

Minutes
Politics, Literature and Film Organized Section, APSA
2005 Annual Business Meeting
3 September 2005

Presiding Officer: Lisa Pace Vetter, Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 12:08 p.m.

1. 2005 Best Paper Award presented to John Uhr
John Uhr agreed to serve on next year's Best Paper committee.
Michael Stoil also volunteered to serve on the committee.
2. Report on membership: approximately 100 new members this year, for a total of 341.
3. Report on merger with film group: 6 new members added as a result of merger.
4. Secretary/Treasurer report: \$3,618 in the bank as of 30 June 2005.
5. Proposal to put newsletter online and distribute electronically via e-mail
APPROVED.
(Web site will continue to be supported at American University)
6. PLF journal exploratory committee report delayed by member travel.
Current process will continue.
Issues to consider: 1) money to fund publication, 2) editorial board, 3) online journal vs. printed journal, or maybe both
Committee members (named at 2004 meeting): Eduardo Velasquez, David Nichols, Mary Nichols, Denise Schaeffer
7. Proposal to rename Best Paper Award in honor of the late Wilson Carey McWilliams. APPROVED.
Committee named for fund-raising to build endowment to support "a series of one or more awards (in Dr. McWilliams' name) to support scholarship in the field of Politics, Literature and Film, including the Best Paper Award".
Committee members: Patrick Deneen, Lilly Goren, Lisa Vetter.
8. Election of New Officers:
Chair: Lisa Vetter
Secretary/Treasurer: Natalie Taylor
Members at Large: David Whiteman, Patrick Deneen, Joe Knippenberg
9. Proposal for PLF group to sponsor a filmmaker to show his/her work and have public discussion at subsequent years' APSA conventions. This is

the continuation of a program that the film group used to sponsor before the merger. APPROVED.

\$100 honorarium will be provided to the film-maker.

Suggestions for films/film-makers welcome.

Film program will continue as long as is financially feasible.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.