

2008 APSA COUNCIL AGENDA
Wednesday, August 27, 2008
Boston, MA

Fall Council Meeting Action Items and Highlights

I. Items for Approval on Consent Agenda

1. ACTION:
 - a. Council reviewed and approved April 5, 2008 and June 26, 2008 minutes as corrected.

II. Report of the President

1. No Action Items
2. HIGHLIGHTS:
 - a. President Pinderhughes reviewed her Presidential year highlighting her association outreach for the year, including her recent engagement with the Brazilian Political Science Association's Meeting in early August.

III. Report of the Executive Director

1. No Action Items
2. HIGHLIGHTS:
 - a. Executive Director Michael Brintnall updated the Council on APSA headquarters activities. He described upgrades being done to the facilities to make better use of office space. He also highlighted the forthcoming APSA social networking site, called Higher Logic, which will overlay with MyAPSA components and the APSA membership database, and provide improved email list and document sharing for committees and members, and provide new collaboration tools.

IV. Finance

1. ACTION:
 - a. Council approved 2007-08 financial update and adjustments to the 2009 budget
 - b. Council approved the return of any budget surplus to the endowment, including not taking budgeted drawdowns, with the amount to be determined after fiscal year financial numbers are made final.
 - c. Council approved changing the end of the fiscal year from June 30 to September 30 and gave discretion for APSA to work with its financial advisors to figure out the best way to manage a fiscal year change.
2. HIGHLIGHTS:
 - a. The Council accepted the Treasurer's report with a change of language that was addressed at the Administrative Committee meeting.

V. Membership and Organized Sections

1. ACTION:
 - a. Council approved the Committee on Organized Sections: Proposed Journal Linkages per the guidelines outlined in the proposal.
2. HIGHLIGHTS:
 - a. Council heard the Membership Report. The Association membership is steady but not increasing and the Council urged more proactive outreach to attract more new members, especially among faculty teaching in BA and MA institutions.

VI. Journals and Publications

1. ACTION:
 - a. Council accepted the *APSR* Editor's Report and noted the importance of continuing to ensure balance in the articles that are published.
 - b. Council adopted the Guidelines for APSA Journals put forth by the Publications Committee.
2. HIGHLIGHTS:
 - a. Dan Treisman, acting *APSR* Editor, gave the APSA editors report, and welcomed Ron Rogowski back to the lead editorial role. Treisman noted the *APSR* is still facing high rates of submissions.
 - b. *PS* editor Robert J-P Hauck reported that *PS* is undergoing a redesign that he hopes that it will be completed and in effect in the January issue.

VII. Governance

1. No Action Items
2. HIGHLIGHTS:
 - a. Council heard the report from the Council Group on Civil Liberties and Transportation and recommended enhanced information on traveling to Canada for our members.

VIII. Conferences

1. No Action Items
2. HIGHLIGHTS:
 - a. 2009 Annual Meeting Program Chairs, Simone Chambers and Bruce Jentleson, said the program is coming along well and that they are very committed to highlighting that the meeting will be in Canada and plan to integrate Canada into the program in a number of ways.
 - b. Kimberly Mealy announced that the 2009 Teaching and Learning Conference will be held in Baltimore, Maryland from February 6-8.

IX. APSA Initiatives, Programs, and Committees

1. ACTION:
 - a. Council approved a recommendation from President Pinderhughes that APSA provide an additional year of funding for the Task Force on Political Science in the 21st Century.
 - b. Council authorized requesting additional information from petitioners who raised a question about academic freedom at the Toronto meeting, and noted that Toronto will be a case study for how to develop a more general process for addressing siting issues.
 - c. Council approved the Ethics Committee Statement about including gender identity in Section 25 in the Ethics Guide.
 - d. Council approved the Departmental Services Committee's Value Statement to strengthening the relationship between the Association and political science departments.
 - e. Council accepted the Ad Hoc Committee on Awards Report, with the exclusion of recommendation three and addition of consideration that "changing constituencies and interdisciplinary or innovative scholarship be considered as one factor in naming awards."
 - f. Council heard a report from Michael Doyle and Susan Stokes on the NSF National Security Conflict and Cooperation Initiative (Project Minerva) and charged President-Elect Peter Katzenstein to write a letter to NSF urging

clarification of their website to ensure that the research project does not violate APSA member's academic freedom and is non-discriminatory.

- g. Council approved the appointment of Thomas Pangle and Wendy Tam-Cho to the Committee on Finance.

2. HIGHLIGHTS:

- a. President Pinderhughes reported that the Task Force on Political Science in the 21st Century will be hosting a theme panel in Boston to begin to discuss ideas for the task force with the association membership.
- b. Bahram Rajaei updated the Council on the success of the Africa Project in Dakar, Senegal and announced next year's workshop in Accra, Ghana. The call for workshop leaders is open and the call for applicants will go out in the spring.

X. Report of the President-Elect

1. ACTION:

- a. Council approved President-Elect Katzenstein's APSA slate of committee nominations.

2. HIGHLIGHTS:

- a. President-Elect Katzenstein updated the Council on his Task Force, chaired by Jeff Legro. The task force will be comprised of three groups, each group consisting of six to seven members. The task force will be meeting in Washington, DC in the fall and plans to present their findings at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Toronto.

XI. New Business

1. No action items

2. HIGHLIGHTS:

- a. President-Elect Katzenstein acknowledged the service of President Pinderhughes and presented her a token of the appreciation from the Association.
- b. President Pinderhughes closed the Council meeting by thanking those Council members rotating off and those who served on Council sub-committees.