

Minutes  
Political Psychology Section  
Annual Business Meeting  
August 29, 2008  
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**I. Opening Remarks from Outgoing Section Head (Howie Lavine)**

Thanks to the Executive Committee Members, Award Committees, and Program Chair.

There were 20 Political Psychology Panels at this year's APSA meeting (up from 12, last year).

APSA panels are allocated on the basis of attendance rate at the previous year's panel (90%) and the rejection rate of the section (10%).

**II. Reports**

A. *Political Psychology* journal editor's report, Howard Lavine

The impact rating is 11/93 for political science journals, which puts *Political Psychology* right up with our discipline's top journals.

The current issue features a memorial to Alexander George.

Other special issues in the future on suicidal terrorism, and biology, neuroscience and politics.

There also was discussion of festschrift issues for William McGuire and David Sears.

B. Section Chair's Report, Howie Lavine

Possibility of offering a journal with section membership was discussed. Many sections are now doing this. The primary disadvantage is the increased cost of section membership. Howie suggested that this decision be delegated to a committee of volunteers, since such a change would require coordination with ISPP.

The section now has about 450 members (the minimum requirement for maintenance of a section is 250). Remind your colleagues to renew their memberships.

APSA is working on a suite of online services, such as Facebook-style profiles for section members, hosting permanent e-groups, a resource library, and websites relevant to section members. Howie suggested that a committee should be named to oversee these activities.

C. Treasurer, David Redlawsk

Dave thanked John Transue for volunteering to be the next treasurer.

Copies of Financial Report (dated July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008) were distributed.

Dave noted that as of June 30, 2008, there was approximately \$4,700 in the bank. He also discussed the primary expenses (e.g., joint APSA reception) and sources of income (section dues, awards) for the section.

In general, the section is in good financial shape.

### **III. Presentation of Section Awards**

A. 2007 Best Paper Award

Winners: Daphna Canetti-Nisim, Gal Ariely, and Eran Halperin (University of Haifa), "Life, Pocketbook, or Culture."

Award Committee: Jamie Druckman (Northwestern), Chair; Joanne Miller (Minnesota); David Nickerson (Notre Dame)

B. 2008 Best Dissertation Award

Winner: Erin Cassese, "Culture Wars as Identity Politics" (SUNY, Stony Brook; Stanley Feldman, advisor).

Award Committee: George Marcus (Williams), Chair; Cindy Kam (UC Davis); Jason Barabas (Florida State)

#### C. 2007 Robert E. Lane Best Book Award

Winner: Paul M. Sniderman and Louk Hagendoorn, 2007, *When Ways of Life Collide: Multiculturalism and Its Discontents in the Netherlands*, Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press.

Award Committee: Diana Mutz (Penn), Chair; Ted Brader (Michigan); Zoe Oxley (Union College)

#### IV. Office Elections

Dave Redlawsk (University of Iowa—Political Science) was nominated and subsequently approved on voice vote to be Vice Chair/Chair-Elect.

John Transue (University of Illinois-Springfield—Political Science) was nominated and subsequently approved on voice vote to be Treasurer.

Bethany Albertson (University of Washington—Political Science) was named the next Communications Director.

Tom Rudolph (University of Illinois-Urbana—Political Science) is organizing next year's panels.

#### V. Adjourn to Reception