

2008 APSA COUNCIL AGENDA
Saturday, April 5, 2008
Chicago, IL
Spring Council Meeting Action Items and Highlights

- I. Welcome and Report of the President**
- II. Items for Approval on Consent Agenda**
 1. ACTION
 - a. Council reviewed and approved the August 29, 2007 Council meeting minutes
 - b. Council reviewed and approved the September 1, 2007 Business meeting minutes
 - c. Council reviewed and approved the action items since last Council meeting
- III. Report of the Executive Director**
- IV. Finance**
 1. ACTION:
 - a. Council approved draft FY09 budget, with a planned small deficit. It was noted that the deficit budget is because of the expenses to include LCD projectors in 2008 Annual Meeting conference rooms and that APSA hopes to reduce these costs and to eliminate the deficit.
- V. Membership and Organized Sections**
 1. ACTION:
 - a. Council approved the formation of the Health Politics and Policy Organized Section
 - b. Council acknowledged the proposal for an Organized Section on Canadian Politics and agreed to an expedited review of a completed application by late spring with an eye to the possibility of introducing the Section when the Association meets for the first time in Canada in 2009.
- VI. Governance**
 1. ACTION:
 - a. Council approved the establishment of a Finance Committee which will consist of the Treasurer and two other members of the Council, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Council. New language is added to the Bylaws for this.
 - b. Council approved reconstituting the Audit committee to include two members of the Council not serving on the Administrative committee or the Finance committee (plus one as before from the Trust and Development Committee.) The Treasurer would no longer chair the Audit committee, both to balance workload and to increase separation of duties. The Bylaws are adjusted for this change.
 - c. Council endorsed an informal change to refer to the APSA Business Meeting as the "General Membership Meeting," in order to clarify that all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- VII. Journals and Publications**
 1. ACTION:
 - a. Council accepted the editorial report of the *Perspectives on Politics* by James Johnson. Johnson noted that he added Joanna Vecchiarelli Scott to the *Perspectives* Editorial Board and he may propose additional names for Council approval prior to the end of his editorial term in June 2009.
 2. HIGHLIGHTS:

- a. Council received an update from Dan Treisman on the current status of the APSR, noting the greatest challenge to the UCLA team is the very dramatic rise in submissions; starting out at a rate equal to 1300 a year. Treisman raised several operating questions that the editorial team is considering.

VIII. Conferences

1. ACTION:

- a. Council heard a report on the Conference for Chairs and welcomed a draft working paper from the Departmental Services committee, chaired by Graham Wilson, articulating the goals of the Conference for Chairs and the relationships between the Association and Academic departments. Council members agreed to forward comments to the DSC on the working paper.
- b. Council discussed APSA conference siting policy, and the existing contract to meet in New Orleans, in light of issues raised about state policies regarding same-sex unions and partnerships. Council approved a proposal that “two drafts, the APSA Draft Policy and the proposal from Council members Wendy Brown and Harry Hirsch be put forward for comment to the APSA Status committees, Organized Sections, and general membership, for a pre-determined time period; after which a committee that has not been constituted yet, will serve to gather, review, and summarize all of these comments and include them in a revised draft to be submitted to the Council for deliberation and final vote before the August Council meeting.”
- c. Council considered a motion that APSA move its meeting from New Orleans in 2012 because of provision in New Orleans constitution relating to same-sex unions and partnerships. After rejecting a motion to make this a straw vote, the Council voted to table the motion at this time.

2. HIGHLIGHTS:

- a. Kimberly Mealy reported to the Council on the 5th Annual Teaching and Learning Conference, highlighting the overall success of the conference and positive feedback from attendees. Diversity of institutions and research interests from the discipline were well represented at the conference.
- b. 2008 Annual Meeting co-chair, Jane Junn, updated the Council on preparations for the upcoming meeting titled “Categories and the Politics of Global Inequalities.” Theme panels are focused around this topic. Junn also noted there will be five additional special panels allotted for current issues regarding the 2008 Election.
- c. 2009 Annual Meeting co-chairs, Simone Chambers and Bruce Jentelson reported on the 2009 Toronto meeting. The co-chairs have contacted the President-Elect of the Canadian Political Science Association to explore possible linkages with APSA and the CPSA for the meeting.

IX. APSA Initiatives, Programs, and Committees

1. ACTION:

- a. Council accepted the Statement on International Partnerships and Exchanges expressing values underlying directions for APSA international initiatives with thanks to the International Committee for preparing it. They encouraged the International Committee to move forward with applying these principals to APSA programming.

X. APSA Updates

1. ACTION:

- a. Council acknowledged other APSA Updates and Background materials with appreciation for these activities.