

**Annual Business Meeting**  
**September 10, 2020 at 6:30pm MDT**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Report from Nick Carnes, Chair**

- 10 panel allocations, 1 donated to REP section
  - Most sections saw reduction in panel allocations this year
- 292 section members
  - 310 at peak last year
  - Decline could be from people not renewing their APSA membership because they didn't want to or couldn't attend virtual APSA this year

**Report from Michael Donnelly, Treasurer**

- We have \$6,705 in our account, which means that we are in good condition, on par with where we usually are.

**Report from Cory Maks-Solomon, Technology Officer**

- 89 Listserv subscribers
- 780 Twitter followers (@APSAInequality)
- Syllabus archive located on our website

**Report from Laura Bucci, Outreach**

- Our next goal is to think more systematically about the boundaries of our section, and how to define ourselves, as we approach outreach going forward.
- Laura did a lot of outreach work last year, but this year, due to the pandemic, those efforts were dampened.

**Report from Jake Grumbach, Pre-conference Organizer**

- Pre-conference on entrepreneurship and innovation went well
- Faculty panel focused on class and inequality
- Graduate student panel tied in REP to economic inequality

**Report from Liz Suhay, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair**

- No receptions because of APSA being virtual, but our intent was to have a reception at intersection of economic and social inequalities like last year
- New award for best paper on intersection of economic and social inequality—award for any panel, not just panels from our section

### Report from Alex Hertel-Fernandez, Outreach/Receptions

- Section wants to make more effort toward promoting grad student research; we're open to new ideas
- Possibilities: use online presence to boost students on the job market, mentoring between senior faculty and grad students, and reimbursing more grad student travel costs

### Leadership Transition Committee (Report by Nick Carnes, Chair)

- The same slate of section officers remained since the founding of the section, but last year we saw some turnover. Nick is stepping down this year and it was the right opportunity to rethink our bylaws and the diversity of our section leadership. Therefore, we formed a Leadership Transition Committee of all former and current section officers. The committee proposed new section officers and amend our bylaws to modernize them and incorporate our informal norms into the bylaws.
- Proposed slate of new section officers
  - Chair: Liz Suhay
  - Finance Director: Michael Donnelly
  - Communications Director: Cory Maks-Solomon
  - Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Cecilia Mo
  - Award Committee Chair: Kris-Stella Trump
- Highlights of new bylaws
  - Adding position of “Chair Elect / Program Chair” to handle APSA panel assignments—previously, the chair did this, but that has become too much work for the chair on top of their other duties
  - Technology Officer combined with Secretary position to form a new position of Communications Director
  - Added system of staggering elections and shadowing, as some other sections do
  - New section officer nominating committee tasked with thinking systematically about the diversity of section leadership
  - Added formal procedures for voting/elections
  - Added formal procedures for nominating appointed officers
  - Eliminating grad student dues, bringing us in line with most other sections
  - New best paper award for social and economic inequality (discussed previously)

### Voting

- Motion to approve new slate of section officers by Nick Carnes and motion seconded by Cory Maks-Solomon and Michael Donnelly
  - Vote recorded via Zoom chat/poll
  - Unanimous vote in favor; 13 members participating in vote
- Motion to approve bylaws amendments by Nick Carnes and motion seconded by Cory Maks-Solomon and Michael Donnelly
  - Vote recorded via Zoom chat/poll
  - Unanimous vote in favor; 13 members participating in vote

### Open Q&A with Section Membership

- Question about how pandemic will affect our operations. Liz Suhay (incoming chair) responds saying we're thinking about it; may put together an ad-hoc informal committee.
- Comment encouraging section leadership to publicize our assistance to grad students.

### Awards (Report by Michael Donnelly, Treasurer)

- Class and Inequality Section Best Paper Award recipient is Alexander Sahn (Berkeley) for "Why is Housing Unaffordable? The Great Migration's Effect on Exclusionary Zoning"
- Kauffman Foundation Award for Best Paper on Entrepreneurship and Inclusion recipient is Tanushree Goyal (Oxford) for "How Women Mobilize Women into Politics: A Natural Experiment in India"

