

Minutes
Politics, Literature & Film Organized Section, APSA
2006 Annual business Meeting
Friday, September 1, 2006
12:00 pm

Presiding Officer: Lisa Pace Vetter, Chair-Elect

1. Election of New Officers

Peter Josephson was elected the 2008 Panel Chair. Mary Nichols, David Whiteman, and Lilly Goren were chosen as Members-at-Large.

2. Financial Report from Secretary-Treasurer

Natalie Taylor reported that the Politics, Literature & Film Section generated \$1,141.30 in revenue for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. During that time, the section incurred \$746.55 in expenses. The section had \$4,013.55 in its bank account at the time of the meeting.

3. Report from Wilson Carey McWilliams Best Paper Award Endowment Committee

Patrick Deneen reported that he was collecting the contact information for potential contributors. He anticipated that solicitation for the contributions would take place throughout the coming academic year. Once the contributions were collected, the committee will work with the APSA to determine the best means for investing the money. If \$2,500 is collected for the award, we will transfer it to the APSA endowment fund for management. If we do not meet this amount, we may invest the money in whatever way we wish (CD's, etc.). The membership for this committee (Lisa Pace Vetter, Lilly Goren, and Patrick Deneen) will remain the same.

4. Discussion of the Best Paper Award; formation of the 2006 Award Committee

As the 2005 Panel Chair, Joe Lane was chosen the chair the paper selection committee. Simon Stow and Eduardo Velásquez will also serve on the committee. It was determined that the section should articulate its policies and procedures for selecting its best paper. Many of the other organized sections post deadlines for nominations, as well as describe eligibility for the award and the procedure for the decision. It was agreed that the chair of the committee would contact the panel chairs and discussants for their nominations. September 15 would be the deadline for the nominations and the winner of the award would be decided by March 1.

5. Report from Politics, Literature & Film Journal Exploratory Committee

Eduardo Velásquez reported that the section should consider the choice between an on-line journal and a print journal. Due to the cost of the latter, he was in favor of the former. He also suggested that the work of the journal may be more easily dispersed with an on-line journal. The section must consider where to locate the journal. Catherine Zuckert, editor of *Review of Politics*, announced that *Review of Politics* would run an issue devoted to politics and literature. Professor Zuckert would report on the success of the call for papers, which would indicate the interest in a journal exclusively devoted to politics, literature, and film.

6. Discussion of Membership Counts, PLF Participation at APSA in 2007

Lisa Pace Vetter announced that our membership had become stagnant during the last year. Some members did not renew their membership and she would work with the APSA to get those members back. She would also work to identify those APSA members with similar interests and invite them to join the organized section. She also reminded us of the expanding opportunities for APSA participation. Although the number of panels allocated to PLF fluctuates and may dwindle, members may participate in short courses, working groups, and the teaching and learning conference.