

MINUTES

Legislative Studies Section American Political Science Association

Annual Business Meeting August 31, 2018 Boston, MA

Call to order

Section chair Wendy Schiller called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

Approval of minutes

Schiller brought to the floor consideration of the minutes from the Legislative Studies Section meeting at the 2017 APSA Annual meeting. Craig Volden motioned for the minutes to be approved. Mike Crespin seconded the motion. The section unanimously approved the minutes.

Budget overview

Section treasurer Jim Curry provided an overview of the budget. The section's fund balance was relatively unchanged from the previous year

Overview of section panels at APSA

Michael Rocca and Jonathan Slapin (Legislative Studies Section chairs for the 2018 APSA meeting) provided an overview of the section's panels at the conference. The section had 20 total panels with a 55% acceptance rate on original submissions to the section (first section submission)

Amendments to the LSS bylaws

Schiller proposed several amendments to the section bylaws, spurred by APSA requests for sections to revisit or bylaws regarding diversity and inclusion. Additional amendments were intended to update the bylaws to reflect our current practices for selected Executive Committee members, and to note our new section awards. Gerald Gamm motioned to adopt the amendments en bloc. Greg Koger seconded the motion. The amendments were unanimously adopted.

Replacing the Fenno Prize plaque

Jim Curry proposed to replace the Fenno Prize plaque with a newer, larger plaque with more spaces for future winners' names to be engraved. Sarah Binder offers her award check to pay for it, which the section leadership declined as unnecessary. Francis Lee motioned to approve the proposal. Jason Roberts seconded the motion to approve. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Announcing a partnership with the Dirksen Center

Wendy announces Dirksen Center partnership to provide \$1,000 annually for the new Emerging Scholar award.

Update on *Legislative Studies Quarterly*

Brian Crisp provided an update on *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. There was not much change in the volume of submission to the journal, or paper rejections. Crisp announced pending changes to in the editorial team. Crisp also announced the possibility of making the Jewell-Loewenberg Prize a three-part prize, with separate awards for papers on Congress, State Legislatures, and Comparative Legislatures.

Update on *The Legislative Scholar*

Gisela Sin provided an update on the section newsletter, the *The Legislative Scholar*. She and Laurel Harbridge-Yong plan to step down as editors after completing the upcoming 6th issue of the newsletter.

Announcements from the *Legislative Studies Quarterly* editorial meeting

Schiller announces two items to come out of LSQ editorial meeting. The first is a proposal to create a Twitter account tied to LSQ maintained by the section's Executive Committee. The second is an idea from Tiffany Barnes inspired by the Gender Studies section that job market candidates in the Legislative Studies Section be invited to future section receptions to help them network and meet prospective employers.

Presentation of section awards

The section's annual awards were presented. Alan Wiseman was volunteered by Schiller to take pictures of the awards winners.

The Carl Albert Dissertation Award for best doctoral dissertation in the area of legislative studies was awarded to Alison W. Craig of the University of Texas, Austin, for "Crafting a Broad Appeal: Congressional Audiences and Policy Collaboration in the Modern Legislature" (The Ohio State University, 2017). Award Committee: Michelle Whyman, Duke University; Anthony Madonna, University of Georgia; Jason Casellas, University of Houston.

The Alan Rosenthal Prize for best book or article in legislative studies published by a junior scholar that has potential value to legislative practitioners was awarded to Ruth Bloch Rubin of the University of Chicago, for *Building the Bloc: Intraparty Organization in the US Congress* (Cambridge University Press, 2017). Award Committee: Tiffany D. Barnes, University of Kentucky; Amanda Driscoll, Florida State University; Nathaniel Birkhead, Kansas State University.

The CQ Press Award for the best paper on legislative studies presented at the 2016 annual meeting was awarded to Olie Folke of Uppsala University, and Johanna Rickne of Stockholm University for "The ballot rank hierarchy and the irrelevance of marginal seats: Party nomination strategies in closed and flexible PR." Award Committee: Stuart Soroka, University of Michigan; Sebastian Saiegh, University of California, San Diego; Wendy Schiller, Brown University

The Jewell-Loewenberg Award for the best article in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2016 was awarded to Sarah Anzia of the University of California at Berkeley, and Terry M. Moe of Stanford University for "Polarization and Policy: The Politics of Public-Sector Pensions," published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 42, Issue 1. Award Committee: Doug Ahler,

Florida State University; Sharece Thrower, Vanderbilt University; Gisela Sin, University of Illinois

The Richard F. Fenno, Jr. Prize for the best book in legislative studies was awarded to Sarah A. Binder of the George Washington University and the Brookings Institution, and Mark Spindel of the Potomacriverfund.com, for *The Myth of Independence: How Congress Governs the Federal Reserve* (Princeton University Press, 2017). Award Committee: Douglas Kriner, Penn State University; Rebecca Thorpe, University of Washington; Bill Bianco, Indiana University.

The Emerging Scholar award, recognizing junior scholars who have informed the study of legislative politics through innovative and rigorous scholarship, was awarded jointly to Tiffany Barnes of the University of Kentucky, and Justin Kirkland of the University of Virginia. Award Committee: Laurel Harbridge-Yong, Northwestern University; Leslie Schwindt-Bayer, Rice University; Michael Crespín, University of Oklahoma.

The Barbara Sinclair Legacy Award, honoring the work of a scholar who has contributed a lifetime of significant scholarship to the study of legislative politics, was awarded to David R. Mayhew of Yale University. Award Committee: Gregory Koger, University of Miami; Sarah Binder, George Washington University and the Brookings Institution; Lynda Powell, University of Rochester.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.