

## **APSA REP SECTION BUSINESS MEETING**

4 September 2009

Toronto, Ontario Convention Centre

12:15-1:16 PM

Call to Order: 12:15 pm EDT, by Pei-te Lien, co-President of the APSA Organized Section on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics.

**Presiding Officers:** Pei-te Lien and Michael Jones-Correa (co Presidents)

**Introduction and welcome** from Pei-te Lien, co-President. Discussed a brief agenda and the postponement of Williams Memorial Award to the evening reception. Welcome and Thank you!

### **Reports and Announcements**

**Minutes:** Motion, second, and unanimous acclamation to accept minutes from August 31, 2008 meeting of REP (prepared by your humble servant). Minutes approved by all in attendance. Valerie Martinez-Ebers motioned to approve. Cristina Bejarano seconded motion.

**Treasurer Report** (Julia Jordan-Zachery: Jordan-Zachery found the missing \$76 from last year's records and attributed the discrepancy to a deposit slip mixup. As per last year, dues were raised to \$10, but staggered for members who had joined prior. When asked about the effect of membership numbers, Jordan-Zachary noticed no real decline of membership because of the \$2 increase. The suggestion was raised that even if membership numbers were to decline these might also be attributed to bad economic times. Melanie Price motioned to accept report. Tony Affigne seconded. Unanimous support for acceptance. (append report to minutes)

### **Report from 2009 REP Program Co-Chairs Dianne Prindeville and Mark Q. Sawyer:**

Both were present, but Mark was late and Prindeville made the presentation. The section officially has 560 members, although 680 are found on the listserv . More panel attendance is needed in order to keep panel allocations proportionate. In 2009 we had 3 more panels than in 2008. REP assigned 5 presentations to each panel with 2 discussants in order to facilitate more participation. Junior faculty and graduate students were included on more panels. Prindeville stressed longevity, dynamism, and cross-pollination as the key variables explaining how the panels were composed. Last year's acceptance rate for REP was 13 percent vs a 17 percent average in the Association, indicating the popularity of the REP section . Dara Strolevitch and Arturo Vega will be the section chairs for the 2010 APSA meeting.

**Newsletter Editors Kim Geron and Catherine Paden:**

Catherine Paden was the executive editor for the 2009 newsletter and made the report. All REP members should have received newsletter via e-mail. It is also posted on website. Catherine thanked everyone for their submissions. Natalie Masuoka will be involved in co-editing the newspaper in 2009-2010.

**Best Book Award Committee Chair Andy Aoki.** The committee decided to make several awards, which will be announced at the evening reception. A total of 35-40 books were considered for by the committee. Award winner (s) will be posted on the section list-serv.

**Best Dissertation Award Committee Chair HLT Quan:** Louis DeSipio was the only committee member present and made the report on behalf of Quan. A total of 10 dissertations were submitted. Four were read very closely and 1 winner was selected. The REP reception will honor the winner, Sarah Chartock, whose PhD is from Princeton University.

**Best Paper Award Committee Chair Adrian Pantoja:** Pantoja provided the report. He thanked committee members Janelle Wong and Lorrie Frasure. The committee surveyed the 2008 program and carefully reviewed a number of papers as finalists. Matt Barreto and Karam Dana were the co-recipients of the award.

### **Nominations and Elections:**

Handout of the list of nominees was circulated. Michael Jones-Correa replaces Lien to become the senior co-President. Valeria Sinclair-Chapman is nominated to be the other co-President. Lien reviewed the list of officers. Jessica Lavariega Monforti will serve as Secretary. Tyson King-Meadow will replace Julia Jordan-Zachery as Treasurer. James Dizon replaces Gia Barboza as the new web administrator.

The Executive Council. Each member has two year term. Five new members are nominated.

Motion by Nicole Alexander Floyd to accept the slate, Seconded by Diane Prindeville Unanimous approval. Audience cheers and claps.

### **Old Business**

New APSA Awards

Tony Affigne discussed the need for more APSA award categories, including the naming of awards for scholars of color in light of the end of the moratorium on creation of new awards. While the discussion about who these awards should be named after is ongoing, the committee unanimously agreed that Professor F. Chris Garcia of the University of New Mexico should be one of them. Further discussion of this subject will continue via the list serv.

## **Section Journal**

David Leal distributed a handout dealing with the ad hoc committee's work. The committee asked: Do we want a journal? If so, how much are we willing to pay for it? Do we want to create a new journal or to identify an existing one the section can affiliate with? Because of the prohibitive costs associated with the new journal, perhaps the DuBois Review might become the official section journal? Discussion invited.

Diane Prindeville asked why we should do this. Is it because mainstream journals are not publishing our work? Valerie Martinez-Ebers discussed her experience creating a new journal for WPSA. The WPSA's journal proposal has received approval from two publishers. She asked if perhaps a new REP journal might be in competition with the new WPSA journal. Manuel Avalos mentioned that the process is underway for the selection of an editor and editorial board for the new WPSA journal. Nicole Alexander Floyd expressed support for a new journal that embraces different methodological approaches and stressed the collective benefits of a new journal.

Tony Affigne proposed negotiation of reduced subscription rate for the DuBois Review and to explore a partnership with the Western Political Science Association and its new journal. He suggested that REP should also pursue own independent journal as well, and call it Race, Ethnicity, and Sovereignty. Michael Jones-Correa discussed three options: (1) reduced fee for an existing journal, (2) partnership with an existing journal, and (3) creation of REP's own journal. Jones Correa supports the first two options, but thinks the third would consume too many REP resources at this point. He also mentioned discussions underway at the APSA which would create the option of unbundling section dues and journal subscriptions, possibly having the effect of lowering subscriptions to section journals. Valeria Sinclair Chapman wondered how we may benefit from any/all of these possible arrangements. Manuel Avalos noted that journals don't make money; certainly not in the short run, if ever. Tony Affigne reiterated his support for a partnership with the DuBois Review, a WPSA partnership, and REP's own journal, although he thought we should have input into the editorial boards of all three of them. Michael Platt expressed concern about the "ghettoization" of our field if we are only talking to each other. Mark Sawyer responded that the same question would not be asked of any other subfield. We need an outlet, he argued, for the very best scholarship in REP. Christine Brenner moved that the committee should write a proposal for each option, which would then circulate on the listserv for comment by the section membership. David Leal agreed to write such proposal for option 1. Valerie Martinez Evers for option 2. Nicole Alexander Floyd moved to support the motion. Mark Sawyer seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous consent.

## **New Business:**

No discussion of APSA bags and their production in purported sweatshops.

## **Announcements**

Matt Barreto suggested that the REP list serv should become unmoderated (similar to the Latino C list serv).

Michael Jones Correa noted that the APSA website will ultimately be the place into which the listserv will migrate, allowing different options for moderated and unmoderated discussions, among the full membership of the section or sub-sections of the membership.

Motion to adjourn from the membership. Meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by Jason P. Casellas, Secretary for Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section (#32) of the APSA