2008 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 30, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Salon G - Marriott
Boston, Massachusetts

I. WELCOME

President Dianne Pinderhughes welcomed APSA members to the 2008 Annual Business Meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. She reported that a quorum of over 100 members was present.

II. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

President Pinderhughes noted there were no constitutional amendments or resolutions proposed at this time.

III. NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S 2008–2009 SLATE

K.C. Morrison, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of council nominees. He reported that the committee received over a 100 names suggested by the membership, and made the following report:

APSA Nominating Committee 2008 Statement of K.C. Morrison, committee chair:

"The Nominating Committee herewith submits the report of its proceedings in the selection of the 2008 slate of candidates for positions in the APSA.

The members of the 2008 Nominating Committee were Lisa Garcia Bedolla (University of California-Irvine), John M. Carey (Dartmouth College), Jennifer Hochschild (Harvard University), H. W. Perry, Jr. (University of Texas-Austin), Laura Stoker (University of California-Berkeley), and Minion K. C. Morrison (University of Missouri-Columbia) as chair. This was a knowledgeable, hardworking and especially commodious group, which carried out its responsibilities with diligence and a delightful spirit of collaboration and goodwill.

The nominations process commenced with members of the association proposing recommendations for open positions of officers and members of the Council.

The members of the Nominating Committee then carefully considered all of the proposed candidates and the supporting materials that had been sent in their behalf. Members of the Nominating Committee also proposed candidates accompanied by supporting material. The Committee then developed a supplementary list of candidates, including those who had been considered for positions in the past four years. In this regard the Committee sought to draw on the broadest range of prospective candidates (skills and balance of interests) for the final slate.

The Committee met for its deliberations and the final selection of a proposed slate February 8–9 in Washington D.C. During this meeting there was a full discussion of all nominees, including additional candidates identified in the course of the meeting. We utilized the Association's extensive database to develop supplementary information on all such prospective candidates under discussion.

In developing the final slate of proposed candidates, the Committee was guided by the Association's by-laws that require 'due regard to diversity, geographical distribution, fields of professional interest, type of institution, and academic/nonacademic employment status.' We were equally mindful of the Association's expressed desire that nominees for President should not represent the same gender for more than two consecutive terms.

The slate that the Committee offers is consistent with these goals. It reflects an exceptional group of Association members whose contributions to the profession are superior in the combination of excellence in scholarship, teaching and service. Moreover, the slate reflects the broad diversity of the membership in reference to subfields, methodological approaches, types of institutions, and racial and ethnic considerations. We offer this slate with full confidence and enthusiasm, and urge its acceptance."

He then presented the following slate of nominees:

President-elect
Henry Brady, University of California, Berkeley

Vice president
Stephen D. Krasner, Stanford University; Joanna Vecchiarelli **Scott**, Eastern Michigan University; and **Rogers M. Smith,** University of Pennsylvania

Secretary
Leonard Wantchekon, New York University

Council
Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Kathleen Hall Jamieson, University of Pennsylvania

Rose McDermott, University of California, Santa Barbara

Walter R. Mebane, Jr., University of Michigan

Maria Victoria Murillo, Columbia University

Mark A. Peterson, University of California, Los Angeles

Sherri L. Wallace, University of Louisville

Franke Wilmer, Montana State University, Bozeman

IV. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINEES BY THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

Michael Brintnall, executive director of APSA, acting on behalf of the Council Committee on Elections, certified an additional nominee for council submitted by petition from the APSA membership. The candidate was Jodi Dean of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and the election agent was Gregory J. Kasza. At least 10 valid signatures endorsing this candidate had been received and were certified.

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President Pinderhughes stated that with nine nominees for eight seats on the council, APSA would conduct an all-member electronic ballot to begin 30 days following the business meeting for position of council member, under the supervision of the Council Committee on Elections.

In the case of the offices of president-elect, vice president, and secretary, there were no persons nominated from the membership. President Pinderhughes called for a vote of acclamation, and they were elected unanimously.

V. BUDGET SUMMARY

Administrative Committee member John Ishiyama provided the 2008 APSA Budget Summary on behalf of APSA treasurer Janet Box-Steffensmeier. He stated the association was in solid financial shape. The total value, as of June 30, 2008, of the Trust and Development fund was $10.93 million and the CFP fund portfolio was $12.28 million. For the operating year ending June 2008, revenues totaled $4.76 million from operations and expenses were nearly breakeven at $4.77 million with excess in expenses over revenue at $11,220.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

President Pinderhughes asked if there was new business. APSA member Richard Sobel rose to raise a question about the proposal by the U.S. Department of Defense to fund social science research, under the rubric Minerva Project, as reported recently in the *New York Times*. President Pinderhughes responded that the APSA Council already was discussing this issue with an eye to assuring complete scholarly integrity of any such supported research and had instructed President-elect Katzenstein to follow-up.

With no additional new business, President Pinderhughes adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m. by passing the gavel to her successor, Peter Katzenstein, who graciously accepted the office of president, effective at the close of the annual meeting. ■

APSA Endowment Holdings in Trust, Congressional Fellowship, and Working Capital Portfolios

3M Company
Apple Inc.
Baidu.com Inc ADR
Berkshire Hathaway
BP PLC ADR
C V S Caremark Corporation
Camden Property Trust
Canadian Pac Railway
Cisco Systems Inc
Citigroup Inc.
Claymore Exchange Traded Fund
Coach Inc.
Columbia Value and Restructuring
Covidien Ltd.
Danaher Corporation
Discover Financial Services
Disney (Walt) Company
Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund
Dreyfus Short Intermediate Government Fund
Encana Corporation
Fidelity Contra Fund
Fidelity Intermediate Government Income Fund
Gamestop Corporation
General Electric Company
Harris Corporation
iShares Dow Jones Transportation Index Fund
iShares Latin American 40 Index Fund
iShares MSCI Emerging Market Index Fund
iShares S&P North America Semiconductor Index Fund
iShares S&P Small Cap 600 Value Fund
iShares TR Russell 2000 Value Index Fund
Johnson & Johnson
Kimberly-Clark Corp.
L-3 Communications
Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings
Medtronic Inc.
Microsoft Corporation
Morgan Stanley
Pfizer Incorporated
Procter & Gamble
Royal Dutch Shell A ADRF
Sector SPDR Energy Select
Sector SPDR Financial Select
Sector SPDR Tech Select
SPDR Dow Jones Wilshire REIT
SPDR S&P Homebuilders ETF
Sequoia Fund
Staples Inc.
T. Rowe Price Small Cap Value Fund
Travelers Companies, Inc.
Tyco Electronics Ltd.
Unitedhealth Group Inc.
Vanguard Short-Term Investment Grade Fund

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