

**2022 Summer Council Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2022, APSA Council Meeting**

Present:

John Ishiyama, University of North Texas, *President*

Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Ohio State University, *Past-President*

Lisa Martin, University of Wisconsin-Madison, *President-Elect*

Amrita Basu, Amherst College, *Vice President*

Juan “Carlos” Huerta, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, *Vice President*

David Lublin, American University, *Treasurer*

Ben Ansell, University of Oxford; **Erik Bleich**, Middlebury College; **Khalilah Brown-Dean**,

Quinnipiac University; **Scott Desposato**, University of California, San Diego; **Alexandra**

Filindra, University of Illinois, Chicago; **Rebecca Gill**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; **Terry**

Gilmour, Midland College; **Terri Givens**, McGill University; **Catherine Guisan**, University of

Minnesota; **Hunt**, University of Notre Dame; **Nahomi Ichino**, Emory University; **Sooyeon Kim**,

National University of Singapore; **David Leal**, University of Texas at Austin; **Suzanna Linn**,

Pennsylvania State University; **Sara Mitchell**, University of Iowa; **Mary McHugh**, Merrimack

College; **Ido Oren**, University of Florida; **Costas Panagopoulos**, Northeastern University

APSA Staff:

Steven Rathgeb Smith, Michelle Allendoerfer, Dan Gibson, Kim Mealy, Ashley Vande Bunte,

Nathan Bader, Sean Delehanty, Casey Harrigan, Jon Gurstelle, Meghan McConaughey

Introduction:

APSA President John Ishiyama calls the 2022 APSA Summer Council Meeting to order.

President’s Report:

Ishiyama provides an update to Council on recent association activities and accomplishments. He begins his report by updating the Council on the work of the two presidential task forces. The Task Force on Rethinking Political Science Education met in Washington, DC in June to outline efforts for the next two years. The Task Force on Promoting Responsible Political Party Behavior will focus on political party behavior in the United States and will include scholars of both American politics and comparative politics. The task force is partnered with Protect Democracy, which provides significant logistical and financial support for the work of the task force. Next, he highlights international initiatives undertaken by APSA, including two workshops held in July 2022 that provided opportunities for scholars from the Global South to present research. The first workshop was held in Bangkok, Thailand, in partnership with the Southeast Asian Research Group and Thammasat University. The second workshop was held in Amman, Jordan, in partnership with the Columbia Global Center. Next, Ishiyama notes the creation of a new data infrastructure by the APSA research department that will better permit members to obtain data on the discipline and profession. Finally, he notes that the Council will consider a proposal for a standing committee on civic education. This committee would explore and coordinate APSA’s engagement in civic education.

Executive Director’s Report:

APSA Executive Director Steven Rathgeb Smith introduces updates on association programming

and operations. Smith reports that the renovation at the APSA headquarters is largely complete, with staff having returned to in-office work one day each week. APSA has resumed some in-person programming as well as increasing non-Annual Meeting virtual programming. The Ralph Bunche Summer Institute resumed in-person programming in 2022. Fourteen students participated in the six-week institute at Duke University, with six students attending the Annual Meeting in Montreal. Smith and Allendoerfer highlight teaching and learning programming, which includes both in-person and virtual teaching symposia and webinars on teaching strategies for breaking news topics. They also report that the 2023 Teaching and Learning Conference will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, from February 10-12. Smith continues by reporting that APSA has increased offerings for professional development workshops and will have more than 50 professional development-focused events at the Annual Meeting. Next, he reports that the Centennial Center has awarded nearly \$500,000 in grant funds in 2022, with increases in both grant applications and total grants awarded. Smith notes that the Institute for Civically Engaged Research (ICER), with support from the Ivywood Foundation, returned to in-person programming at Tufts University and had 20 ICER fellows complete trainings and workshops over four days in summer 2022. He further reports the continued success of the NSF-funded Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (DDRIG). He notes that APSA is planning to submit a grant renewal proposal in late 2022 or early 2023. Smith concludes his report by outlining strategic issues facing APSA. He notes that similarly to other academic associations, APSA is facing pressure on traditional revenue sources such as membership, publishing, and the Annual Meeting, and that APSA will need to be flexible in terms of funding and programming models moving forward.

Annual Meeting Update:

Vande Bunte introduces an update on the upcoming APSA Annual Meeting in Montreal. She reports that there will be more than 1,200 in-person panel and posters sessions, including 46 theme panels, 50 professional development panels, 30 short courses and research workshops, and nearly 180 business meetings and receptions. Additionally, there will be approximately 120 virtual sessions and 50 livestreaming sessions. Next, she provides an update on the current registration numbers of 5,302 in-person registrations and 274 virtual registrations. Finally, she notes that APSA is continuing to communicate regarding the evolving travel situation to Canada. Council discusses visa and travel difficulties. In response to questions about health and safety, Smith reports that attendees will be required to self-attest to their vaccination status and are required to be vaccinated to travel to Canada. Additionally, he notes that APSA staff are reviewing the masking policy.

Membership Update:

Harrigan introduces an update on the APSA membership. She reports that individual membership as of July 31, 2022 was 11,306. She notes that this represents a 2.26 percent increase from the previous year and an 18 percent increase from July 2020. Next, she reports growth in multi-year memberships, representing approximately 24 percent of eligible members. Further, she reports that as of July 31, 2022, 63 percent of professional members and 70 percent of student members belonged to at least one organized section, for a total of 27,806 organized section memberships.

Organized Section Policy Proposal:

Harrigan introduces an update to the organized section policy. She reports that in response to the increased number of organized section proposals the Committee on Organized Sections has received in the past couple of years, the committee has drafted additional language that would streamline the proposal process for new organized sections and allow the committee to more fully gauge and understand the potential impact of a new organized section on preexisting organized sections. Provisions of the proposal include language to all new organized section petition signees regarding the potential impact of a new organized section on panel allocations, a requirement for new organized section proposals to detail how their organized section's content is not already covered by preexisting organized sections, and the circulation of all new organized section proposals to all current organized section committee chairs for a comment period. McHugh moves to accept proposed changes to the Organized Section Policy Guidelines; Panagopoulos seconds and the motion passes unanimously.

Old business:

Guisan inquires about the status of an orientation for Council members. Ishiyama and Smith notes that Council orientation is currently under discussion.

Ishiyama adjourns the meeting.