

ISPP Governing Council (GC) Meeting

Website Synopsis

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Executive Learning and Conference Center

Ann Arbor, MI

DAY 1

A new Director of Communications, Ozden Melis Ulug, has been appointed. New communication guidelines were included in the Communications Committee report for this meeting, and were approved by the GC. After discussion regarding the positives and negatives of promoting member materials online, the GC approved allowing individuals to send in materials for promotion online and/or in the ISPP Newsletter. The Communications Committee is working to implement new international pages to the ISPP website to promote internationalization within the organization and showcase ISPP's efforts for diversity.

Orla and Steve both shared the incoming editors' positions and visions for POPS and *Advances*. Both teams plan to work on creating new editorial boards with new rules regarding these positions. Accepting abstracts in different languages is something the GC would support and would encourage the editors to work out if possible.

After many back and forth negotiations, it is recommended that we sign a new 7-year contract with Wiley, our current publishing company, beginning in 2022 and based on the terms the committee has managed to negotiate. The GC agreed to accept these terms and move toward signing a contract with Wiley.

Constitutional revisions presented to the membership last year did not get a quorum of members voting, and therefore failed. The committee has worked to revise both the Constitution and its Bylaws this time around in a much simpler way that clearly outlines the GC's intentions. The GC approved this version of a revised Constitution to again be put before the membership for approval.

The GC approved the Scholars Under Threat (SUT) Committee recommendation to redefine scholars under threat as: "ISPP members who lost their academic positions or their income in direct connection with political persecution and/or to members who have been displaced as a result of political persecution and are without an official affiliation or income in their current location." Free ISPP memberships have been approved for another year to all applicants who fall under the category of scholars under threat as just redefined.

After an update on the situation in Chile was given by GC members located there, and our VP of Conferences shared his 2023 conference destination recommendation, the GC decided to host the 2022 conference in Athens; the 2023 conference in Prague (as the first choice and Sarajevo as a backup), and reschedule the Chile conference to 2024 (to account for the unrest in the area).

Given that the GC decided in July 2019 to eliminate retired conference rates, the system now experiences an error anytime someone with a retired membership attempts to register for the conference. Because of this, the GC voted to eliminate retired memberships.

We had a total of 922 submissions to the 2020 ISPP Annual Meeting. Heather to add a section for diversity information to be added to each submission in the submission area online.

Felicia Pratto shared an update on the 2021 conference in Montreal and noted the theme will focus on indigenous peoples. She asked for input on her idea to have a plenary focused on indigenous peoples around Montreal that could be a “bring the family” kind of address versus a scholarly address. There was some concern that given it’s the first time we promote this topic it may make it appear less valued, and maybe instead of having just one speaker you could have a combined academic panel as well.

Aleksandra noted the Regional Section Subcommittee has been paused due to situations in Chile, but this work will begin again.

After discussion the GC decided to remove the guarantee (gently and with proper sensitivity) that a winner of the Laswell and/or Sanford Award will receive a keynote position at the conference the following year.

After debate, the GC approved that George Marcus will be advised to begin the process for establishing and collecting funds for the John Sullivan Mentorship Award. Note that there was significant concern that the name of this award does not reflect our diversity efforts. Because of this, the entire list of current awards will be reviewed and new names possibly recommended. We will announce efforts for this new award in Berlin, and, if the amount necessary is raised, then we will first grant this award in Montreal.

With significant support, Leonie Huddy was approved to serve as the next ISPP Councilor. She will begin her term following the end of Bert Klandermans’ term in July 2020. Gizem Arikan was approved as the next Director of the Summer Academy (SA). She will serve as the next SA Director following Chris Weber’s term, which ends after the 2020 ISPP SA. The GC decided to give the full \$6,000 USD stipend to the Director of the SA for use at their discretion, to hire an assistant and provide themselves an honorarium.

DAY 2

The Finance Committee recommended a new travel policy: each fiscal year we give the President, Treasurer, and Councilor up to \$2,000 USD. We provide up to \$1,200 USD for the Program Chairs up to 2 (they should also prioritize the conference meeting versus the January meeting), all others including the GC at large and the ECC Chair would potentially receive \$500 per fiscal year. This could possibly be advanced based on travel distance. If your travel crosses a border you get \$300 more. If you cross twice, you get \$500 more. If you happen to be coming from Australia or New Zealand, you receive \$800 in addition to the \$500. This new policy would

help make the amounts completely predictable for everyone each year. The GC approved this new policy with the additional note that unused travel funds can be returned to the travel funds pool and be distributed according to need as decided on by the ISPP Treasurer.

The GC approved to formally change our fiscal year back to the calendar year, which is January 1st – December 31st, starting with the calendar year 2020. The GC approved to commit to a three-year term contract with Events Air but pay this year-to-year. The proposed budgets for 2020 and 2021 were approved. Both budgets were approved to accommodate moving the fiscal year back to the calendar year. After discussing multiple pros and cons of different meeting formats for the January GC meetings, the GC passed the committee's recommendation to move to a 100-percent online meeting format for January 2021. This will be tested for one year only with the understanding that it will take time to get used to this model.

The ECC has been testing the use of the communication platform, Slack, for the past couple of months. Because we are moving towards a fully online GC meeting in January 2021, we definitely need a solid form of communicating to support this new meeting format. Implementing a new communication platform at this time may not be wise. The ECC was advised to keep testing this program and see if some of the collective action problems resolve themselves as this information would be good to know when we revisit this idea in July 2020.

To make ISPP appear less risky to underwriters for merchant accounts, the GC voted to eliminate lifetime memberships. A message will be sent out to our membership to notify them of this change before it takes place.

When reviewing decisions made by the EC in between meetings, the GC voted to support the following: We (ISPP) will acknowledge the generous donation of David Redlawsk on the website and his support of this award, which makes the Best Dissertation award viable into the future. The naming of this award will be considered along with the naming of the entire list of current ISPP awards.

After following the advice of the GC to update the proposed GC nominee slate to support a more disciplinary diverse GC, the Nominating Committee provided the GC with a new list of GC nominees. The revised nominating slate was approved.

A fundraising campaign strategy was proposed. This is to honor senior persons by asking members to donate funds to the organization in the name of said honorary individual. This was a new fundraising strategy to some GC members, but there was a general support for this idea.

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