



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

LASA Executive Council (EC) Meeting June 1-2, 2002; Dallas, Texas

Action Items

1. The minutes of the September, 2001, EC meeting are approved as amended.
2. A LASA fund raising committee is created with Marysa Navarro as chair.
3. The slate as presented by the Nominations Committee is accepted.
4. The Haiti Section is now officially known as Haiti/Dominican Republic.
5. The position of EC liaison to Sections is formally approved.
6. The proposed Section on Film Studies is formally approved.
7. The EC will investigate its legal obligations with regard to the Endowment Fund.
8. Matrix Consultings newest proposal regarding strategic planning is accepted.
9. Arias will poll the EC via e-mail regarding their time availability and the key areas for discussion for the next strategic planning retreat.
10. The period between receipt by the committee of Special Project Award proposals and notification of the winner(s) is extended to three months.
11. The Special Projects Fund is maintained at \$25,000. This amount will be Aowed to@ the Endowment Fund.
12. The memorandum of understanding regarding LASA committees and Task Forces is approved.
13. The search committee and the time line (as revised) for naming a new E.D. are approved.
14. The job description for the executive director as presented by Ward is approved.
15. The resolutions proposal is amended to exclude reference to LASA Sections and future Task Forces.
16. The following resolutions proposal is approved:
As of the next LASA Congress, all resolutions should be submitted to the Secretariat thirty days in advance of the scheduled Congress, with a minimum of thirty signatures (which *can* be electronic

endorsements). After going through their usual screening process at both Ways and Means and EC meetings, resolutions will simply be read at the Business Meeting. A short period of discussion will be allowed, but no vote will be taken. All resolutions read in this way at the Business Meeting will be automatically forwarded to the entire membership for an electronic vote. The vote has to take place within sixty days of the business meeting in question. The results will be published in the subsequent *LASA Forum* and posted on the web page.

17. The EC approves the general intention of the MESA statement on the NFLI-P and will review a similar statement prepared by Reading and Holloway for purposes of publication.

Consensus

Florencia Mallon will spearhead the development of an operating manual for the members of the Nominations Committee. The document will provide essential information and highlight a plan of Procedure.

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