



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

LASA Executive Council (EC) Meeting September 27, 1995; Washington, D.C.

Participants

In attendance were President Cynthia McClintock, Past President Carmen Diana Deere, President-elect Jane Jaquette, Treasurer Charlie Hale, Sonia Alvarez, Lourdes Arizpe, Michael Conroy, and Marysa Navarro Aranguren. Attending ex-officio members were Executive Director Reid Reading, *LARR* editor Gilbert Merkx, and Program Chair Thomas Holloway. In attendance also were Vice President-elect Susan Eckstein and Assistant Director For Institutional Advancement Sandy Klinzing. Voting member Augusto Varas was not in attendance.

Action Items

1. The minutes of the February 1995 EC meeting are approved (by consensus).
2. The bid from the University of Pittsburgh for the LASA Secretariat is unanimously accepted; McClintock will draft a letter of acceptance to the University.
3. Jaquette and Eckstein will discuss a panel format for Bryce Wood, Premio, and Media Award winners with the new program chairs.
4. A committee consisting of McClintock, Jaquette, Holloway, Alvarez, and Reading is appointed to examine the selection policy for travel grants.
5. The EC votes to provide only air travel to award winners and to grantees.
6. Francine Masiello is approved as Nominations Committee chair; Gil Merkx is appointed EC liaison to the Nominations Committee.
7. Business Meeting resolutions:
 - Resolution #1 (Chiapas): Approved.
 - Resolution #2 (U.S. blockade of Cuba): Accepted only if originators remove the last two paragraphs on human rights.
 - Resolution #3 (human rights in Cuba): Approved.
 - Resolution #4 (controls on travel to Cuba): Accepted with change—substitute “affirm their right to travel” for “support their travel.”
 - Resolution #5 (School of the Americas): Accepted only if changes are made—substitute “some of the graduates” for “many of the school’s grads,” and remove the “ridicule” clause.
 - Resolution #6 (Guatemala): Accepted with changes—revise verbiage as specified and add language on declassification of documents on human rights violations.

- Resolution #7 (Riordan Roett): Defeated (4 in favor, 3 against; two-thirds needed).
- 8. A committee of Jaquette, McClintock, Hale, and Merkx will study the structure of the Business Meeting and the handling of resolutions and make recommendations.
- 9. Members unanimously accept Merkx's proposal to increase members' dues by no more than 7%.
- 10. Ways & Means will assume responsibility for setting up a budget template; Mike Conroy will assist.
- 11. Members vote unanimously to change dues for Latin Americanists permanently residing in Latin America to \$20 and \$30 (by income); joint memberships raised to \$25; student fees unchanged.
- 12. Members accept Merkx's motion to hold LASA '98 in Chicago.
- 13. Members agree a joint statement with other area associations on Title VI/Fulbright Hays is a good idea; Merkx and Reading will work on the project.
- 14. The revised form/guidelines for LASA election monitoring are approved; McClintock will produce the final documents.

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