**To: APSA Membership**
**From: Stacie Goddard, Columbia University and Marisa Abrajano, University of California, San Diego, on behalf of the Rules and Elections Committee**
**Re: 2026 APSA Council Elections**

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Balloting to elect APSA Council members and Officers began July 16 and closed August 15, 2026. The Nominating Committee's slate of Council and Officer nominees was announced through the APSA website and circulated to the membership via APSA communications. APSA also accepts nominees by petition. The deadline for submitting nominees by petition was May 17 and no nominations were received.

Under the APSA bylaws, the slate of officers and council members are formally elected in an electronic ballot by the APSA membership. As indicated in the bylaws, the election process allows members to vote "for" (yes), "against" (no), or abstain for each position. Candidates must receive more "for" votes than "against" to be elected to the APSA Council or officer role for which they have been nominated. A quorum of 10% of the APSA membership as of the record date -June 25, 2026- is required for the election to be valid.

The Rules and Elections committee has completed its review and certification of the 2026 election and is pleased to announce that the APSA membership has voted to elect the slate of nominees for the open APSA Council and Officer positions. In total, 1,975 ballots were cast, representing a 17.2% turnout. The newly elected Officers and Council members, who will begin their terms at the conclusion of the 2026 Annual Meeting, are:

For the position of President Elect (2026-2027):
Valerie Martinez-Ebers, *University of North Texas*

For the position of Vice President (2026-2027):
Lisa Baldez, *Dartmouth College*
Scott W. Desposato, *University of California, San Diego*
Terri E Givens, *University of British Columbia*

For the position of Treasurer (2026-2029):
Candis Watts Smith, *Duke University*

For the position of Council members (2026-2029):
Sarah M. Brooks, *Ohio State University*
Helen Chang, *CUNY-Hostos Community College*
Nandini Deo, *Georgetown University Qatar*
Kennan Ferguson, *University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee*
Samantha Ann Majic, *CUNY-John Jay College*
Natalie Masuoka, *University of California, Los Angeles*
Patrick F. McKinlay, *Morningside University*
Daniel Tichenor, *University of Oregon*