



# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

## Meeting of LASA Executive Council Hyatt Regency Hotel, Miami — February 7–8, 1998

### Participants

Present were members of the Executive Council (EC) Susan Eckstein, Franklin Knight, Jane Jaquette, Scott Mainwaring, Gilbert Merkx, Timothy Wickham-Crowley, Arturo Arias, Rose Spalding, Manuel Antonio Garretón, Marifeli Pérez-Stable and Reid Reading. Also present was Sandy Klinzing.

### Action Items

1. The Minutes were approved as amended (including inserting “apparent” before “opposition” in the cited line).
2. The Membership (Recruitment) Committee will be named by the president and the president-elect.
3. There was a unanimous approval of the slate of candidates for EC; unanimous approval of Vice-president candidates Tom Holloway and Doris Sommer; and similar support for back-up candidate Sonia Alvarez.
4. The Martin Diskin Lectureship is approved; Eckstein will appoint a sub-committee (Merkx, Knight, Arias, Pérez-Stable; Spalding volunteered) with Knight as chair, to devise guidelines and present recommendations to the EC and then to Oxfam.
5. The EC agreed unanimously that the call for papers will be put on the LASA website in Spanish and Portuguese as well as English (trial basis) and made available by fax in these three languages for those without web access.
6. The resolutions process steps (Forum timing, EC vetting by e-mail, coordinators, pre-business-meeting sessions, and outlining the procedure in the September Forum) will be implemented.
7. Reading’s motion (seconded by Knight) to revert to a quorum of 10% for LASA Business Meetings was carried (vote: 4 in favor, 1 against, 3 abstentions).
8. Eckstein appointed a sub-committee to review materials and debate on the resolutions process: Pérez-Stable, Jaquette, and Garretón.
9. Reading will write to Ann Betteridge to indicate that the EC supports the TOEFL test, after first verifying that the cited facts are 100% correct.
10. The Memorandum of Understanding (re: Investment Committee / investment guidelines) was unanimously approved.
11. Toronto site analysis: Reading was directed to compare travel cost/time for Toronto with Denver and San Francisco (using a target sleeping room cost of \$140) and discuss electronically with the EC.

### **Consensus**

1. Eckstein will convey the EC's thanks to Daniel Levy for his recommendations, but the Kalman Silvert Award will continue as it is.
2. The consensus was that Peter Ward and Victoria Rodríguez should be given a break from LASA responsibilities so soon after LASA97.
3. There was consensus that, in the long term, LARR and the LASA Forum should be posted on the site.

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