

Minutes of the Executive Council of LASA

MAY 2020

The Executive Council administers the affairs of the Association, and for corporate purposes be considered as its Board of Directors.

The Executive Council consists of: eleven voting members (the Immediate Past President, President, Vice President, Treasurer, a Graduate Student, and six elected members), and the following ex officio members with voice but no vote: the LASA Executive Director, the Editor of the *Latin American Research Review (LARR)*, the current Congress Program Chair(s), the Editor(s) of the *Latin America Research Commons (LARC)*, and the Strategic Plan Oversight Committee.

	Action Items	Vote/Consensus
1	Subject: LARR Editor. Carmen Martínez-Novo is approved as New Editor of LARR from January 2021 to December 2025.	Vote: Unanimous
2	Subject: Post a note in LASA Forum on the expulsion of Jorge Domínguez (decision taken during the Executive Council meeting in December 2019).	Vote: Unanimous Post to be included in the LASA Forum to be published in July 2020.
3	Subject: The minutes, actions and consensus of the Executive Council meeting in December 2019 are approved.	Vote: Unanimous
4	Congress: Gioconda Herrera, President-Elect, proposes to hold a hybrid Congress in 2021 and virtual only, if necessary.	Votes in favor: 9 Vote against: 1
5	Congress: Registration. There was a proposal to offer 3 different types of registration: a) in person; b) virtual; c) observation.	Votes in favor: 8 Abstentions: 2
6	Congress: Pricing. There was a proposal to offer a different price for each option.	Votes in favor: 9 Vote against: 1
7	Membership: The membership requirement prevails for submitting a proposal and it is suggested (only for this year) to offer the "Pay what you can" option within the current subsidized membership scheme by salary category and countries.	Vote: Unanimous

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8	<p>Subject 1a: Membership Representation: relationship with sections. There was a proposal that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The meeting/assembly of LASA Section Chairs be formally included in the LASA statutes. 2. During the Section Chairs meeting/assembly, 2 advisory representatives of the EC be elected and this information also be included in the statutes. <p>[In both cases, the necessary processes for review of statutes shall be followed.]</p> <p>Subject 1b: Membership Representation: relationship with sections. There was a proposal to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold an informative meeting about the creation of “core tracks” 2. Publish Executive Council decisions with votes 	Vote: Unanimous
9	<p>Subject: Accountability and governance. There was a proposal to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create sub-committees within the EC on specific topics with management and control functions, and with direct link to the LASA staff working on these topics. These sub-committees will have real delegated responsibility for their areas and will have all the information necessary for decision-making. 2. Strengthen Ways & Means with at least four meetings per year, not necessarily related to the EC meetings. 3. Increase the EC members terms from two to three years starting from next elections. [In this case, the necessary processes for review of statutes shall be followed.] 4. Increase the EC meetings to at least four per year. One of these being only for full voting members. 5. Involve effectively the EC in the process of recruiting a current Operations Manager (number two) through the staff sub-committee. 	Vote: Unanimous
10	<p>Subject: Decision-making process. There was a proposal to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create one or two sub-committees within the EC and start the selection process of the Association’s number 2 (Director of Operations). 2. Include other governance issues within the new Strategic Plan. 	Vote: Unanimous

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11	Subject: New committees. There was a proposal to create 3 committees within the EC: communications, sections relationship, staff committee.	Vote: Unanimous
12	Subject: Ombudsperson nomination in Latin America. There was a proposal to send candidate names to the anti-harassment committee with Milagros Pereyra in copy.	Consensus
13	Subject: Finance / Development Committee. There was a proposal to implement suggested changes to the “Financial Overview” document and send it to the Executive Council for comment.	Consensus
14	Subject: LARC. Since Florencia Garramuño is stepping down as LARC co-editor, Natalia Majluf, with experience as member of the editorial committee, is suggested as her substitute. Suggestions are expected to replace Natalia within the editorial committee.	Consensus
15	Subject: LARR. There was a proposal to: 1. Call for applications to select the new editorial of the magazine in order to solve the problems with the current platform. 2. Create a publications committee formed by a LARC representative, a LARR representative and an EC representative.	Vote: Unanimous
16	Subject: Strategic Plan. There was a proposal to: 1. Publish the results of the current Strategic Plan. 2. Follow the suggested process for choosing a facilitator. 3. To ask the facilitators for a working methodology that allows a broad participation of the membership. 4. Include as topics the governance and sustainability of the Association and a discussion on the nature of the Congress (e.g. virtual, hybrid, in person).	Vote: Unanimous

GOVERNANCE

Executive Council Elected Members

Mara Viveros-Vigoya, President, *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*

Gioconda Herrera, Vice President/President-Elect, *(FLACSO) Ecuador*

Lynn M. Stephen, Past President, *University of Oregon*

Diego Sánchez-Ancochea, Treasurer, *University of Oxford*

María Josefina Saldaña-Portillo, Incoming Treasurer, *New York University*

María Victoria Murillo, Elected Member, *Columbia University*

Sara Castro-Klarén, Elected Member, *Johns Hopkins University*

Emiliana Cruz, Elected Member, *(CIESAS) México*

Clara Arenas, Elected Member, *Asociación para el Avance de las Ciencias Sociales en Guatemala (AVANCSO)*

Claudia Mosquera, Elected Member, *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*

Suyapa Portillo, Elected Member, *Pitzer College*

Vivian Andrea Martínez-Díaz, Student Representative, *Universidad de los Andes*

Executive Council Ex Officio Members

Milagros Pereyra-Rojas, Executive Director, *University of Pittsburgh*

Jo-Marie Burt, Program Co-Chair, *George Mason University*

Eleonor Faur, Program Co-Chair, *Universidad Nacional de San Martín*

Regina Martínez Casas, Program Co-Chair, *(CIESAS) México*

Mariana Mora, Program Co-Chair, *(CIESAS) México*

Osmundo Pinho, Program Co-Chair, *Universidade Federal do Recôncavo da Bahia*

Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, Editor of LARR, *University of Notre Dame*

Florencia Garramuño, Editor of LARC, *Universidad de San Andrés*

Philip Oxhorn, Editor of LARC, *Vancouver Island University*

Gilbert Joseph, Member of the Strategic Plan Oversight Committee, *Yale University*

Timothy J. Power, Member of the Strategic Plan Oversight Committee, *University of Oxford*

Catalina Romero, Member of the Strategic Plan Oversight Committee, *(PUCP)*

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