

**Politics and Literature Organized Section, APSA  
2003 Annual Business Meeting  
Minutes**

1. Pol. & Lit. sponsored 13 panels this year; one more than last year; 15 total, including co-sponsored panels; current membership is approximately 300; in June 2003 it was 306, in July, 294
2. 2003 Best Paper Award presented to Catherine Zuckert  
Rowman and Littlefield Publishers sponsored the award
3. Election of Chair-Elect; there were three nominees, but Joseph Lane and Eduardo Velasquez withdrew their nominations before final vote  
Aristide (Ty) Tessitore elected Chair-Elect
4. Election of Secretary-Treasurer; there was the only nominee  
Lisa P. Vetter elected Secretary-Treasurer for second term (2-year term)
5. Secretary-Treasurer's Report  
Total funds: \$3,085.35; revenue: \$802.00; total expenditures: \$785.35; solicited content for website, including syllabi, announcements, etc.
6. 2004 Best Paper Award Committee: Catherine Zuckert (award winner), chair;  
Patrick Deneen (outgoing panel chair); Joe Knippenberg (ex officio)
7. Online journal discussed - Eduardo Velasquez will investigate this possibility with Duke University
8. It was noted that attendance at pol. & lit. panels has generally been high, except at 8:00am slots
9. Mary Nichols noted that late submission of panel papers is an ongoing problem and the section should propose a sanction of some sort; there was an objection from the floor because sanctions would be too different from "the culture" at APSA, where late papers are commonplace; it was pointed out that informed sanction has always been available and that a discussant can always refuse to read or comment on late papers; concern was raised that even if a discussant raises concern to chair, who would report it to the APSA?; panel chair could e-mail or write to all participants and emphasize that paper deadline is important, and that extenuating circumstances need to be clarified beforehand; it was noted that the panel chair must be notified and made aware of this situation, especially because she was unable to attend meeting; notifications may also be posted in the Winter 2004 newsletter and via e-mail to all members; should also check with APSA by-laws to see if panel participants should also be section members
10. Motion that "Section chair will inform the participants that delinquent papers will be reported to the following year section chair"  
Motion approved
11. Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm