



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

LASA Executive Council Meeting
Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
June 10, 2009

Participants

President Eric Hershberg, Vice President John Coatsworth, Past President Charles R. Hale, Treasurer Kevin Middlebrook, EC members Guillermo Delgado, Teresa Valdés, Jonathan Hartlyn, Ariel Armony, LASA2009 Program Co-chairs Evelyne Huber and Cynthia Steele, *LARR* Editor Philip Oxhorn, Executive Director Milagros Pereyra and Assistant Director for Institutional Advancement Sandy Klinzing. EC members Jose Rabasa and Deborah Yashar were not present.

Action Items

1. The minutes of the June 2008 EC meeting are approved as revised.
2. The awards from all LASA targeted endowed funds will be adjusted downward in those years when the funds' yields are lower. The amount of the award will be announced at the same time as the competition.
3. To be considered an endowed fund a fund must have a minimum level of \$25,000.
4. LASA will create discretionary funds for: 1) Funding of Indigenous and Afro-descendent Congress participation (up to the amount in the Indigenous and Afro-descendent Fund); and 2) a Congress Presidential Fund (up to \$10,000.)
5. For LASA2010 track chairs may accept one of three paper proposals and these must be assigned to new panels. The Secretariat will make an electronic bulletin board available to facilitate the formation of panels. The discussion of poster sessions will be revisited at the EC meeting in Toronto.
6. The resolution on Cuba is approved.

Consensus Items

1. Hartlyn will review the list of disciplines to combine categories and check back with Pereyra.
2. Coatsworth and Hershberg will review the current income levels and member fees, discuss them with Pereyra and continue the discussion via email.
3. The minutes should reflect the EC decision to not raise general dues at this time.
4. There should be an article on LASA fee structure in the fall issue of the LASA Forum, and it should include a comparison with the fees of other associations in the United States.
5. Oxhorn will assist the Secretariat in developing a survey to determine member views regarding dues parity, the current 18 month Congress cycle versus annual cycle and preferred month for an annual Congress. This could be paired with the post-Congress survey.
6. At its next meeting the EC will discuss moving to an annual Congress after 2012.
7. Coatsworth will name a Section's Liaison from the EC and the Liaison will work with Pereyra in contacting the Sections below 50 members to reiterate their importance to the Association and to ask what the EC and the Secretariat can do to assist them.
8. LASA should move in the direction of Social Responsibility Investment.
9. Pereyra will prepare a report on the procedures for travel grant distribution with the assistance of Coatsworth and Valdés.
10. LASA will continue the policy of determining the amount of Latin American and Caribbean travel grants based on country of residence.
11. When the LASA2010 Congress acceptance decisions are made, individuals will be notified and informed that they must pre-register. After the pre-registration deadline those panels that do not meet the minimum participation requirement will be cancelled. The program co-chairs then have the option of inserting those remaining individuals into existing panels where possible. The Secretariat will continue to update cancelled panels on the website up to the last minute.
12. Pereyra was requested to prepare for EC review a calendar with significant dates related to the LASA2010 Congress.

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