

**Minutes for American Political Science Association
Latina/o Caucus, El Sector Latina/o de Ciencia Política**

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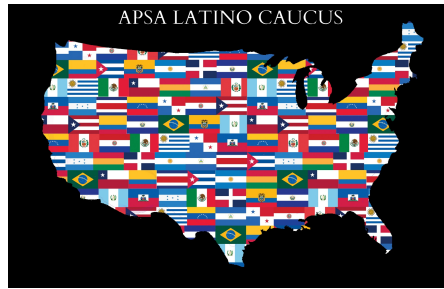
September 11, 2020: 2:30pm – 3:30pm PDT (4:30pm – 5:30pm CDT)

I. Introduction by Officers/Meeting Called to Order

- Solemn recognition of 9/11 as well as for COVID-19
 - 2 different moments of silence taken
- Statements of Solidarity
- Attendance: Ronald Schmidt, Carlos Huerta, Maria Chavez, Estefania Castañeda-Pérez, Gary Segura, Angel Molina, Marcela Garcia-Castañón, David Leal, Tony Affigne, Celeste Montoya, Dianne Pinderhughes, Alvaro Corral, Maricruz Osorio, Barbara Anguinia, Carole Uhlaner, Allison Rios Millet, Roberto Carlos, Lisa Sanchez, Ricardo Ramírez, Veronica Reyna, Bernard Fraga, Jessica Taghvaiee, Natasha Altama McNeely, Betina Wilkinson, Jeronimo Cortina, Tehama Lopez-Bunyasi, Jason Casellas, Julia Marin Hellwege, Francisco Pedraza, Fernando Tormos, Jaime Dominguez, Lisa Sanchez, Valerie Martinez-Ebers

II. Presentation of 2020 Awards

- Best Book in Latina/o Politics
 - Winner – Maria Chavez for her book *Latino Professionals in America: Testimonios of Policies, Perseverance, and Success*
- Mentoring Awards
 - This award is given by the Latina/o Status Committee and not the Caucus
- Latino Caucus Travel Awards
 - This year there no awardees since this is not an established award within the caucus. Travel Awards were provided in 2019 due to the caucus having extra funds and decided to assist graduate students and new faculty attend APSA 2019
- Latino Scholarship Fund Awards
 - Thank you to the committee who chose the following winners:
 1. Nicholas Albertoni
 2. Noemi Alexander
 3. Estefania Castañeda Pérez
 4. Fernando Luiz Cavalcante
 5. Alejandro Contreras
 6. Luzmarina Garcia



7. Kennia Coronado
8. Julia Marin Hellwege
9. Jennifer Martinez

10. Maricruz Osorio
11. Carlos Rivera Garcia
12. Angel Saavedra Cisneros

- Latina/o Emerging Scholar Award
 - Thank you to the committee who chose the following winner:
 1. Ivy A.M. Cargile
 2. Marcela Garcia-Castañon – 2019 winner
- Lifetime Achievement Award – 2020 winner Gary Segura
 - Previous winner was Angelo Falcon
 - Julia Marin Hellwege provided brief remarks regarding why Gary was chosen
 - Francisco Pedraza provided an overview of Gary’s career providing further evidence of his deserving of the award. Some of those reasons are:
 - Publishing of 10 books, countless journal publications, member of ANES board, founding member of Latino Decisions
 - Elected to Academy of Arts & Sciences
 - Virtual Floor was opened for meeting attendees to congratulate the winner and provide few remarks

III. Modifying title of “Webmaster” proposed change: “Director of Communications”

- Change title due to the amount of work that it entails – as webmaster it is too narrow since it implies only the revisions and editing of the Caucus website. However, Julia does much more than that in managing all of the social media for the Caucus as well as working on the listserv
 - Carlos Huerta seconded the motion
 - Title of position changed

IV. Officer Elections

- Gary Segura nominated Jeronimo Cortina for President for 2021 and Valerie Martinez-Ebers and Carlos Huerta both seconded the motion
- Treasurer – Ronald Schmidt nominated Jason Casellas to stay on, Valerie Martinez Ebers seconded and Carlos Huerta thirded the motion
- Secretary – Ivy AM Cargile stays on
- Director of Communications – Julia Marin Hellwege will also stay on

V. Treasurer’s Report



- Few expenditures for 2020 APSA due to COVID-19 pandemic and inability to meet face to face
- The Latina/o Caucus is willing to pay conference fees for graduate students and non-tenure faculty interested in attending the conference
- Julia announced that in order to be a member of Latino-C folks need to go in through the Latina/o Caucus website. The Caucus needs to have at least 35 members in order for APSA to consider us an affiliated group. Needs to be done through the portal on the APSA site.

VI. Announcements

- Valerie Martinez-Ebers put out a call for member of the Latina/o Caucus to form a team and apply to serve as editors of the journal Political Research Quarterly
- Celeste Montoya, in her capacity as an editorial board member, asked that members of the Latina/o Caucus send their work to the American Political Science Review journal.
 - Also put a call out for people to send out book manuscripts to Temple University Press. There's a new series on intersectionality at the press that is being led by Celeste Montoya, Julia Jordan Zachary, and Anna Sampaio
- Marcela Garcia-Castañon called for more institutional formal memory of what the Latina/o Caucus does. Asked members to provide documentation of anything that Caucus has done, lists of Latin@/x PhDs in political science, and documentation of processes the Caucus has followed in previous years. Wants to start keeping track of what the caucus does.

VII. Collection of Dues

- Jason Casellas, treasurer, urged folks who had not paid their dues to please do so via the website