Women and Politics Research Section Business Meeting
9/1/17

-Michelle Swers called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm to welcome attendees to the meeting and thank volunteers and section members

-Nadia Brown offered the 2017 Annual Meeting Report
188 submission allotted 24 panels and 12 posters, acceptance of 57% and received some transfers Accepted 6 panels and 3 roundtables and created 15 panels
Created mixed panels and grouped by topic instead of subfields
People that listed us as second choice were good fits but the first choice did not and wondered if these sections did not see women in politics as fitting
Tried to get people on program even if not accepted paper as chair/discussant or roundtable as well as graduate students
It was hard to find discussants this year
Rejected a lot of great papers and roundtables but lacked room
Took advantage of a themed panel that fit the larger program so could accept an additional panel
There was some attrition
Panel allotment is based on last year as far as panel attendance
Discussants don’t count against appearance but chair does from total appearance rule
Putting down two sections also hurts chances of acceptance and send to where it best fits

-2018 Annual Meeting Call (Christina Bejerano and Susan Franceschet)
2018 Democracy and its Discontent
They are writing up the description that will go out soon including the policy process and intersectionality and how they struggle for democracy and we are open to what people want to submit and want to have an open process
And encourage volunteers

-Presentation of Awards
Best Paper presented by Amy Atchison and winners were Mona Morgan-Collins and Dawn Teele

Best Dissertation Award presented by Christina Xydias to Catherine Reyes-Householder

-Treasurer’s Report Malliga Och
We have a healthy economic situation with total assets of $56,232.06
You can consider donating more money on top of that
Politics & Gender Report
Mary Caputi

Thanks to publishing team, reviewers and contributors
We are doing well
Impact factor is 2.109 and is 33 out of 165 of Political Science Journals
And the impact factor has gone up substantially
Submissions 155
Acceptance of 5.8%
19 under review
31 revision by authors
(August 2016 and August 2017)
Showed the June issue and Previewed September's
Covered the call for papers regarding Michelle Obama's Legacy and
Eco-feminism and the Polarized Politics of Climate Change
Some concerns were raised that the special issues would cause delay in a
already small percentage of accepted articles and could there be an
additional issue
Critical perspective and online book reviews on line helped open space
Suggestion that could identify emergent themes from submissions rather
than soliciting responses from pre-determined themes

- Chris Robinson from Cambridge subscriptions keep going up while other journals
are struggling
  Great usage numbers
  Most cited article Celis et al
  Instituting social sharing tool
  Can post links on any site

-Vote on Officer Slate
  Blofield, Goss, Kang, Liu, Deo, and Reuterswaerd -approved

-Reduce dues for graduate students from $25 to $16 so would have digital
subscription –Approved

-Meeting Adjourned at 7:31 pm

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