

APSA Organized Section on Experimental Research

Business Meeting

September 3, 2015

San Francisco, CA, PARC 55 Hotel Market Street Room

Minutes (by Costas Panagopoulos, Fordham University)

Call to order by Lynn Vavreck, section president (6:37PM)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Membership Update:
 - a. 423 members (213 “new members; 80 students)
 - b. ~25th largest section
 - c. Vavreck explained that due to some errors in the ways APSA was accounting for membership, the section was warned about inadequate membership to remain viable. This accounting has been corrected, and Vavreck announced section membership is not only viable but strong and growing.
2. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Starting balance 10/2014: \$15,864.23
 - b. Total revenue up to July 2015: \$6,486
 - c. Expenses (mainly journal costs for *JEPS* from CUP): \$6,055.
 - d. Current balance: \$16,295.23.
 - e. Some discussion about ways to bring down *JEPS* costs, including possibility of digital-only publication.
3. Report of Vote on By-law Changes
 - a. ***Summary of Proposal 1, Changing the start & end dates for Section leadership:*** Clarify that the term of Section leadership (officers, council members, newsletter editor, and webmaster) begins and ends at the American Political Science Association Meeting.
 - b. ***Summary of Proposal 2, Making the leadership terms consistent:*** Make the officers’ terms consistent with one another by extending the President’s (and President-elect’s) terms from one to two years to match the Secretary, Treasurer,

and Council Members; and shortening the newsletter editor and web master terms from three to two years to match the others.

- c. BOTH PASSED BY ONLINE VOTE (Proposal 1: 127-0-3; Proposal 2: 124-3-3)
 - d. WINNER OF \$50 iTunes gift card: Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl.
4. Nomination of Officers
- a. Vavreck thanked nominations committee: Fotini Christia, Seth Hill, Nick Valentino
 - b. Nominations (assume role in 2016 and serve to 2018):
 - i. Macartan Humphreys— Chair
 - ii. Thad Dunning — Chair-elect
 - iii. Betsy Sinclair — Secretary
 - iv. John Bullock — Treasurer
 - v. Council 1 — Cheryl Boudreau
 - vi. Council 2 — Nahomi Ichino
 - vii. Council 3 — Jake Bowers (term STARTS at THIS meeting and runs to 2017.)
 - c. Slate approved by voice vote. No objections or abstentions.
5. Presentation of Awards
- a. Best Paper – Thomas Leeper & Kevin Mullinix
 - b. Best Book – Dan Butler; Chris Karpowitz & Tali Mendelberg
 - c. Best Dissertation – Meredith Sadin
 - d. Inaugural Public Service Award: Warren Slocum
6. *JEPS* Annual Report
- a. Vavreck thanked Josh Tucker and Becky Morton for their hard work to launch journal and serve as inaugural editors.
7. New *JEPS* Editor Report
- a. Eric Dickson (NYU) appointed new editor; assumes role in January 2016

- b. Dickson made some brief remarks about continuity and change at the journal. New Associate Editors and editorial board announced. Upcoming initiatives include some changes to submission requirements to improve transparency and replication. Dickson will also begin to implement design-based reviews and editorial decisions.
- 8. Newsletter/Website Update
 - a. Vavreck solicited volunteers to work on newsletter and/or section website.
- 9. Registry update
 - a. Macartan Humphreys discussed working document produced by cross-section committee detailing potential benefits and concerns about creating a registry of political science research. Some discussion. Details to follow as committee continues deliberations.
- 10. APSA 2016 Program Chair Report
 - a. Mike Findley, 2016 program chair solicited submissions and discussed the possibility of alternative panel formats.
- 11. Questions/New Business
 - a. None.

Adjourned: 7:26PM