

**WSSA BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 6, 2021
8AM (AZ time)**

AGENDA

1. Welcome/ Introductions Mary Jo Tippeconnic Fox (9:30)
2. Approval of Minutes Michèle Companion

Kate Herke has the minutes of the September meeting. Minutes will be distributed via email and the vote to approve will occur over email as well.

3. Update On 2021 Conference Kate Herke/Larry Gould

- Full discussion postponed. Latin American studies had a lot of attendees. AFIT and URPE had a lot of attendees. It was more profitable than our regular meetings. It worked well. There will need to be some organizational restructuring on the staff side for program coordination into the future, especially as technology needs/demands change.

4. Financial Update Larry Gould

- Larry is doing WSSA taxes now. We have \$31,000 in bank plus investments, so in decent shape. Trying not to touch investments. Larry has given up salary for 2 years to make this happen. Kate has been paid. Editors have another salary disbursement forthcoming. Journal royalties are WAY down after the switch from Elsevier to Taylor and Francis. However, in recent meeting with editors, the relationship with publishers is solid. This reduction in revenue may be Covid related. Hoping for a turnaround in the future.

5. Update On 2022 Conference Larry Gould

- Spoke with Debbie Logan (hotel contact). We have a significant room obligation, which we may not meet coming out of Covid. We can have an 85% fill rate with a small amount of wiggle room. If those rooms fill up, it won't harm us. We would like to renegotiate the room pick up to under 800. Discussions will occur over the summer.

6. Discussion: Removal of Guadalupe Correa Cabrera, Council Member, for Non-Attendance

Motion to move to executive committee: Karen Jarratt-Snider; Motion Second: Deb Andrus

Approve: 12 Oppose: 0 Abstain:0

Motion passes to move to Executive Committee for discussion.

Discussion – Guadalupe had been notified that lack of attendance could result in removal. She still has not attended. This is a violation of rules set forth in the bylaws. Details of requirements are listed below in this document and were discussed among members of the Executive Committee.

Motion: Removal of Guadalupe Correa Cabrera, Council Member, from the Council for failing to maintain active membership status in WSSA and for lack of attendance in meetings, both of which violate Council membership requirements as set forth in the WSSA bylaws.

Motion First: Michèle Companion; Motion Second: Deb Andrus

Approve : 11; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 1

Motion passes: A formal letter will be drafted to Guadalupe Correa Cabrera to inform her of the Executive Committee decision

Motion: Bring Barbara Bonnekesen in for interim replacement for one year.

Motion First: Deb Andrus; Motion Second: Monica Gallamore

Approve: 12; Oppose: 0 ; Abstain: 0

Motion passes

- a. **Good Standing Defined:** All members not delinquent in their annual fee shall be considered as being in good standing and therefore entitled to attend, participate, hold office and vote in the Annual Business Meeting of the Association, which is held as part of the Annual Conference.
- b. **Good Standing Required:** All members of the Executive Council must be members in good standing at the time of the nomination and must maintain that membership throughout their term of office. The Executive Board may, however, exempt certain of the Council's members from paying dues based on actual duties or tasks performed for the Association.

c. Duties

- Commit to a three-year term
- Attend/participate in all Executive Council meetings, in person (Fall and Spring)
- Attend and participate in the annual conference
- Attend all hosted open-member events at the annual conference
- Attend the annual business meeting, if not in conflict with other WSSA duties
- Participate in at least one standing and/or ad hoc committee each year, including attendance and participation in all committee meetings, as scheduled
- Write Newsletter articles as assigned by Communications Director

- Participate in membership recruitment outreach; serve as a champion for the WSSA in the Council member’s professional and geographic communities
- Serve as a public relations champion for the WSSA
- Provide the Executive Council with fresh perspective on ideas for promotion of the organization and its sections
- Assist the Executive Council with funding, promotion, membership and events, through contacts
- Serve as a liaison between membership and Executive Council.

7. Acceptance Of Officers and Council Members:

President -Elect: Jussi Laine

VP/Secretary: Bill Schaniel

Council:

Barbara Bonnekesen

Samar Zahrawi

Lisa Payne Ossian

John Francis Burke

8. Creation Of Committee To Work With ABS – Jim Peach and Larry spoke with ABS. Ask ABS leadership to serve on a rotating basis on the WSSA board to improve connections and site selection. Also, need to work LAS on this. Many members do not understand the relationship to WSSA, especially new international members.

- Consider a name change/rebranding. “Western” is limiting to us. The name may inhibit some from participating. We are no longer regional, but much more interanational.
- We need to consider new formats moving into the future. Conference travel for international scholars is very prohibitive.
- Accessibility for travel budgets into the future – airfare, plus hotels, is no longer accessible for many. We need to consider how the organization will grow and mover into the future.
- The organization has changed its name in the past. This will be a fall agenda item.
- Suggestions include World Social Science Association (allows us to keep the WSSA logo and web domains). “Global” is already taken.

Motion: The WSSA president, immediate past-president, and president-elect will be part of a committee to work closely with ABS, AFIT, and Latin American Studies. This committee will require a three year commitment.

Motio First: Karen Jarratt-Snider; Motion Second: Monica Gallamore

Approve: 11; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0

Motion passes

9. Review of Awards for the next two years: cut back on awards until more financially stable. We give out \$15,000 – 18000 per year in awards. We cannot do this right

now. In the fall, we will review the awards. Some decisions will have to be made to suspend some awards until the financial situation is more stable.

10. Awarding Affiliate Status to Latin American Studies: They would be able to develop their own leadership, agendas, etc. This will need to be an email vote, as we no longer have quorum. Many members have had to leave the meeting due to time constraints.

11. Journal Editors Report: Taylor and Francis will increase page limit. There are lots of submissions, so this will help with backlog. See submitted report for additional details.

12. Search To Replace Book Review Editor: The president can create a committee to do a search for this position, but will give weight to recommendations from the editors. Change the title of the position to Deputy Editor instead of Book Review Editor? Title is in the bylaws, so there would have to be an email vote on this.

13. Fall Meeting Larry Gould/Kate Herke

a. **2022 Denver, Colorado** -- Hilton Denver City Center

-- March 30, 2022, through April 2, 2022

- Fall meeting online – but Larry, Tony, Kate and Jussi will go to Denver in person to see the site

- Go back to shorter quarterly meeting? Chris Erickson wants us to reconsider this in the Zoom world to reduce the burden of computer/screen time.

b. **See Contract**

14. Adjourn