



# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Meeting of LASA Executive Council  
Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago — September 23, 1998

## Participants

Present were members of the Executive Council (EC) Susan Eckstein, Franklin Knight, Jane Jaquette, Scott Mainwaring, Timothy Wickham-Crowley, Arturo Arias, Carlos Iván Degregori, Rose Spalding, Manuel Antonio Garretón, Marifeli Pérez-Stable, newly-elected Vice President Thomas Holloway, Gilbert Merkx, Reid Reading, and Asst. Dir. for Inst. Adv. Sandy Klinzing.

## Action Items

1. **Minutes approval process / turnaround:** Klinzing will circulate a preliminary copy of the minutes to all EC members with a specified return date (two weeks) for review and comments.
2. **Minutes approved with edits:** The minutes were approved unanimously with the listed changes (multiple textual revisions/deletions under specified items).
3. **Resolutions—signature requirement:** Thirty signatories (current LASA members) will be required for each resolution starting with resolutions presented at LASA2000; this will be added to the LASA By-laws and reported at the LASA Business Meeting at LASA98.
4. **Resolutions—Panama:** Accepted for presentation at the LASA Business Meeting with deletion of the three “Whereas” paragraphs.
5. **Resolutions—Cuba (Pérez-Stable version):** Accepted for presentation at the LASA Business Meeting; the first two “Whereas” paragraphs removed.
6. **Resolutions—Cuba (Tabares et al.):** Accepted for presentation at the LASA Business Meeting with modifications (including “Demand” changed to “Call upon” and other adjustments reflected in the final version).
7. **Resolutions—MAI (Weber et al.):** Not forwarded to the Business Meeting; proponents will be asked to submit an informational article for the LASA Forum (EC did not feel it could give a seasoned assessment).
8. **LASA2000 call for papers—gender field:** Franklin Knight is advised to include a line item for gender of the applicant on the LASA2000 call for papers, if there is sufficient room.
9. **Plagiarism case:** Tim Wickham-Crowley will meet with the LASA98 participant accused of plagiarism to express concern as Program Chair; he will not mention the possibility of an article in the LASA Forum, but LASA will follow through with an article if the individual chooses to present the paper.

10. **Kalman Silvert nominations outreach:** Eckstein will write to individuals in various disciplines to request nominations for the Silvert Award.
11. **John Martz recognition:** A John Martz awardee will be named for each Congress from among those already selected as travel grant recipients (no separate application).
12. **LARR contract extension:** The EC accepts UNM's offer of a contract extension for LARR until 2004; Knight will announce this in his first LASA Forum column (Winter '98 issue) and Eckstein will also announce it at the LASA Business Meeting.
13. **EC qualifications:** Jaquette and Eckstein will discuss needed qualifications/skills for EC participation and recommend them to the Nominations Committee.

### **Consensus**

1. **Membership Committee direction:** Directive that the new LASA Membership Committee will consider all suggestions raised in discussion (benefits, demographics/fields/regions, institutional memberships, etc.).
2. **Sections policy timing:** Agreement that a serious evaluation of Section policies should wait until 2000 (allowing three years under current policies), with possible changes in Miami.
3. **Gender & EC nominations:** It was agreed that gender issues related to EC nominations will be discussed at the next EC meeting.

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