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Legislative Studies Section American Political Science Association

**2017 Annual Business Meeting
September 1, 2017
San Francisco, CA**

Call to order

Section chair Peverill Squire called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Squire moved that the minutes from the Legislative Studies Section meeting at the 2016 APSA Annual meeting be approved. The section unanimously approved the minutes.

Election of section offices

Squire nominated a new slate of officers for the Legislative Studies Section. The section unanimously approved the slate of nominees:

Section Chair: Wendy Schiller (Brown University)

Secretary/Treasurer: James Curry (University of Utah)

Executive Committee: Leslie Schwindt-Bayer (Rice University) and Sebastian Saiegh
(University of California at San Diego)

Program Committee: Jonathan Slapin (University of Essex) and Michael Rocca (University of
New Mexico)

Motion to allocate section funds to create plaques or certificates for three section awards.

James Curry introduced a proposal to allocate \$200 annually from the section's funds to create physical awards—framed certificates or plaques—for three of the sections awards: The Alan Rosenthal Prize, the CQ Press Award, and the Jewell-Loewenberg Prize. The \$200 would cover the costs of both making the awards and mailing them to winners not in attendance at future annual business meetings. The creation and distribution of the awards would be the responsibility of the section's Secretary/Treasurer.

Wendy Schiller offered an amendment to the proposal. She proposed that in order to keep costs down, it would be at the discretion of the section chair whether or not to mail the awards to winners not in attendance at the business meeting.

The proposal and amendment were discussed by the section and approved unanimously.

In remembrance of Stanley Bach

Steve Smith made remarks in remembrance of Stanley Bach (Congressional Research Service) who passed away in 2017, noting his contributions to the field of legislative studies.

Update on Legislative Studies Section membership subscription options for Legislative Studies Quarterly

Brian Crisp provided an update on section subscriptions to LSQ. Crisp noted that the section now has a \$3 option for students to join the section and obtain electronic access to the journal. Crisp stated that efforts to publicize LSQ's new app and early view features will be renewed.

Update on the section newsletter

Laurel Harbridge provided an update on the section's newsletter, *The Legislative Scholar*, and noted that the next edition would be released in September.

Proposal to create new section awards

Laurel Harbridge proposed that the section consider creating new section awards. Harbridge noted that some APSA organized sections have many more awards than the Legislative Studies Section, and that these awards can help advertise the excellent research being conducted by members of the section, and also may help entice scholars to join the legislative studies section. Harbridge suggested that the Executive Committee could look into considering the awards. Harbridge suggested that one possible new award could be an emerging scholars award.

Curry noted that the section has a large surplus budget, around \$10,000, so the establishment of new awards would not create a financial burden for the section.

Schiller suggested an award might be created in Barbara Sinclair's honor.

The section approved of the proposal to establish new section awards. Schiller (section chair) was directed to take steps to establish these awards in consultation with the section's Executive Committee.

Presentation of Section Awards

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 Tiffany D. Barnes of the University of Kentucky for *Gendering Legislative Behavior* (Cambridge University Press, 2016). Award committee: James Curry, University of Utah; Jim Battista, University of Buffalo; and Eleanor Powell, University of Wisconsin.

The Carl Albert Dissertation Award for best doctoral dissertation in the area of legislative studies was awarded to Michelle Whyman of Duke University for, "The Roots of Legislative Durability: How Information, Deliberation, and Compromise Create Laws that Last" (University of Texas, 2016). Award committee: Molly Reynolds, Brookings Institution; Tiffany Barnes, University of Kentucky; and Jonathan Winburn, University of Mississippi.

The CQ Press Award for the best paper on legislative studies presented at the 2016 annual meeting was awarded to Lior Sheffer (University of Toronto), Peter Loewen (University of Toronto), Stuart Soroka (University of Michigan), Stefaan Walgrave (University of Antwerp), and Tamir Sheafer (Hebrew University) for "Unequal Incomes, Ideology and Gridlock: How

Rising Inequality Increases Political Polarization.” Award committee: Boris Shor, University of Houston; David Hopkins, Boston College; and Elizabeth Oldmixon, University of North Texas.

The Jewell-Loewenberg Award for the best article in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2016 was awarded to Douglas Ahler (University of California, Berkeley), Jack Citrin (University of California, Berkeley), and Gabriel Lenz (University of California, Berkeley) for “Do Open Primaries Improve Representation? An Experimental Test of California’s 2012 Top-Two Primary” (*LSQ*, 2016). Award committee: Anand Edward Sokhey, University of Colorado at Boulder; Jeff Harden, University of Notre Dame; and Josh Ryan, Utah State University.

The Richard F. Fenno Prize for the best book in legislative studies was awarded to Douglas L. Kriner (Boston University) and Eric Schickler (University of California, Berkeley) for *Investigating the President: Congressional Checks on Presidential Power* (Princeton University Press, 2016). Award committee: Sven-Oliver Proksch, University of Cologne; Charles Finocchiaro, University of South Carolina; and Nancy Martorano Miller, University of Dayton.

Adjournment

With no other business, Squire adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.