

2009 APSA COUNCIL AGENDA
Saturday, April 4, 2009
Chicago, IL

Spring Council Meeting Action Items and Highlights

I. Welcome and Report of the President

II. Items for Approval on Consent Agenda

a. ACTION:

- i. Council reviewed and approved the August 27, 2008 Council meeting minutes
- ii. Council reviewed and approved the August 30 2008 Business meeting minutes
- iii. Council reviewed the February 7, 2009 Administrative Committee Meeting
- iv. Council reviewed and approved the action items since last Council meeting

III. Report of the Executive Director

IV. Journals and Publication Issues

a. ACTION:

- i. In response to the Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession's motion on institutional diversity on editorial boards, Council approved and adopted the Administrative Committee's recommendation which stated:

The American Political Science Association is strongly committed to intellectual excellence in its journals. It pursues this excellence via broad editorial outreach to encourage outstanding work submitted by scholars from multiple intellectual perspectives, from diverse institutional settings, and from a variety of backgrounds. We invite editors -- in making their editorial appointments, in seeking peer reviewers, and in outreach about the philosophy, mission, and policies of our journals -- to be attentive to the intellectual diversity and breadth that comes from recognizing active scholars from all settings, including those from non-PhD departments, international institutions, interdisciplinary settings, and, where appropriate, in practice outside of academia.

- ii. Council accepted the *Perspectives on Politics* Report
- iii. Council discussed mission of *Perspectives on Politics* and approved Jeff Isaacs' editorial board
- iv. Council heard report from APSR editor, Ronald Rogowski

V. Membership and Organized Sections

a. ACTION:

- i. Council approved creation of new Organized Section on Political Networks
- ii. Council approved the linkage of to journal *Political Science Education* to membership of the Organized Section on Political Science Education.
- iii. Council requested a report from APSA staff on Organized Section membership trends, costs, and journal linkages.

b. HIGHLIGHT:

- i. Council observed a brief demonstration of the nearly completed APSA social networking site, powered by Higher Logic.

VI. Conferences

a. ACTION:

- i. Council approved the proposal for a new Siting and Engagement Committee, clarifying that Status Committee appointments are done in consultation with APSA Status Committees and appropriate APSA Related Groups, and noting the committees are encouraged to consult with their corresponding caucuses.

Additionally, Council broadened the languages in the APSA Siting Policy regarding the “contribution that our presence can provide for urban centers with high concentrations of racial, ethnic, and economically disadvantaged groups, and will seek to promote economic empowerment of those groups, including working with minority contractors, in its meeting sites wherever circumstances allow.”

- ii. Council Approved 2010 Annual Meeting Program Chairs, Andrea Campbell, MIT, and Lisa Martin, University of Wisconsin.

VII. Finance

a. ACTION:

- i. Council approved a new membership category for members earning greater than \$135,000 with dues at \$249 and added a category for members earning greater than \$200,000 with dues at \$300. The Finance Committee was asked to do an overall review of the membership dues categories
- ii. Council approved the Short FY09 budget and Full FY2009-10 budgets, which included the modified membership rate structure and a two-year moratorium on APSA committee travel.
- iii. In response to the request from the Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession to amend the travel fund policy to support travel to the Annual Meeting for Status Committee members who are not in a financial position to attend the national meeting, the Council did not change policy, endorsing the Administrative Committee recommendation travel support remain focused on individuals presenting scholarly work at the Annual Meeting.

b. HIGHLIGHT:

- i. Council heard reports and updates from the Trust and Development Committee regarding new initiatives to establish well-defined procedures for emergency action on investments when called for, for moving the investment mix into passive investment vehicles, and for rebidding the position of investment manager.

VIII. APSA Initiatives, Programs, and Committees

a. ACTION:

- i. Council asked President Katzenstein to follow up on his suggestion that he revise the language of the Guidelines for Public Presence Task Forces. The revisions would charge the Task Force’s to produce a report within the President’s term.
- ii. Council approved President Katzenstein’s charge to the Award Implementation Committee, with committee members yet to be named.
- iii. Council approved President-Elect Henry Brady’s Task Force on Governmental Indicators: Conceptualization, Measurement, Usage, and Meaning.

b. HIGHLIGHT:

- i. Michael Brintnall described the new initiatives underway at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in support of human rights of scholars, and of scholars role in advancing human rights in

general, and reported that APSA is playing an active role in this partnership.