

**Minutes-MPSA Virtual Spring Council Meeting | Tuesday, 04/27/2021, 11am-1pm Eastern. Approved 10/18/2021**

**Consent Agenda.** *If a report is provided in advance, there is no presentation of the report at the meeting, simply Q & A.*

**Code of Conduct.** *Council Members must complete the Code of Conduct form, which must be reviewed before the meeting starts.*

**Action Items \*** *Requires a vote to accept the report, budget or motion. Reports from a committee do not require a second.*

**1 CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS (Diana Mutz)**

*The meeting was called to order at 11:01 am Eastern.*

**2. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**A. Approve Minutes from the previous Council meeting (Diana Mutz) \***

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. It passed unanimously.*

**B. Reauthorize check signing authority (Diana Mutz) \***

*A motion was made and seconded to reauthorize check signing authority for the Executive Director and the Treasurer. It passed unanimously.*

**3 REPORTS - Questions and Discussion**

**A Executive Director's Report on Programs & Activities (Will Morgan) \***

*There was discussion about how the MPSA virtual conference went compared to other virtual conferences that people had attended. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, and the motion passed.*

**B Award Winners (Diana Mutz)**

*The Award winners are listed as an Appendix to the Report on Programs and Activities.*

**C Report on the AJPS (Kathy Dolan, Jen Lawless) \***

*The Co-Editors have completed half of their four-year term. There was a discussion about the additional time required to have the findings replicated. Would moving it in-house make it easier or not? There was discussion about the efforts to expand and diversify the pool of reviewers. The AJPS remains the top-ranked journal in the discipline.*

**D Financial Report (Will Morgan) \***

*There was discussion regarding the current amount of money that the MPSA has in reserve. In the past, MPSA has looked at this by looking at the reserve level of the MPSA compared to other associations. Morgan will update this report for the next Council Meeting. There was discussion about whether the members of the status committees should receive complementary conference registration, and this will be included in the 2022 budget. A motion was made to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*

**4 NEW BUSINESS**

**A Conference Program Chair Report (Abby Cordova, Virginia Oliveros)**

*There was discussion about the challenges with a virtual conference.*

**B Election of New Corporate. Vote of membership will occur on-line, (Diana Mutz) \***

*MPSA members will vote on the slate of officer using an on-line election system, and they will be given thirty days to complete the election. A motion was made, seconded and passed. Pending the membership election results, the new corporate officers will be:*

*President: Rick Wilson*

*President-Elect: Melanie Manion*

*Past President: Diana Mutz*

*Vice Presidents, Christina Wolbrecht, Suzanna Linn, Bernard Fraga*

*Treasurer: Kyle Saunders*

*Secretary, Executive Director: Will Morgan*

**5 ADJOURNMENT (Diana Mutz)**