



LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

**LASA Executive Council Meeting
Marriott Marquis; San Francisco
July 25, 2011**

Action Items

1. The minutes of the October 5, 2010 meeting of the EC are approved.
2. Item 7 under Article VI, International Congress, of the LASA By-laws, regarding the procedure for dealing with resolutions, will be amended to add the following wording after "Votes must be received within sixty days of receipt of the email transmission": "Twenty percent of the current LASA membership must vote regarding a proposed resolution and the majority must vote in favor of it for the resolution to pass."
3. There is no change to the procedure for EC handling of proposed resolutions under Item 7 of Article VI of the By-laws; however the Sub-committee on Resolutions is required to inform the proponents of a resolution of any changes they have made as well as the rationale behind those changes.
4. Beginning with LASA2013 the sum of \$20,000 will be set aside to provide up to two nights hotel stay for 50 US-based non-tenured full-time professors who are delivering papers at the LASA Congress. This policy will be reviewed within three years.
5. For LASA2012 Pereyra is authorized to distribute travel grant funds per the usual procedure, withholding \$10,000 from the general pool of funds, and then distribute the \$10,000 to resident scholars of Central America, Haiti, Paraguay, Ecuador and Bolivia who were accepted but did not receive a grant. LASA will also ask the sections related to these countries how the Association can help them recruit more people to submit travel grant requests.
6. Action is postponed on the proposal to charge a fee for Congress proposal submission because of lingering financial difficulties and the possibility of any adverse effects on proposal submission when coupled with the move to an annual Congress.
7. The budget for 2012 is approved.
8. The increase in Congress registration prices as presented by Pereyra is approved.
9. LASA will use \$500,000 of the amount owed by the Endowment to LASA operating funds to establish a contingency building fund; in addition, \$25,000 per year from operations will be added to the Fund to enable it to grow.

Consensus Items

1. The Secretariat will secure data from the San Francisco Congress on 1) how many individuals are accepted on panels and cancel before the Congress, 2) how many of them are replaced on panels; 3) how many panels are cancelled because of drop outs. The issue of requiring LASA membership for everyone on a panel submitted for consideration will be discussed further at the San Francisco EC meeting.
2. EC member Maxine Molyneux will serve as co-chair for the Mellon Grant program.
3. EC members Rosalva Aida Hernandez, Kimberly Theidon and Gioconda Herrera will prepare a proposal for the EC for continuation of the Otros Saberes project, including a theme and suggestions for (co) chairs. Any proposal must contain a budget and must be presented to the EC before an approach to possible funders.
4. The Fundraising Committee will be asked to consider submitting a proposal to the EC to allow individuals with 30 years plus membership to receive a discount on their Life Membership, perhaps making it \$2,000, and to consider giving credit for the last five years of dues payments when a new Life Membership is initiated. The Secretariat should determine how many new Life Members it could hope to attract with a discount, as well as the anticipated marginal loss to the Association if the fee is discounted.
5. Milagros Pereyra will write to member residents of Cuba, Central America, Paraguay and Venezuela to encourage them to make submissions to the *Latin American Research Review (LARR)*. She will send a similar note to the members of the Cuba, Central America, and Venezuela Sections.
6. Eric Hershberg will be asked to make contact with the Mellon Foundation to set up an appointment for John Coatsworth, Maria Hermínia Tavares and himself to discuss the next possible phase of funding from the Foundation.
7. Commission on Academic Freedom Chair Evelyne Huber will write to Debora Upegui-Hernandez regarding her request for condemnation of an Arizona law that, among other things, eliminated Ethnic Studies in public schools and prohibited teachers with an accent from teaching English language or English as a second language class, to inform her that the Commission will not take action. Ms. Upegui-Hernandez could be encouraged, however, to submit a resolution for consideration.
8. The Secretariat should continue to do research, particularly on San Diego, Hawaii, Seattle, San Juan and possibly San Antonio for LASA2015 and for 2016 will consider as well Europe (Madrid, Lisbon, Paris, London and Amsterdam).

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