



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

**Meeting of the LASA Executive Council
Guadalajara, Mexico — Wednesday, April 16, 1997**

Participants

All members were present: President Jane Jaquette; Past President Cynthia McClintock; President-elect Susan Eckstein; Treasurer Charlie Hale; EC members Carlos Iván Degregori, Sonia Alvarez, Arturo Arias, and Rose Spalding; Program Co-chairs Peter Ward and Victoria Rodriguez; LARR Editor Gil Merkx; and LASA Executive Director Reid Reading. Also present: LASA Assistant Director for Institutional Advancement Sandra Klinzing.

Action Items

1. Action items will be conveyed to the EC within one month of the meeting.
2. Minutes were approved as presented.
3. Hale will transfer his accumulated financial information to the new LASA Treasurer, Scott Mainwaring.
4. Congress proposals: short abstracts should be required; Eckstein will develop this further with the LASA98 Program Chair.
5. Eckstein will further explore graduate student involvement with the Program Chair.
6. The LARR Board was approved as presented.
7. Resolutions: the EC decided it is appropriate to have discussion of resolutions take place in the Sections.
8. Quorum/bylaws: for this meeting, no by-laws change; for the future, call for quorum in the first half-hour and change quorum to 5% (to be noticed to membership, with the stated negative-response threshold).
9. Sections: Life Members are exempt from the \$3 payment/Section to the Secretariat; Secretariat should later provide an estimate of additional costs from handling Sections.

Consensus

1. “Spirit of meeting”: the Congress should be held in South America every few years.
2. Program structure: EC agreement on “Public and Social Policy” as a category; “Indigenous and Ethnic Groups” will become “Race and Ethnicity.”
3. Congress capacity/format: it was agreed that poster sessions and round-tables allow flexibility; a Sunday morning session could be added in Chicago.

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