



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

**Meeting of the LASA Executive Council
Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas NV
October 6, 2004**

Action Items

1. The minutes are approved as presented.
2. LASA will consult with the Investment Committee before November 1 to a) solicit additional advice regarding the Endowment management proposals solicited by the Secretariat, b) have the IC review a revised version of the LASA investment structure and policy guidelines, and c) formally discuss the possibility of pooling the Endowment Fund over the longer term.
3. The LASA By-laws will be amended to mandate the nomination/nominations specifically for the position of LASA treasurer, to be voted upon separately from the rest of the EC, and to serve, once elected, as a full member of the EC. The term will be for 4.5 years.
4. LASA will create a LARR-LASA outstanding article award, to comprise a plaque to be presented at the LASA Awards Ceremony. The selection panel will consist of the most recent (or recent) recipients of the Premio Iberoamericano, the BryceWood Award, the Martin Diskin and the Kalman Silvert Awards. The recipient will receive the same consideration as the other awardees at the LASA Congress, i.e. travel and a per diem, the costs to be divided equally by LARR and LASA.
5. The notice to LASA members entitled "Come to the Business Meeting, The Visa Issue Will Be Discussed" is approved as revised and will be distributed to the membership prior to the meeting.
6. A task force is created to study options related to calling attention to the suppression of the rights of academics to travel to and from Cuba. The task force will present its recommendations by December 31, 2004.
7. The EC accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Forum Revision.
8. The resolution on Cuba is approved, with the inclusion of the friendly amendment. Pending approval of the amendment by the proponents of the resolution, it will be presented at the LASA Business Meeting.
9. The following wording will be added to the resolution presented by Ron Chilcote: Therefore the Latin American Studies Association supports the Association of American Publishers' and the Association of American University Presses' suit filed on September 27 asking the court to strike down the OFAC ruling.

Consensus Items

1. President Avarez will oversee the restructuring of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Human Rights.

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