



# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

**Meeting of LASA Executive Council  
May 20, 2014; Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago IL**

## **Action Items**

1. The minutes of the May 29, 2013 meeting of the Executive Council are approved as presented.
2. The LASA budget for 2015 is approved.

## **Consensus Items**

1. Castillo will write to the chair of the Section Scholarly Research and Resources regarding the need to achieve the minimum membership of 50 before the end of the year so that the section may remain in good standing.
2. At the sections' business meetings each section should discuss the length of terms for leadership and then send it to their members for a vote.
3. Grindle will respond to the Southern Cone Studies Section regarding the proposal to establish an on-line section journal, saying no to calling it a journal but adding that it is a great initiative, and provoked a wonderful debate. She will add that the EC would be glad to approve an on-line publication that focuses on debates, discussions, conversations, and points of view but that is less ambitious than a peer-reviewed journal.
4. Pereyra and *LARR* Editor Philip Okhorn are authorized to explore the on-line use of Scholar One or Berkeley Press to make *LARR* issues available through Open Access.
5. Rosalva Aida Hernández and Luis Cárcamo-Huechante commit to secure the papers owed from the last phase of Otros Saberes by August 1, 2014 or the funds provided by the Inter American Foundation (IAF) will be returned.
6. Hite will send frequently asked questions to Pereyra to address on the LASA web-site. One of these could be "What do my LASA dues pay for?"
7. The Secretariat will develop a communication to the membership regarding how the Endowment works for the membership and the cost structure that LASA faces with regard to the Congress hotel.

8. Grindle will prepare a letter to the appropriate Cuban authorities regarding the denial of a visa to Carmelo Mesa-Lago.

9. LASA will take \$5000 from the funds applied to US non-tenured faculty and use the funds for track chair application for travel grants and for general needs. The president will select two EC members to make selections among the track chair applicants.

10. The Secretariat will publicize the remaining \$10,000 left for non-tenured US faculty in the *LASA Forum* and then if not used it could revert to the general fund.

11. Regarding LASA Congress venues, LASA will focus on Panama for 2017 and Barcelona or Sevilla for 2018.

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