

**2008 Annual Business Meeting**  
**DRAFT Minutes**  
Saturday, August 30, 2008 6:00PM  
Salon G - Marriott  
Boston, Massachusetts

- I. **Welcome**  
President Dianne Pinderhughes welcomed APSA members to the 2008 Annual Business Meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:15PM. She reported that a quorum of over one hundred members was present.
- II. **Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions.**  
President Pinderhughes noted there were no constitutional amendments or resolutions proposed at this time.
- III. **Nominating Committee's 2008-2009Slate**  
K.C. Morrison, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of Council nominees. He reported that the committee received over a 100 names suggested by the membership, and made the following report:

**APSA Nominating Committee 2008**  
**Statement of K.C. Morrison, Committee Chair**

“The Nominating Committee herewith submits the report of its proceedings in the selection of the 2008 slate of candidates for positions in the APSA.

The members of the 2008 Nominating Committee were Lisa Garcia Bedolla (University of California-Irvine), John M. Carey (Dartmouth College), Jennifer Hochschild (Harvard University), H. W. Perry, Jr. (University of Texas-Austin), Laura Stoker (University of California-Berkeley), and Minion K. C. Morrison (University of Missouri-Columbia) as chair. This was a knowledgeable, hardworking and especially commodious group, which carried out its responsibilities with diligence and a delightful spirit of collaboration and goodwill.

The nominations process commenced with members of the association proposing recommendations for open positions of officers and members of the Council. The members of the Nominating Committee then carefully considered all of the proposed candidates and the supporting materials that had been sent in their behalf. Members of the Nominating Committee also proposed candidates accompanied by supporting material. The Committee then developed a supplementary list of candidates, including those who had been considered for positions in the past four years. In this regard the Committee sought to draw on the broadest range of prospective candidates (skills and balance of interests) for the final slate.

The Committee met for its deliberations and the final selection of a proposed slate February 8-9 in Washington D.C. During this meeting there was a full discussion of all nominees, including additional candidates identified in the course of the meeting. We utilized the Association's extensive database to develop supplementary information on all such prospective candidates under discussion.

In developing the final slate of proposed candidates, the Committee was guided by the Association's by-laws that require “due regard to diversity, geographical distribution, fields of professional interest, type of institution, and academic/nonacademic employment status.” We were equally mindful of the Association's expressed desire that nominees for President should not represent the

same gender for more than two consecutive terms. The slate that the Committee offers is consistent with these goals. It reflects an exceptional group of Association members whose contributions to the profession are superior in the combination of excellence in scholarship, teaching and service. Moreover, the slate reflects the broad diversity of the membership in reference to subfields, methodological approaches, types of institutions, and racial and ethnic considerations. We offer this slate with full confidence and enthusiasm, and urge its acceptance."

He then presented the following slate of nominees:

President-Elect

**Henry Brady**, University of California, Berkeley

Vice President:

**Stephen D. Krasner**, Stanford University

**Joanna Vecchiarelli Scott**, Eastern Michigan University

**Rogers M. Smith**, University of Pennsylvania

Secretary

**Leonard Wantchekon**, New York University

Council

**Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado**, University of Nebraska at Omaha

**Kathleen Hall Jamieson**, University of Pennsylvania

**Rose McDermott**, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Walter R. Mebane, Jr.**, University of Michigan

**Maria Victoria Murillo**, Columbia University

**Mark A. Peterson**, University of California, Los Angeles

**Sherri L. Wallace**, University of Louisville

**Franke Wilmer**, Montana State University, Bozeman

IV. **Certification of Nominees by the Election Committee.**

Michael Brintnall, Executive Director of APSA, acting on behalf of the Council Committee on Elections, certified an additional nominee for Council submitted by petition from the APSA membership. The candidate was Jodi Dean of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and the election agent was Gregory J. Kasza. At least ten valid signatures endorsing this candidate had been received and were certified.

President Pinderhughes stated that with nine nominees for eight seats on the council, APSA would conduct an all-member electronic ballot to begin 30 days following the business meeting for position of Council member, under the supervision of the Council Committee on Elections..

In the case of the offices of President-elect, Vice President, and Secretary, there were no persons nominated from the membership. President Pinderhughes called for a vote of acclamation, and they were elected unanimously.

V. **Budget Summary**

Administrative Committee member, John Ishiyama provided the 2008 APSA Budget Summary on behalf of APSA Treasurer Janet Box-Steffensmeier. He stated the Association was in solid financial shape. The total value, as of June 30, 2008, of the Trust and Development fund was \$10.93 million and the CFP fund portfolio was \$12.28 million. For the operating year ending June 2008, revenues totaled \$4.76 million from operations and expenses were nearly breakeven at \$4.77 million with excess in expenses over revenue at \$11,220.

## VI. **Other Business**

President Pinderhughes asked if there was new business. APSA Member Richard Sobel rose to raise a question about the proposal by the US Department of Defense to fund social science research, under the rubric Minerva Project, as reported recently in the New York Times. President Pinderhughes responded that the APSA Council already was discussing this issue with an eye to assuring complete scholarly integrity of any such supported research and had instructed President-elect Katzenstein to follow-up.

With no additional new business, President Pinderhughes adjourned the meeting at 6:45PM by passing the gavel to her successor, Peter Katzenstein, who graciously accepted the office of president, effective at the close of the annual meeting.