

APSA Organized Section on Experimental Research

Business Meeting
2010 APSA Annual Meeting
September 3, 2010
Washington, DC

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Donald Green (DG) at 12:17PM. DG Presented overview of agenda for business meeting. Action items in bold below.

- 1. Brief overview of Experimental Research section formation**
- 2. Nomination of Officers.**

The following slate of individuals was nominated by DG and approved/elected unanimously for calendar years indicated in parentheses:

- **President: Donald Green (2010)**
- **President-elect: Jamie Druckman (2011), Rebecca Morton (2012)**
- **At-large Council: Rose McDermott (2010), Mike Tomz (2010-11),**
- **Lynn Vavreck (2010-11), Don Green (2011-12)**
- **Treasurer: Kevin Esterling (2010-11)**
- **Secretary: Costas Panagopoulos (2010-11)**
- **Newsletter editor: Dustin Tingley (2010-11)**
- **APSA Program Chair: Kevin Arceneaux (2010)**

The following committees with corresponding members were proposed and approved unanimously for 2010-2011.

Best Paper at prior APSA:

- **Josh Tucker (Chair), Eric Dickson, James Gibson, Rose McDermott**

Best Dissertation in prior calendar year:

- **Sean Gilmard (Chair), Bethany Albertson, Shana Gadarian, Nick Valentino**

Best Book in prior calendar year:

- **Ted Brader (chair), Susan Hyde, Macartan Humphreys, Ismail White**

Nominating Committee:

- **Alan Gerber (chair), Leonie Huddy, Cindy Kam, Ken Williams**

- 3. By-laws and proposed amendments**

The following amendments to the by-laws were proposed by DG and accepted:

- a) **Dues set at \$8 for all members (accepted unanimously)**
- b) **The section President will name a program chair or serve him/herself (accepted unanimously).**
- c) DG proposed the following amendment to the by-laws:

“Ratification requirement for policy statements involving the regulation of Section members’ conduct (e.g., required registration of experiments, reporting requirements, protection of human subjects, replication requirements): a 2/3 majority of all section members must be obtained by electronic ballot in an APSA administered referendum.”

There was considerable discussion and debate about the amendment, various alternatives, and modifications to the amendment. The proposed amendment (above), modified to specify that **elections to ratify proposals for regulatory changes would take place over the course of thirty (30) days and would only consider one issue at a time.**

The amended amendment (below) was adopted unanimously.

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4. Membership

DG discussed the membership efforts and provided the following details:

- When inviting membership renewal, APSA will soon include Section 42 along with other sections
- APSA recently added Section 42 to its website
- Although the Section received 450+ petition signatures, we must now obtain 250+ dues-paying members over the next year in order to avoid “probation.” DG appealed to members to reach out to colleagues to encourage their participation in the section.

5. Section Communications

- Newsletter. Newsletter Editor Dustin Tingley discussed plans for a biannual newsletter and invited section members to contribute ideas and items.
- Section Treasurer Kevin Esterling discussed the Section website and listserv and described some of the improvements that will be added over the next year.
- DG noted there are continuing deliberations about whether to have a Section journal and indicated incoming president Jamie Druckman will name an advisory committee to explore the idea further.

6. Prizes, research grants

- DG indicated the awards committees welcome nominees for all three prizes; official announcements will go out in early 2011, with deliberations in April and decisions in May 2011.
- DG noted there are active discussion with funding organizations interested in commissioning research summaries of experimental literatures. Discussions about these and other, related funding opportunities will be ongoing.

7. Q & A

In closing remarks, DG discussed:

- The ecumenical spirit of the new Experimental Research Section
- The commitment to active collaboration with other APSA Sections in co-hosting panels, conferences; opportunities to build bridges to other disciplines
- The need to sustain the momentum generated by the recent growth in experimentation and identification-oriented social science

Additional discussion/Q&A followed. **The meeting was adjourned at 1:17PM.**

Submitted by: Costas Panagopoulos, Secretary