

ISPP Governing Council (GC) Meeting

January 26-28, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Website Synopsis

Tereza Capelos (ISPP President) welcomed everyone to the January 2022 GC Meeting. Minnie Chappell was welcomed to ISPP as the new Assistant to the Executive Director.

It was pointed out that a few corrections needed to be made to the July 2021 GC Web Version Meeting minutes. Joanne Miller (VP Publications) moved to make the corrections to the minutes. Felicia Pratto (Past President) seconded. All approved. The minutes were approved as written/corrected.

Melinda Jackson (Treasurer) will soon be retiring from her role as Treasurer. Nick Valentino (Chair of the Finance Committee) will lead a search committee to identify a new Treasurer. The President had to appoint two Nominating Committees this year. Tereza Capelos will be appointing another Nominating Committee in the coming weeks. Tereza Capelos has also established an ISPP member directory request form. This form is reviewed by the President and the Councilor (Leonie Huddy) through the Central Office (CO) and is either accepted or denied. Tereza Capelos shared that Art Kendall established an endowment fund at ISPP to support research and activities that relate to human rights.

The Initiatives Committee is working on developing the ISPP Code of Conduct which will be sent to Severine Bennett (Executive Director) to have ISPP's attorney do an initial review. An announcement will be put up on the ISPP web page temporarily announcing the Code of Conduct and will provide a contact to whom individuals can raise issues. It was recommended that we make an additional Code of Conduct that committee members and conference attendees must sign. The Conflict of Interest By-law has been revised and was approved as worded. It was suggested that it be sent to all Awards committees, GC members, and Section/Program Chairs.

The 2022 conference will be held in Athens at the Grand Hyatt from the 14th – 17th of July. There will be commemorating roundtables to pay tribute to scholars ISPP has lost in the past few years. This year there was a total of 930 submissions. There are concerns about potentially handling over 900+ participants and confirming attendees' vaccination status due to the ongoing pandemic. Due to the pandemic, Greece has restricted large gatherings to 80% capacity and requires all individuals to wear masks and be fully vaccinated. There is a possibility of having a hybrid format for the conference, but this will be costly. The 2023 conference will be held in Montreal, Canada. Cengiz Erisen (VP – Conferences) shared that the 2024 conference will hopefully be in Santiago, Chile, and the 2025 conference will take place in Prague. This year's conference will continue to be more family-friendly and, if possible, will help provide onsite childcare and nursing rooms. The Mentoring Lunch has been proposed to be offsite instead of at the conference venue this year.

The ISPP Academy contracted a room at the venue that holds 50 people, but due to current Covid capacity restrictions, the room can only hold 40 fellows and one instructor. At this time, we will be losing income with the ISPP Academy. Tereza Capelos shared that some presentations will be

recorded and uploaded to the ISPP YouTube Channel. There was talk about the possibility of having an Online Academy.

A survey conducted showed that ISPP has a very diverse member profile. It was noted that progress in diversity has been made within ISPP. It was suggested that due to this diversity, we might want to generate an inclusive approach to foreign languages, especially at the Annual Meeting. Some of these proposals were: translating the keynote speeches to the country's local language where the Annual Meeting is taking place, creating a space in the meeting for panels organized in local languages, and considering the invitation of local lecturers and students to the ISPP Academy. A Diversity Advocate for the Nominations Committee has been implemented.

January GC meetings have been moved completely online. The ISPP newsletter editions have been changed from seasons to Volumes I and II. There were concerns about crucial submission questions being deleted from the submission process. The CO will be creating a list of standard conference submission form questions that will indicate which questions cannot be altered/deleted, so that these do not get eliminated by Program Chairs.

Shelley McKeown Jones (3rd Year GC) had suggestions to help ISPP membership. These proposals were: developing support for mid-career scholars, revising membership fees at the lower end, having events beyond conferences, online writing groups/happy hours, and talks with senior scholars. It was noted that ISPP needs to provide more things only members can obtain. The Communications Committee suggested making a few changes. These were: moving the ECC newsletter under "publications" on the ISPP website; rearranging the ISPP website to make a single landing page for ISPPNews that contains a direct link to the blog that works with a translator, and allows a search engine to operate on it; making the publication page less busy by archiving old articles, yet allowing them still be searchable; getting rid of the Medium page; adding a Mission Statement for each publication; and thinking about which publications we want to make available to the public and which should be members only.

The Early Career Committee (ECC) will continue to run the ISPP Twitter account, and clear instructions will be written to the ECC by Leonie Huddy and Tereza Capelos concerning what they can and cannot tweet. Julie Wronski (Early Career Committee Chair) proposed the idea of starting an online writing group called the "ISPP Writing Café," where individuals can connect via Zoom to state writing goals, have check-ins, and keep each other accountable. It was suggested that this be something members can access through the ISPP portal.

Melinda Jackson shared the Treasurer's report. ISPP has four basic incomes for our annual operating budget: the journal royalties, membership dues, conference registration, and donations. Our main expenses are the CO, Journals (POPS, *Advances*), the conference, GC Travel, and ECC Support. It was noted that we changed our fiscal year to the calendar year from Jan 1-Dec 31st. The proposed budget for 2023 will be circulated for review and voted and approved in Athens in July 2022. Two changes were made to the 2022 budget: the journal income estimates from Wiley have been updated, and the CO Assistant's salary and benefits have been updated. All voted in favor of the two minor changes to the 2022 budget. It was noted that this year's expenses are higher due to the conference being back to an in-person format.

The Ambassador's Program started by Felicia Pratto (Past President) during her presidency is working on looking into giving discounts to individuals if they belong to another organization. Ying-Yi (2nd year) is one of the leaders in the East Asian group (renamed to Asian Pacific) and has been having an ongoing ISPP web series where individuals meet once every month. They are hoping to find a venue where they can present their research. Chryl Laird (1st Year) and Antoine Banks (1st Year) assembled a panel to discuss making Black politics a part of political psychology. Tereza Capelos and the Program Chairs plan to replicate the last conference with special break-out sessions. The Ambassadors Program will be looked at in 6 months, and the GC will decide if it's worth continuing.

The Scholars Under Threat Committee (SUT) hopes to have a scholar from Scholars at Risk (SAR) join the SUT roundtable at the 2022 conference. Three active ISPP members received research funds for this year. A panel organized by Yasemin Acar (3rd year) will take place at the conference showcasing work coming out of the Twinning Program. Concerns were raised over the lack of SUT visibility on the ISPP website. It was suggested changing one of the tabs at the top of the ISPP website to SUT or adding it under the resources tab. There was concern over the topic of politics within ISPP and how we can adequately address political issues with our status as a non-profit. The GC consensus was to discuss this topic properly in July.

The number of submissions to the Political Psychology (POPS) journal continues to rise. However, there has been difficulty finding reviewers, which has caused a slower turnaround. James Liu (Co-Editor-in-Chief of POPS) noted that internationalization with the journal is a considerable struggle. Orla Muldoon (Co-Editor-in-Chief of POPS) shared that they are considering introducing a special editor to help bring internationalization. After a suggestion, the POPS editors decided they would be bringing back forums. *Advances* is also doing well, and they are publishing roughly ten papers per volume. They are already planning for the 2023 volume. Steve Nicholson (Editor of *Advances*) shared that they also have trouble finding reviewers and suggest keeping reviewers in mind when looking for a new editorial board. It was noted that there might need to be a conversation soon regarding whether we want to start a new editor search since this team started a year earlier. Steve Nicholson suggested looking for more than one editor in the future when we send out calls, as he has found that having more than one is extremely valuable.

The meeting ended with a few words about Sam McFarland.