



midwest political science association

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## **Minutes: MPSA Council Meeting | Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2019, 12:20-2:20 pm**

**Location: The Gage | 24 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60603 | 312.372.4243**

*Consent Agenda. Reports are distributed in advance to allow Council members an opportunity to read them prior to the meeting. If a report is provided in advance, there is no presentation of the report at the meeting, simply Q & A.*

*MPSA Council Member's Code of Conduct. Everyone must complete and sign the MPSA Council Member's Code of Conduct and they must be reviewed for conflicts before the meeting can start.*

### **1 CALL TO ORDER. Introductions (Liz Gerber)**

*The meeting was called to order at 12:50 pm.*

### **2 MPSA COUNCIL MEMBER'S CODE OF CONDUCT (Liz Gerber)**

*The forms were completed and reviewed for conflicts.*

### **3 APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (Liz Gerber)**

*There were typos in the minutes ("sift" rather than "shift"). A motion to accept the corrected minutes was made, seconded and passed unanimously.*

### **4 REPORTS**

#### **A Executive Director's Report (Will Morgan)**

*There were questions on the new presentation format for the subfield and undergraduate sections, the Standing e-Panels. The MPSA had already planned to survey members about their experience with this session format, as well as other presentation formats to see how to improve the formats. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and it passed unanimously.*

#### **B Award Winners, listing in program & in handout (Liz Gerber)**

*The council thanked the members of the various award committees for their hard work.*

#### **C Report on the AJPS (Jan Leighley)**

*There was a discussion about the replication and verification efforts. The AJPS remains the top-rated journal in the discipline, and Leighley thanked the Associate Editors for their diligent work. The Council expressed their appreciation and thanks for Leighley's willingness to serve the discipline as interim Lead Editor. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report from the AJPS Editor, and it passed unanimously.*

#### **D Financial Report (Will Morgan, Claudine Gay)**

*There was a discussion that the budget for the net operational income as for a loss of \$331,000, but the MPSA actually had a new operational profit of \$87,000. On the other hand, the MPSA budgeted for \$349,000 in investment income, but the MPSA had an actual loss of \$292,000. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and it passed unanimously.*

### **5 NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A Conference Program Chair Report (Jon Rogowski, Betsy Sinclair)**

*They Program Chairs thanked Gerber for the opportunity to serve, MPSA staff Morgan, Tammy Speelmon and Bonnie Van Deventer for their assistance, and their Program Committee for putting together one of the largest conferences for the MPSA. There was a discussion about the undergraduate student's experience presenting on Poster Sessions versus Standing e-Panels. Gerber and the Council thanked the Program Chairs for their service and efforts.*

#### **B Recommendation from the Committee on Awards (Liz Gerber)**

*There was a discussion about whether the MPSA should allow self-nomination for awards. The creation of new award honoring former MPSA Council member Richard Matland (Best Paper Award by an Emerging Scholar in Representation, Elections, or Voting) passed unanimously*

#### **C Update Policies related to Harassment (Will Morgan)**

*There was a discussion about some of the specific aspects of the Committee on Professional Ethics. It was decided to have a committee re-write the policy and present it to the Council for a vote at the next opportunity.*

**D Ad Hoc Status Committees (Will Morgan)**

*The general duties of these Status Committees generated after very helpful input from APSA and members of APSA's committees. There was a discussion about the challenge of having two broad committees versus the logistical challenges of creating six or more new committees at the same time. A motion was made and seconded to create these two ad hoc Status Committees, and it passed unanimously.*

**E Election of New Corporate Officers pending election of Binder and Nooruddin, (Liz Gerber)**

*A motion was made to approve the new corporate officers, which was seconded and passed unanimously. The officers are*

*President Elect: Diana Mutz*

*President: Sarah Binder*

*Immediate Past President: Liz Gerber*

*Vice-Presidents: John Ishiyama, Irfan Nooruddin, Christina Wolbrecht*

*Treasurer: Kyle Saunders*

*Secretary, Executive Director: Will Morgan*

**F Approve MPSA Signature Authority for Executive Director & Treasurer (Liz Gerber)**

*A motion was made and seconded to re-authorize check signing authority for the Executive Director and the Treasurer, and it passed unanimously.*

**6 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The rules that operate during an Executive Session were explained. All Council members present had completed a Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest form and any with a conflict on this issue left at this point. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to go into executive session.*

**7 ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at about 2:45 p.m*