

Minutes  
Annual General Meeting  
Canadian Political Science Association  
June 13, 2012, University of Alberta, Edmonton

1. President's Welcome  
Professor Reeta Tremblay welcomed the membership of the Canadian Political Science Association.
  
2. Approval of the Agenda  
MOTION CARRIED  
*That the agenda be approved.*
  
3. Approval of the 2011 Minutes  
MOTION CARRIED  
*That the 2011 AGM Minutes be approved.*
  
4. Business arising from the Minutes  
There was no business arising from the minutes.
  
5. Report: President  
Professor Tremblay made reference to her report attached to the agenda.

Professor Tremblay thanked all of those involved in the organization of the conference and the centennial events. She referred the meeting participants to her report in the programme. Professor Tremblay thanked the Executive Committee for their hard work during 2011-2012. Special thanks was offered to Yasmeen Abu-Laban and the University of Alberta team for their work to make the Centennial conference a success.

In particular, Professor Tremblay commented on CPSA Committee activity and thanked the Committee members for their work.

CPSA Committee on policies on Professional Ethics and Conflict of Interest

The Standing Committee on Professional Ethics, Chair Ian Green, Carolyn Andrews, Catherine Frost, have proposed policies on professional ethics and on conflict of interest. These proposals will be available on the CPSA website. Comments on the policies can be posted on the site.

Report of the Task Force on Diversity

The Report of the Task Force on Diversity has been tabled with the Board of Directors. Professor Tremblay thanked the Task Force, Yasmeen Abu-Laban, Richard Johnston, Joanna Everitt, Martin Papillon and David Rayside. This report will also be posted on the CPSA website.



MOTION

CARRIED

*That McCay, Duff and Company be retained as Association auditors for the next fiscal period.*

9. Report: Ontario Legislature Internship Programme

Professor Henry Jacek reported on the OLIP operations for 2011-2012. He made the following points.

The program welcomed applications from recent undergraduates and graduates from across Canada. Professor Jacek asked members to encourage their students to apply. In 2012, 100 applications of very high quality were received. All 10 interns chosen following the interviews accepted their internship. One of the advantages of the program is a strong academic component and the interns would again be presenting their research at the conference.

10. Report: Parliamentary Internship Programme

Dr. Garth Williams as not able to be present. The PIP report is available in the conference programme.

11. Report: Canadian Journal of Political Science

Professor James Kelly presented the report on the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. The report is included in the programme. Highlights of the report include:

- Between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011 the English editorial team received a total of 129 new manuscripts (115 original studies, 5 field reviews and 5 research notes), including Dr. Graham White's presidential address.
- The editorial team is pleased to note that 2011 was the fourth year in a row that the *Journal* received over 100 new manuscripts.
- The number of English manuscripts published in the four volumes of the calendar year was 34 including the presidential address. Of these, 41% (14 out of 34) were published by female first authors.
- The *Journal* continues to be an important outlet for scholarship in the area of Canadian politics: 23.5% of the manuscripts published in 2011 were in the fields of Canadian politics and institutions, followed by Comparative Politics and Institutions, Provincial and Territorial Politics, and Law and Public Policy (11.7% each).
- The gender balance among authors of newly submitted manuscripts shows significant improvement over last year's numbers. In 2011, 34 of all new manuscripts were submitted by female authors, up from 22 in 2010.

Professor Atkinson thanked the outgoing Editorial Team and presented them with plaques:

James Kelly for his years as co-editor and subsequently editor of the *CJPS*;  
Francesca Scala as book review editor of *CJPS*.

Professor Atkinson welcomed the new English Language editorial team.

Co-editor:

Graham White (Toronto)

Assistant Editors:

Peter Loewen (Toronto) / Carolyn Johns (Ryerson)

Book review editor:

Bryan Evans(Ryerson)

12. Report: 2012 Conference

Professor Atkinson asked Professor Yasmeen Abu-Laban to report on the 2012 conference.

- Conference attendance topped 700.
- Fundraising efforts by Section Heads created the opportunity for a very rich programme.
- Fundraising by the Conference Planning team and the contributions by sister institutions and the City of Edmonton enabled the organization of a first rate conference.
- Professor Abu-Laban thanked her team. Professor Judith Garber, Professor Steve Patten and University of Alberta Event Manager Cindy Welsh.

Professor Atkinson presented plaques to Professor Abu-Laban and Professor Judith Garber. He thanked Professor Patten in absentia and noted that he would be presented his plaque at the banquet.

13. Future Conferences

2013 Conference

Professor Atkinson informed the meeting that the 2013 Conference would be held at University of Victoria in conjunction with Congress and introduced Professor Éric Monpetit as Programme Chair and Professor Janni Aragon as Local Organizer.

2014 Conference

Professor Atkinson informed the meeting of the Board decision to hold the 2014 in conjunction with Congress at Brock University in 2014.

14. Referendum

Professor Atkinson informed meeting of the process agreed to by Directors around the referendum on the future location of conferences:

- a Town Hall session will be held on June 14 at the June conference to provide information and address questions;
- a document outlining the pros and cons of the decisions will be posted in the fall of 2012;
- the CFHSS will be asked to provide a document on the advantages of coming to Congress;
- a chat room will be created to provide a discussion space for members;
- a vote will be held in October;
- the Board will determine the final question to be put forward;
- the Executive will decide how the vote will be held and counted.

Proposed question:

- The CPSA should normally hold its own annual conference.
- The CPSA should normally hold its annual conference as part of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

15. Adjournment

MOTION

APPROVED

*That the meeting be adjourned.*