

**Politics and Literature Organized Section, APSA  
2002 Annual Business Meeting  
Minutes**

1. Pol. & Lit. sponsored 12 panels this year (by comparison, the much larger Public & Administration organized section sponsored 13); current membership is 296 with 10 new members
2. 2002 Best Paper Award: Eduardo Velasquez, Washington & Lee University  
Award sponsored by Rowman and Littlefield Publishers  
Suggestions solicited for possible award name
3. Organization Website is now posted; asks for courses, syllabi, announcements  
Suggestion that Kenise Lyons be contacted to post a clearer link to our website on APSA site
4. Proposed Change to Bylaws  
Amendment to Section IV, C, 3:  
“Each March members of the Executive Committee will solicit nominations from the membership for new officers, and the Executive Committee will propose a list of candidates from whom officers will be elected at the annual business meeting.”  
Amendment was approved
5. Paper Award Committee  
Winner of award to serve as chair/committee member  
Possibility of adding outgoing chair as second member discussed, as well as an ex-officio member  
Eduardo Velasquez volunteered to find third member for committee and to e-mail reminders to panel chairs  
Emphasized that panel chairs need to nominate papers
6. 2003 Paper Award Committee: David Nichols (outgoing panel chair); Christine Henderson (ex officio); Eduardo Velasquez (award winner)
7. Politics & Literature Electronic Journal briefly mentioned – other sections have their own; we should pursue it in the future
8. APSA organized section business meeting proposed that sections establish closer ties with NEH – perhaps a good opportunity for pol. & lit. to gain more support
9. Michael Zuckert proposed adding “Film” to the name of Pol. & Lit. section; Patrick Deneen thought it was overly narrow; Lilly Goren thought it would increase membership – no vote taken
10. Election of Chair Elect: Lilly Goren  
Approved
11. Michael Zuckert proposed that a provision for “Nominations from the Floor” be added to by-laws; concerns were raised that the process too closed; other possibilities discussed; remind people that self nomination possible and that cut-off date is relatively open; initial nominations may be solicited via mass mailings and a list of candidates willing to serve will be verified; process will begin again in March with relatively open cut-off date; “Nomination from the Floor” motion was defeated
12. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00pm