



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Meeting of LASA Executive Council University Club, Pittsburgh — September 16, 1999 (Ivy Room)

Participants

Present were President Franklin Knight, Vice President Thomas Holloway, Past President Susan Eckstein, Treasurer Scott Mainwaring, EC members Manuel Antonio Garretón, Marifeli Pérez-Stable, Jeremy Adelman, Guillermo de la Peña, LASA2000 Co-chairs Marysa Navarro and Antonio Maingot, Executive Director Reid Reading, and Asst. Dir. for Institutional Advancement Sandy Klinzing. Absent were Manuel Pastor and Gilbert Merkx.

Action Items

1. Beginning with LASA2001, there is one common deadline for Section and general program submissions; only Section panels submitted by the deadline will be considered for the program. The Secretariat will provide the exact wording change for the Sections Manual for EC approval.
2. Commencing with LASA2001, limits on Congress program participations are equal for all members (program committee submissions and Section submissions): one paper plus one additional role (chair, discussant, or workshop participant).
3. Sections may conduct their elections at the Congress, or by mail or email ballot.
4. Commencing with membership year 2001, the dues within each Section will be equal for all members.
5. The slate as presented by the Nominations Committee is accepted.

Consensus

1. Minutes guidance: the minutes should include the range of discussion (including more logistical detail), but names of discussants should be included only with substantive issues.
2. Sections/NGOs: reaffirmation that Sections may not apply for funds (contact NGOs) without prior consultation with the LASA President and the Executive Council.
3. Sections/web presence: one of the Section functions is maintenance of their web page.
4. Investment Committee operations: the frequency of committee meetings should be regularized; a copy of the investment guidelines will be sent to all EC members.
5. Investment Committee membership: the LASA president should recommend changes to the external members of the Investment Committee for EC approval (this consensus does not apply to other LASA committees).
6. Candidate vetting: individuals could be contacted ahead of time by asking if they "would be willing to run for office if nominated."
7. Election balloting (outsourcing): agreement that more data were needed; Reading will provide cost figures for the current balloting process and cost estimates for outsourcing will also be obtained.

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