed and approved April 14, 2007 Meeting Minutes and decisions since April 14th.

II. Report of the President

1. No Action Items
2. HIGHLIGHTS:
 - a. President Axelrod discussed his Task force on Interdisciplinarity, chaired by John Aldrich, *Duke University*.
 - b. Axelrod noted that Science Magazine has added a Political Scientist to their board.

III. Report of the Treasurer

1. ACTION:
 - a. Council approved revised 2006-07 budget
 - b. Council approved the return of any budget surplus to the endowment, with the amount to be determined after fiscal year financial numbers are made final.
2. HIGHLIGHTS:
 - a. Treasurer, Tony Affigne, noted the proposal to come forward with a plan for a Council Finance Committee; President-elect Pinderhughes indicated she would ask the Council Rules Committee to address this.

IV. Membership and Organized Sections

1. ACTION:
 - a. Council approved the name change of the Methodology Section to "Organized Section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research"

V. Journals and Publications

1. ACTION:
 - a. Council accepted the report of the *Perspectives on Politics* Ad Hoc Review Committee. The council accepted recommendations one and two:
 1. for the editor to work with his Board on a monthly basis and the Publications Committee on a quarterly basis to sustain a monitoring system for tracking journal submissions; and
 2. for APSA to initiate planning for the search for a future editor of *Perspectives on Politics* with a term to begin June 2009 to allow ample time for consideration of the mission of *Perspectives on*

Politics and for the institutional and management support required.

- b. The Council modified recommendation three to read as follows, and adopted the new language:
 1. The council recognizes that the oversight of operations, term of editor service, and the communication of the mission of *Perspectives on Politics* and other APSA journals to the membership are important principles for the Association, and recognizes and affirms a role for the publications committee in oversight of all the association journals. The council charges the publications committee to develop strategies for this role for discussion with the council.

2. HIGHLIGHTS:

- a. Council recognized the exceptional service of Lee Sigelman, *George Washington University*, as APSR editor from 2001-07.

VI. Governance and Policy Issues

1. ACTION:

- a. Council Group on Civil Liberties on Transportation named: Tony Affigne, *Providence College* (chair), Timothy Kaufman-Osborn, *Whitman College*, Melissa Williams, *University of Toronto*. The council approved the charge to the council group proposed by the administrative committee.

Charge: The group is asked to canvas APSA members about travel issues with the no-fly list, border crossing and related issues, to arrange a meeting with homeland security officials to discuss these issues, and to report back to the council. The report should include recommendations for political scientists on what they should do if they are stopped during travel and should including guidance for APSA about border-crossing issues we may face for the Toronto 2009 Annual Meeting.

- b. Council Group on Elections Assistance Commission approved. The council adopted the administrative committee charge.

Charge: APSA President and Executive Director will first contact and meet with APSA members who are actively involved with the US Election Assistance Commission to explore issues and possible solutions. Based on the meeting, the next step would be to contact senior staff at the EAC to discuss a role that APSA might play in helping assure they maintain a high-quality research agenda, and that APSA look into Congressional oversight of the EAC to see if we can contribute to that role. The Council Group should report back to the administrative committee with a suggested plan of action.

VII. APSA Programs

1. ACTION:

- a. Kimberly Mealy, Director of Educational, Professional, and Minority Initiatives described the ongoing planning of the Minority Program Implementation Committee in:
 1. Securing the funding of the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, possibly by initiating a major endowment drive.
 2. Looking at the prospect of future sites for additional institutes.
 The committee is expected to report back to the Council at the spring meeting.
- b. In response to the recommendation of the Teaching and Learning Committee that the Council endorse principles on assessment articulated in a Committee working paper, the council adopted the following revised statement proposed by members of the Administrative committee, Martha Ackelsberg, *Smith College*, Susan Burgess, *Ohio University*, and Catherine Boone, *University of Texas, Austin*.

Adopted Language:

The APSA Executive Council moves to recommit the recommendations of the Teaching and Learning Committee with a request that it submit a revised proposal to the Administrative Committee which addresses the following issues:

- A. The introductory statement of the Teaching and Learning Committee Memo should make clear that said memo addresses the assessment of undergraduate education, rather than overall program assessment.
- B. The framing of its recommendations should reflect the full range of the pluralism of the discipline, i.e., not all departments or faculty members within any given department will share a vision of what constitutes political science or of what is the primary concern of political science faculty.
- C. The revised proposal should ideally include concrete suggestions for discussion of APSA action to help departments tackle the assessment challenge, e.g.) the ideas presented on pages 5-7 of "The case for increasing APSA's Role in Assessment in Political Science, by John Ishiyama, Michelle Deardorff and Kerstin Hamann.

VIII. Report of the President-Elect

1. ACTION:

- a. Council accepted nominations proposed by President-Elect, Dianne Pinderhughes (*University of Notre Dame*), and extended authority to her to fill remaining positions.
- b. Appointments of Lisa Baldez, *Dartmouth College*, and Gary King, *Harvard University*, to the Audit Committee were approved.
- c. Council approved the general theme of the President-Elect's proposed task force and supported future planning.

- d. In response to the administrative committee recommendation, the Council supported the formation of an Ad-Hoc committee on awards, to revisit the purpose and goals of APSA awards, examine funding and finances, and to consider the prospect of new awards. The Council encouraged the committee to pay attention to awards formed in recent years by organized sections as an indicator of new areas of attention and possible overlap with APSA awards.

IX. Meetings and Conferences

1. ACTION:

- a. Council reviewed recommendations set forth by the Annual Meeting Review Committee and presented by Joan Tronto, *CUNY, Hunter College*.

Recommendation One [Non-discriminatory siting]: Approved to keep current language and ask Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gays, Bisexuals, and Transgendered, to propose a fine tuning of preference language.

Recommendation Two [Policy about Using Unionized Facilities]: Accepted new language of both a. & b.

Recommendation Three [Timing]: Annual Meeting committee should consider this recommendation, including consideration of some other time all together, and report back to the council.

Recommendation Four [Costs]: Approved

Recommendation Five [Submission deadline]: Approved – Already Adopted

Recommendation Six [Fairness of acceptance/rejection]: Approved slight language change:

6. Fairness of acceptance/rejection: Annual Meeting or Program Committee should ensure than an up-to-date and accurate website will direct submitters to learn more about reasons why proposals are accepted/rejected.

Recommendation Seven [Related groups notice]: Approved with the understanding that related groups should indicate/state in their call whether acceptance is fully open or not.

Recommendation Eight [Co-authorship]: Not Approved

Recommendation Nine [Size]: Approved

Recommendation Ten [Allocation formula]: Approved

Recommendation Eleven [Make Allocation formula available to membership]: Approved

Recommendation Twelve [Technology]: Council will ask Annual Meeting committee how to implement

Recommendation Thirteen [Incorporating new technologies] : Approved as recommendation to the Annual Meeting Committee

Recommendation Fourteen [Posters and Papers]: Approved as recommendation to the Annual Meeting Committee

Recommendation Fifteen [Panel formats should provide for greater discussion and participation]: Approved as recommendation to the Annual Meeting Committee

Recommendation Sixteen [Innovation in Presenting Substantive Ideas in Panels]: Approved as recommendation to the Annual Meeting Committee

Recommendation Seventeen [Working Groups, Networks, and Other Quasi-Formal Groups should be encouraged]: Approved as recommendation to the Annual Meeting Committee

Recommendation Eighteen [PROceedings]: Approved as recommendation to the Annual Meeting Committee

Recommendation Nineteen [Carbon neutrality]: Approved

Recommendation Twenty [Oversight]: Approved

2. HIGHLIGHTS:

- a. Heard report from Liz Gerber, *University of Michigan*, on behalf of the 2007 Annual Meeting Program Committee, co-chaired with David Lake, *University of California, San Diego* on what appears to be a very promising meeting.