

Minutes of the Political Communication Section Business Meeting August 29, 2014

Approval of Minutes from 2013 Annual Meeting

The minutes were approved.

Chair's Report – Steve Farnsworth

- Thanks to Israel Waismel-Manor (assisted by Danna Young and Phil Habel) for organizing the section's 2014 APSA conference panels
- Thanks to Dave Karpf, Steven Livingston, and Kim Gross for organizing the section's 2014 pre-conference, held at George Washington University's School of Media and Public Affairs
- Danna Young asked panel chairs to report on no-shows in response to a question raised last year. A total of 13 of the 16 panel chairs responded, and only three panels were missing one presenter each. There also were a few complaints (less than five) regarding the timeliness of papers getting to chairs/discussants, or the appropriateness of length/format of papers.
- We need more nominations for our awards. Chairs and Discussants: be sure to nominate the best conference papers you read for our section's awards.
- Introduction of our 2015 Program Chair: Phil Habel
- Updates for the section from Thursday's APSA Section Officers' Meeting

Treasurer's Report – Kate Kenski

The strength of the political communication section's economy is strong. See 2014 report at the end of the minutes.

Report of the 2014 Program Chair – Israel Waismel-Manor

- 256 paper abstracts plus 16 full panels were submitted for consideration to the section.
- Submissions with scores of 75% or higher were accepted.
- Full panels – 8 out of 16 accepted.
- Papers – 18% acceptance rate
- This year, those presenting posters received the feedback from Israel and Phil.

Report of 2014 Pre-conference Chairs – Steven Livingston and Dave Karpf

Chairs not present. The pre-conference was a highlight of the annual meeting. George Washington University hosted the pre-conference this year.

Report on the Journal – Shanto Iyengar via Steve Farnsworth

- Between January 1 and August 20, there were 152 original submissions and 55 revisions (207 total). Of 166 manuscripts that have been reviewed, 104 were rejected (63%), 20 were accepted (12%), and 42 were offered revisions (25%). The average decision time was five weeks.
- Under the 2013 Impact Factor, the journal dropped from 2.41 to 1.83. The journal ranks 10th out of 74 in communication and 14th out of 156 in political science. (Note that the IF is sensitive to the number of papers published per year and we increased the size of the journal to reduce the backlog of accepted articles.)
- There are currently 28 accepted articles awaiting publication.
- Claes de Vreese becomes editor of the journal on September 1. He will establish a new editorial board and be responsible for all decisions on manuscripts submitted on or after September 1.

Report on the Website – Eike Rinke & Kevin Barnhurst via Steve Farnsworth

Information is on the webpage. Moving toward a stronger presence online.

Report of Nominating Committee – Laura Roselle via Steve Farnsworth

- Vice-chair: Johanna Dunaway
- Secretary-Treasurer: Danielle Vinson
- At large member of the Executive Committee: Amber Boydston
- 2016 Program Chair: Danny Hayes
- Joint Publications Committee Chair: Michael Traugott
- Joint Publications Committee Member: Erika Fowler
- Murray Edelman Lifetime Distinguished Career Award Committee: Scott McClurg (chair), Andy Chadwick, Diana Mutz
- Doris Graber Outstanding Book Award Committee: Kate Kenski (chair), Heather Evans, Dave Karpf
- Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award Committee: Ken Rogerson (chair), James Fielder, Deen Freelon
- Timothy E. Cook Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee: Brian Harrison (chair), Kathleen Searles, Christine Williams

Election of Nominees

Passed.

Recognition of 2014 Award Winners

- **Doris Graber Outstanding Book Award**
 - Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, “Ground Wars: Personalized Communication in Political Campaigns.” (Presented by Thomas Leeper and Andy Chadwick on behalf of committee members Susan Herbst (chair), Thomas Leeper, Andy Chadwick)
- **Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award**
 - Tali Mendelberg, Christopher F. Karpowitz, and J. Baxter Oliphant. “Gender Inequality in Deliberation: Unpacking the Black Box of Interaction.” (Presented by Amber Boydston on behalf of committee members Sarah Gershon (chair), Major James D. Fielder, Scott McClurg, Amber Boydston)
- **Timothy Cook Best Graduate Student Paper Award**
 - Brian E. Weeks, "Feeling is Believing: The Influence of Emotions on Citizens' False Political Beliefs." (Presented by Brian Harrison on behalf of committee members Stephanie E. Burkhalter (chair), Brian Harrison, Joseph Cobetto)
- **David Swanson Career Achievement Award**
 - Patricia Moy (Committee members Gianpietro Mazzoleni (chair), David L. Paletz, Lindsay H. Hoffman, Steven Livingston and Magdalena Wojcieszak. The Swanson Award is jointly awarded with our colleagues at ICA every other year).

Old Business

- **The establishment of a best dissertation award for the section (Kate Kenski, Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Johanna Dunaway, and Erika Fowler) was proposed.** The motion passed.

The Political Communication Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

One outstanding doctoral dissertation award in political communication may be given annually. To be considered for the award, the dissertation research must pertain to some aspect of political communication.

Nominations for the award should be made by the adviser of the dissertation or by a faculty member from the department in which the dissertation was completed. Nominations should explain the precise nature and merits of the work. Eligible dissertations must have been defended successfully in the calendar year

preceding the award (e.g., candidates whose degrees were awarded in 2014 will be eligible for the 2015 dissertation award).

Digital copies of the dissertation, abstract of the dissertation (500 words or less), and the nominee's curriculum vita (with current address) should be sent to the chair of the dissertation award committee via email. The chair of the dissertation award committee will collect those materials, along with the faculty recommendation letter, and disseminate them to the other committee members.

The deadline for nomination is March 1. The winner of the award will receive \$200.

New Business

- The possible establishment of an award for best paper published during the previous year in *Political Communication* (Philip Habel).
 - A committee for the award will be established. Contact Laura Roselle if interested in serving on the committee.
- If interested in serving on nomination committee, please put your name forward.
- Thanks to the current slate of officers and committee members for their service during the past term.
- Installation of the next chair of the section: Travis Ridout.
- Announcement: Reception immediately follows the meeting (Hilton Columbia 4).

Adjourn.

Treasurer's Report 2014 – Kate Kenski

The section's finances are administered by Regina Chavis at APSA. As of April 2011, statements have been available online to the Treasurer. According to APSA, dues collected by APSA on the section's behalf are transferred to the section account on a quarterly basis:

January 15th | 1st quarter funds (Oct-Dec)

April 15th | 2nd quarter funds (Jan-Mar)

July 15th | 3rd quarter funds (Apr-Jun)

Oct 15th | 4th quarter funds (Jul-Sep)

Checking Account Balance as of September 1, 2012 was **\$26,444.54**.

Checking Account Balance as of September, 2013 was **\$61,734.79**.

NOTE: \$5,745.22 worth of checks had not yet been cashed at time of this balance.

Checking Account Balance as of August 26, 2014 was **\$93,453.03**.

NOTE: \$5754.39 worth of checks have not yet been cashed at the time of this balance. In addition, a \$4,000 bill for the preconference is expected.

Available Balance: \$83,698.64

Fixed Term CD for section as of August 26, 2014: **\$17,227.27**

Total Revenue (past year): **\$ 37,899.66**

Revenue sources were the following:

- 1) Taylor & Francis, journal royalty: \$34,110.10
 - a. June 23, 2014, \$937.50
 - b. May 8, 2014, \$937.50
 - c. March 31, 2014, \$30,360.10
 - d. January 15, 2014, \$937.50
 - e. September 4, 2013, \$937.50
- 2) Membership dues: \$3,789.56. APSA deposits were as follows:
 - a. July 17, 2014, \$1590.50
 - b. April 14, 2014, \$405.00
 - c. January 17, 2014, \$300.00
 - d. October 23, 2013, \$1,487.50 + \$6.56

Total Expenses Approximately: **\$10,190.59**

- 1) 2014 awards: \$650.00
 - a. 2014 Graber Award (one recipient at \$200.00), \$200.00
 - b. 2014 Edelman Award (one recipient at \$250.00), \$250.00
 - c. 2014 Lazarsfeld Award (three recipients at \$33.34, \$33.33, and \$33.33), \$100.00
 - d. 2014 Cook Award (one recipient at \$100.00), \$100.00
- 2) 2014 section reception: \$4,974.60
- 3) Administrative expenses: \$565.99
 - a. 2014 plaques: \$490.80
 - b. Supplies and mailing costs: \$75.19
 - i. August 2013, \$45.40
 - ii. August 2104, \$29.79
- 4) 2014 preconference: \$4,000

NOTE: This expense has not yet been billed to the section.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Kenski

APSA Political Communication Section Secretary/Treasurer 2014