



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

**Meeting of LASA Executive Council (EC)
Caribe Hilton, San Juan PR
March 14, 2006**

Action Items

1. The minutes of the June 2005 EC meeting are approved as revised.
2. The *LARR* Board is approved as presented.
3. LASA will create a Travel Fund for indigenous and Afro-descendent Congress participants. (All funds donated to the new fund will be administered by LASA, including any contributions from the Ethnicity Section. If the Section raises its own funds, apart from the Travel Fund for Indigenous and Afro-descendent Congress Participants, it may dispose of them as it chooses.)
4. Section chairs will be advised that “the EC welcomes efforts to fundraise in accord with established procedures.”
5. The LASA Task Force on Academic Freedom and Human Rights is created.
6. The EC recommends that the Secretariat investigate the feasibility of transferring the Boston 2007 Congress to a location outside the United States.
7. The bid for *LARR* editorship from the University of Texas at Austin is disqualified and the proposal from McGill University will be entertained.

Consensus Items

1. The incoming LASA treasurer will be asked to report at the next EC meeting on what other organizations like the MLA are doing with regard to social investment; provide information on other organizations that have a social investment component to their portfolio; and investigate the practical applications of weeding out objectionable companies.
2. Alvarez and Hale should work together to generate a more discreet set of discipline categories for the LASA database for the next round of memberships in 2007.
3. The EC will discuss further the possibility of permitting (for selected panels) the opportunity to have more than one Latin American/Caribbean grantee.
4. A database will be created of all LASA members who wish to volunteer in some capacity with the Association.
5. E.D. Milagros Pereyra will gather information on conflict of interest policies and share it with the EC.

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