

**Minutes**  
**Politics, Literature & Film Organized Section, APSA**  
**2007 Annual business Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 1, 2007**  
**12:00 pm**

**Presiding Officer:** Lisa Pace Vetter, Chair-Elect

**1. Wilson Carey McWilliams Best Paper Award**

Lisa Pace Vetter announced that John Lombardini was the winner of the 2006 Wilson Carey McWilliams Best Paper Award. She reminded the chairs and discussants of this years panels to make their nominations for the 2007 award by September 15.

**2. Financial Report from the Secretary- Treasurer**

Natalie Taylor reported that the Politics, Literature & Film Section generated \$716.32 in revenue for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. During that time, the section incurred \$368.71 in expenses. The expenses were for costs associated with the 2006 business meeting and the best paper award. The section had \$4,361.16 in its bank account at the time of the meeting.

**3. State of the Section**

Lisa Pace Vetter reported that the number of panels for the Politics, Literature and Film Section had been significantly reduced. Among the factors considered in the panel allotments is the number of proposal rejections. Because participants may submit an unlimited number of proposals, but are limited in the number of appearances they may make at the annual meeting, there is a sense that participants “venue shop” and then decline to participate on some of panels for which they had submitted proposals. This diminishes the quality of the panels, which were formed on the basis of the proposals. In many of these cases, it was too late for the chair of the section to fill the holes in the program. Co-sponsoring panels with other sections was one way that Professor Vetter was able to increase the number of panels sponsored or co-sponsored by Politics, Literature, & Film.

**4. Election of Officers**

Charles Rubin, Duquesne University, was elected to serve as the 2009 panel chair. Natalie Taylor agreed to serve another (2 year) term as secretary-treasurer. Mary Nichols and Lilly Goren agreed to continue serving as members-at-large. Joe Alulis will be our third member-at-large. According to our by-laws, the panel chair concluding her term will serve as a member of the best paper award committee. Professor Vetter is unable to participate in the selection of the best paper and Natalie Taylor agreed to do so in her stead.

**5. P, L, & F Website**

Significant discussion was given to the expansion of our website. Several good suggestions were made, including the suggestion to post papers, as well as to put a link to “Proceedings,” on the website.