

Minutes
Race, Ethnicity and Politics Organized Section, APSA
Business Meeting conducted at 111th APSA Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 3, 6:30PM in Loew's, Washington C

Presiding Officer: John Garcia

Call to Order:

Opening Welcome and Introduction by John Garcia and Jane Junn.

REP Officers' Reports

REP Officers delivered their reports on the status of the committee.

There was discussion about the REP Section's balance, indicating that the section is doing financially well. It was recommended that the Section should return to offering a nicer reception, though not to spend all of the resources on the reception.

Report and Comments on first year of JREP

The journal has yet to collect money from subscribers to cover the journal's expenses. Discussion ensued about saving some of the Section's finances to cover journal expenses until the time comes that subscriptions will supply the major funding for the publication. Details of how to get a hard copy of JREP are still being worked out with Cambridge. The initial plan was to put PDFs together, but Cambridge will be coming out with formal statement of policies.

There was further question about the status of the Politics of Color blog. There was an organizational meeting between a few people to brainstorm new ways to make the blog more current and active, and the group is looking for contributors to get the blog off the ground. Cambridge will be promoting the blog, and there is a link to the blog on JREP website. Cambridge also has its own blog, and it will be feeding articles from POC blog onto the main Cambridge blog as well.

There is a high likelihood that there will be a search for a new editor for JREP. Cambridge provides \$15,000 for hiring aids and course releases.

Nomination Committee Report

There was discussion about publicizing the competition for best paper. There seemed to be a lack of submissions.

Additionally, there was miscommunication about who was actually on the Nomination Committee.

Wendy Smooth, Jennifer Merolla, and Rene Rocha will serve as the best paper committee. Ainsley Lesure was approved to be on the book award committee.

2016 REP Section Co-Chairs Report

Wendy Smooth and Rene Rocha are the section co-chairs. There were comments and discussion about the 2016 section submissions and representation at the annual meeting.

Presentation of REP Awards

The best dissertation award was awarded to Matthew Sinclair Mendez for *Invisible Constituents: The Representation of Undocumented Immigrants* (University of Southern California).

The best book award in race relations in the United States was awarded to Lorrie Frasure-Yokley for *Racial and Ethnic Politics in American Suburbs* (Cambridge University Press).

The best book award for race theory and racial construction went to Claire Jean Kim for *Dangerous Crossings: Race, Species, and Nature in a Multicultural Age* (Cambridge University Press).

The best book award for race and U.S. electoral politics went to Christopher Stout for *Brining Race Back In: Black Politicians, Deracialization, and Voting Behavior in the Age of Obama* (University of Virginia Press).

The best book award for inter-race relations in the United States went to Betina Cutaia Wilkinson for *Partners or Rivals? Power and Latino, Black, and White Relations in the Twenty-First Century* (University of Virginia Press).

Election of New Officers

Nominees for new officers were voted on and approved.

New Business

There was a proposal to change the name of the organized section to: Race, Ethnicity and Sovereignty.

The rationale behind the proposed change was to be inclusive of indigenous scholars and their research. Discussion continued about how the organized section had this discussion years ago but decided to not change its name then, and there was curiosity why that decision was made. In the past, there was expressed concern whether “sovereignty” would communicate that the section was “taking sides” with indigenous people. There were additional procedural problems with the name change.

Discussion ensued about the meaning of sovereignty. Discussion also ensued about the technical procedure that must be followed for a name change. The procedures stipulate that there needs to a formal proposal for the name change followed by six months of group discussion.

A motion to change the name of the section according to the procedure was proposed and seconded. The motion passed.

Announcements

NSF Representative Tim Nokken encouraged REP to submit proposals, nad he could be contacted at tnokken@nsf.gov. It was asked about efforts to diversify the pool of reviewers for

NSF grant submissions. Nokken invited REP people to submit requests to be reviewers.

Acknowledgements

Danielle Lemi took notes at the meeting as the Secretary was not in attendance. Her notes serve as the basis for these minutes.