

**2009 APSA COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, September 2, 2009**  
**Toronto, ON**

**Fall Council Meeting Action Items and Highlights**

- I. Welcome and Report of the President**
  - a. No Action Items
  - b. Highlights:
    - i. President Katzenstein thanked APSA Staff, Annual Meeting Program Chairs Simone Chambers and Bruce Jentelson, and Task Force Chair Jeff Legro for their time and work during his Presidential year.
    - ii. President Katzenstein suggested moving the APSA Presidential address to Friday evening, as a way to raise member attendance.
  
- II. Items for Approval on Consent Agenda**
  - a. ACTION:
    - i. Council reviewed the April 4, 2009 Council meeting minutes and asked that they be amended and corrected before approval.
    - ii. Council reviewed and approved the action items since last Council meeting.
  
- III. Report of the Executive Director**
  - a. No Action Items
  - b. Highlights:
    - i. Executive Director Michael Brintnall noted that the Rules Committee will be advised to consider a time change for the APSA General Membership Meeting to encourage member participation and attendance.
  
- IV. Report of the President-Elect**
  - a. ACTION:
    - i. Council approved President-Elect Henry Brady's committee nominations and granted prior approval for nominations of vacant spots.
  
- V. Finance**
  - a. ACTION:
    - i. Council approved APSA's treatment of investment drawdowns to budget a conservative draw and to move funds into operating reserves.
    - ii. Council approved the revised FY 2009-10 budget.
    - iii. Council requested an improved budget presentation, with further break down of budget lines, a clearer presentation, and alignment with planning goals.
  
- VI. Journal and Publication Issues**
  - a. ACTION:
    - i. Council accepted the *APSR* Editor's report.
    - ii. Council requested the *APSR* track submissions by institutional affiliation of the corresponding author.
    - iii. Council accepted the *PS: Political Science and Politics* report.
  
- VII. Conferences**
  - a. ACTION:
    - i. Council requested that future Annual Meeting reports include paper submissions broken down by divisions and international v national submissions. To increase transparency the reports need to include the acceptance rates of these submissions.

- ii. Council approved the Siting and Engagement Committee appointments.

#### **VIII. APSA Initiatives, Programs, and Committees**

- a. ACTION:
  - i. President Katzenstein recommended increasing the Presidential Task Force budgets to support dissemination.
  - ii. Council approved the Guidelines for Public Presence Task Forces that sets a more specific schedule for their completion.
  - iii. Council approved the affiliation between the Organized Section on Information Technology and Politics and the *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*.
- b. Highlights:
  - i. The Task Force on U.S. Standing on World Affairs' short report has been sent to the publisher.
  - ii. The Task Force on Religion and Democracy in the United States is in the last stage of completing their book.
  - iii. The Task Force on Political Violence and Terrorism report is awaiting the final revision before going to print.
  - iv. The Task Force on Interdisciplinarity report has been completed. The task force is considering development of a full-length book.
  - v. Council reviewed the Persons with Disabilities in Political Science memo drafted by APSA Staff to show:
    - 1. What academic departments are doing and if there is a role for APSA to backstop departments;
    - 2. What APSA is doing to assist persons with disabilities, and asked;
    - 3. Are there areas to advance scholarship on this topic and should APSA take a leading role?

Council called for:

- 1. APSA staff to continue gathering information on persons with disabilities in political science, including questions in the Departmental Survey, contacting other associations, contacting former members of the APSA related group, and talking with scholars who specialize on the issue.
- 2. Creating a mentor group for veterans returning to graduate school in political science, and agreed to form a small Council subcommittee to coordinate ways to follow up.

Following Council suggestions, an action memo will be brought to the Council for the spring meeting.

#### **IX. Council Discussion Groups**

- a. Highlights:
  - i. Council broke into three discussion groups to allow the opportunity for more intensive, and engaging, discussion of important issues facing the discipline and Association. The three small group discussions centered on:
    - 1. Organized Sections
    - 2. Jobs
    - 3. Journals

Short action memos will be prepared for Council discussion and action.