



Women's Caucus for Political Science: South

The Women's Caucus for Political Science : South (WCPS: South) is a caucus of the Southern Political Science association. The WCPS: South is one of five regional caucuses which are particularly devoted to enhancing the status of women political scientists in their respective regions.

Call For Papers: 2005 SPSA in New Orleans

The Southern Political Science Association is accepting proposals for the 2005 conferences in New Orleans. Scheduled for 06-08 January, the annual meeting will be again held at the Inter-Continental Hotel. Cathy Rudder is the Program Chair.

Sarah Brewer will serve as the Women and Politics section chair. She can be contacted at: Women and Politics

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For more information on the conference, see the SPSA website at <http://www2.gasou.edu/spsa/conference05.htm>

January Meeting Minutes

Meeting, January 16, 2004 in New Orleans, LA. President Julie Dorn called the meeting to order at 7:20 AM. More than 25 members attended. Agenda was approved. Minutes of Nov. 9, 2002, as published in the newsletter of November 2003, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Woliver reported total assets of \$3,228.51 as of 1/9/04 despite dismal returns on investments. She reminded members to renew their caucus memberships for the year at \$7.50. On behalf of the caucus, Laura thanked and made special mention of the contributions of Lisa McLeod-Simmons for her continued management of the caucus newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

The 2004 meeting caucus events were scheduled and arranged by the SPSA executive team in accordance with our requests and needs. Special note was made of the Women's Caucus reception on Thursday, Jan. 15, which was well-attended. The event hon-

ored Catherine Rudder, who had received the Erika Fairchild Award the previous year.

The Caucus By-Laws and "the box" of caucus archives have not been located. Laura Woliver was again put on the hunt to find it. Discussion about finding a permanent home for the documents ensued and suggestions ranged from having the APSA maintain regional association by-laws to putting the documents into an on-line archive. Michael Brinthall, APSA executive director, offered to serve as the archive.

Laura van Assendelft reported on the report issued by the Committee on the Status of Women and noted that a revised report was published in P.S. in April 2003 and is available on-line. Laura also noted that a copy of the report was sent to every Dean and chair in the SPSA region. Special thanks were extended to the members of the committee who worked on this important project

Laura Woliver reported on the APSA Mentoring Task Force that has been established to connect younger scholars to colleagues in the profession who are willing to serve as mentors. The mentoring "matches" are made through the APSA website and 30

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mentoring pairs are already in place. Laura encouraged the membership to urge junior faculty and graduate students to sign up, but noted that mentors are also needed and suggested tapping into retired colleagues as possible mentors. Michael Brinthal noted that APSA applied for a grant through the NSF women in science program and that prospects were good for a new program designed to advance the research skills of women in the profession. Finally, Laura reported that P.S. would publish one mentoring article per year.

NEW BUSINESS

The caucus engaged in a full discussion about the development of a new journal in the field, *Politics and Gender* and the future of *Women & Politics*. A prospective editor of *Women & Politics* solicited a statement of support for the journal from the caucus through President Julie Dorn. The following motion was offered, seconded and approved without dissent:

The caucus does not support Haworth Press as publisher of *Women & Politics*.

The discussion also resulted in suggestions that the next caucus newsletter feature a story about the new journal, *Politics and Gender*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Claire Snyder noted that despite a large number of women and politics panels, there was a scarcity of feminist theory papers this meeting.

Becky Salokar announced that the 2005 SPSA meeting would include, for the first time, a section for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) papers and encouraged anyone interested to contact her directly at salokar@fiu.edu.

Cathy Rudder, who is Program Chair for the 2005

2002-2003 Marion Irish Award

Richard Fox of Union College and Jennifer Lawless of Brown University were presented with the 2002-2003 Marion Irish Award for "The Impact of Sex-Role Socialization on the Decision to Run for Office." This award is presented for the for the best paper presented on women and politics at the 2002 meeting.

meeting, urged the caucus membership to bring graduate students and colleagues to next year's meeting. In addition to the LGBT section, new sections have been added such as Latin American politics, and Technology and Politics. Cathy is also interested in any new program ideas for the 2005 meeting.

Sarah Brewer will chair the Women and Politics section at the 2005 SPSA meeting. She encouraged members to think about organizing panels. Paper proposals will likely be due in late spring/early summer (June).

The following slate of officers for 2004-05 was moved, seconded and elected:

- President: R. Claire Snyder
- Vice-President: Rebecca Salokar
- Treasurer: Laura Woliver
- Secretary: Erin O'Brien
- Newsletter Editor: Lisa McLeod-Simmons

Laura Woliver thanked President Julie Dorn for her service during the past year and reminded everyone to pay dues. The meeting was adjourned.

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