

Minutes
Political Communication Section
Annual Business Meeting
August 31, 2007
Philadelphia, PA
American Political Science Association

Called to order by Gadi Wolfsfeld, chair, at 6:06 p.m.

1. Moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2006, annual meeting. Approved.
2. Chair's report—Gadi Wolfsfeld:
 - Discussion of automatic subscription to *Political Communication* (Item B of Agenda). Approved.
 - Membership update—Membership in the section increased from 470 to 495 from July 2006 to July 2007. Discussed encouraging all members in ICA to join this section in APSA, recruiting efforts with Political Behavior and Political Psychology sections, and reducing rates for graduate students.
 - Creation of joint web site with ICA—Still in progress.
 - Report on the pre-APSA conference, “Machine Politics/Politics of the Machine: New Technology in Political Communication Research and Teaching,” hosted by the University of Illinois, Chicago. Report presented by Doris Graber. 67 scholars and 30 graduate students attended.
 - Joint reception tonight at 7-8:30 p.m. in Ballroom 3 (co-hosted by Political Psychology and Political Behavior).
3. Program chair's report—Kim Fridkin:
 - The Political Communication Section was given 15 panels and 15 posters spots in 2007. 201 individual proposals and 12 panel proposals were submitted (compared to 188 paper submissions for 2006). The acceptance rate for 2007 was 35%. The Political Communication Section also co-sponsored 8 panels.
 - Fridkin voiced concerns about authors of accepted papers dropping out or not showing up at convention (and will discuss this with a committee comprised of Fridkin, Diana Owen and Dietram Scheufele). Discussion of providing presenters with guidelines regarding presentations, encouraging presenters to send papers to discussants 3 weeks ahead of time, lobbying APSA to secure technology in presentation rooms, working to ensure greater participation of senior members of the section on panels, and assigning respondents to poster sessions.
 - Dietram Scheufele is the 2008 program chair.
4. Treasurer's report—Dianne Bystrom not attending, presented by Gadi Wolsfeld:
 - Political Communication Section budget details attached to business meeting agenda.
5. Program Chair report—Dietram Scheufele:
 - 2008 conference theme will focus on “Categories and Global Inequalities.” Scheufele encouraged submissions on the role of YouTube in elections, the overlap between science and politics, and works that theorize across communication and political science.

6. *Political Communication* journal editor's report—David Paletz:
 - *Political Communication* journal ranks 14th (out of 84) among political science journals and 8th (out of 48) in communication journals. There were 150 submissions in the past calendar year with an acceptance rate of 10%.
 - New submissions should be sent to Shanto Iyengar after September 1, 2007. Paletz thanked Taylor and Francis for their support, and the section applauded Paletz's work on the journal for the past 6 years.
7. Joint ICA-APSA *Political Communication* Advisory Board—W. Russell Neuman
 - Announcement of new editor (Shanto Iyengar). Discussion of two future changes to journal: practitioner's corner (short pieces on applied research) and workshop section (ideas and methodologies).
8. Newsletter report – David Ryfe (not present)
 - Note: David Ryfe's term is coming to an end. Looking for a newsletter editor and webmaster.
9. Awards:
 - **Tim Cook Graduate Student Paper Award**—Craig Brians presented to Daniela Stockmann: "The New Chinese Media and Public Opinion: Adaptation of a Propaganda Machine or Instrument for Political Change?"
 - **Paul Lazarfeld Best Paper Award**—Tim Groeling presented to T. K. Ahn, Robert Huckfeldt and John Ryan: "Information Costs, Information Sources and the Implications for Democratic Politics"
 - **Doris A. Graber Best Book Award**—Beth Leech presented to Joseph Cappella and Kathleen Hall Jamieson: *The Spiral of Cynicism: The Press and the Public Good*
 - **Murray Edelman Distinguished Career Award**—Gladys Lang presents to Marion Just and Russell Neuman
8. 2007-08 Slate of Officers and Appointments—attached to business meeting agenda.
 - Slate of Officers: Diana Owen, chair, (automatic appointment); Richard Davis, vice chair; Dianne Bystrom, secretary-treasurer; Dietram Scheufele, 2008 program chair; Stephen Farnsworth, 2009 program chair; Todd Belt, nominations; and at-large members, Kim Fridkin, Patricia Moy, Kim Gross.
 - Committee appointments: Robert Entman (chair), Lynda Lee Kaid and Audrey Haynes—*Murray Edelman Distinguished Career Award*; Mike Traugott (chair), Jamie Druckman, Mike Xenos and John Cavanaugh—*Doris A. Graber Best Book Award*; Ann Gordon (chair), Jennifer Jerit, David Ryfe and Paul Brewer—*Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award*; and Kate Kenski (chair), Michael Parkin and Travis Ridout—*Tim Cook Best Graduate Student Paper Award*.

Adjourned 7:25 p.m.