



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Meeting of LASA Executive Council Hyatt Regency, Miami — March 15–16, 2000 (Orchid B)

Participants (as listed in the minutes)

Present were President Franklin Knight, Vice President Thomas Holloway, Past President Susan Eckstein, and Executive Council members Scott Mainwaring, Gil Merkx, Marifeli Pérez-Stable, Jeremy Adelman, Manuel Pastor, Manuel Antonio Garretón, Executive Director Reid Reading, and Sandy Klinzing.

Action Items

1. **Minutes accepted (as revised):** The minutes of the September 16, 1999 meeting are accepted as revised (corrections listed in the minutes); vote unanimous.
2. **Investment Committee membership:** Marc Blum is approved as a member of the LASA Investment Committee (vote: eight in favor; one abstention).
3. **Named Funds policy:** The named funds policy developed by the Development Committee is approved (minimum \$30,000 to establish a named endowment fund; smaller gifts accepted for one-time travel support); vote unanimous.
4. **Three-year membership renewal option:** LASA will implement a three-year membership renewal option in 2001, contingent upon a favorable feasibility report by the LASA Secretariat, in consultation with Merkx on behalf of LARR.
5. **LARR Board approved:** The LARR Board is approved as presented; vote unanimous.
6. **Strategic plan leadership:** The LASA president-elect will take the matter of the strategic plan under advisement, coordinate it, and move it forward; vote unanimous.
7. **Special projects committee (Endowment):** The LASA president will constitute a special projects committee to decide on distribution of the special project funds from the LASA Endowment; vote unanimous.
8. **Special projects guidelines + reporting:** The LASA president will prepare specific guidelines for the special projects award committee and present them to the EC for approval; after the first award, the chair of the award committee will report to the EC with recommendations; vote unanimous.
9. **Resolution on Cuba:** The proposed resolution on Cuba is approved for presentation to the membership at the Business Meeting; vote unanimous.

Consensus

1. **Special projects proceeds:** The use of the portion of Endowment proceeds related to special projects will be added to the strategic plan agenda item (#10).
2. **Multi-year renewal incentive:** Reading and Merkx will explore the possibility of a built-in incentive to the multi-year renewal option and report back to the EC as soon as possible.

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