

Minutes of the Executive Council

MARCH 2024

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

The Executive Council consists of: eleven voting members (the past president, the president, the vice president, the treasurer, a graduate student, and six elected members) and the following ex officio members with voice but no vote: the executive director of LASA, the Editor of *Latin American Research Review (LARR)*, the current congressional program chairs, the editors of the *Latin America Research Commons (LARC)*, the Strategic Plan Oversight Committee and two section advisory representatives.

	Action Items	Vote/Consensus
1	The minutes and action items from December 2023 were reviewed and unanimously approved.	Unanimous vote, 7 in favor
2	A summary of the upcoming LASA2024 Congress in Bogotá, Colombia was presented, with an agreement to publish the list of 63 participating countries on the LASA website.	Consensus
3	Key implementation areas for the Secretariat were outlined, aligning with the vision of the Presidency and Program Coordinators for the next Congress. It was recommended that a safety briefing for traveling members be prepared and either posted on the LASA website or distributed via a statement.	Consensus

4	<p>Following a discussion on the history of convention venues, from New York to future proposals, and in accordance with the Board-approved model, it was decided to revisit this topic at the next Board meeting. This review will consider recent changes due to the pandemic, climate change, and the economic crisis in Latin America.</p> <p>Additionally, the possibility of holding future congresses in Monterrey and Montevideo was suggested for further exploration.</p>	Consensus
5	<p>The proposed Guidelines for the LASA Investment Committee, detailing the committee's responsibilities, participants, and including two LASA members, were unanimously approved (8 votes).</p>	Unanimous vote, 8 votes in favor
6	<p>A proposal was put forward for the San Francisco Congress to be 100% in-person, while another Congress would be entirely virtual. It was recommended that the virtual part should not occur simultaneously with or immediately after the face-to-face congress, but instead, one week before. This would create a unified congress experience. This approach aims to evaluate its effectiveness.</p>	Unanimous vote, 8 votes in favor
7	<p>Following the interest shown by our African colleagues at the Continental Congress in Ghana, it is proposed to establish an "Africa and Americas" section, contingent on achieving a minimum membership of 75 by the end of the congress. LASA commits to contacting the Congress participants as an initial step to facilitate this process.</p>	Unanimous vote, 8 votes in favor
8	<p>For the next Board meeting the intention is to analyze the composition of the funds of the different scholarships offered by LASA. To this end, it was agreed that information on how members access these scholarships will be presented and included in the agenda.</p>	Consensus

GOVERNANCE

Elected Members of the Executive Council

Jo-Marie Burt, President, *George Mason University*
Javier Guerrero, Vice President /President Elect, *Princeton University*
Margarita López Maya, Past President, *Universidad Central de Venezuela*
Jennifer Pribble, Treasurer, *University of Richmond* **
Mónica Espinosa Arango, Incoming Treasurer, *Universidad de los Andes*
Julieta Suarez-Cao, Elected Member, *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile* *
Xóchitl Bada, Elected Member, *University of Illinois/Chicago*
Gloria Elizabeth Chacón, Elected Member, *University of California / San Diego*
Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, Elected Member, *University of Notre Dame* *
Laura Gutiérrez, Elected Member, *University of Texas at Austin* *
Thais Tartalha, Elected Member, *Universidade Federal do ABC* *
Jennifer Cárcamo, Student Representative, *University of California, Los Angeles*

Ex-Officio Members of the Executive Council

Milagros Pereyra-Rojas, Executive Director, *University of Pittsburgh*
María Eugenia Ulfe, Program Co-Chair, *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú* *
Enrique Desmond Arias, Program Co-Chair, *Baruch College and City University of New York* *
Rosalva Aída Hernández Castillo, Sections Representative, *CIESAS- México* *
Beatriz Padilla, Sections Representative, *University of South Florida* **
Carmen Martínez Novo, Editor of LARR, *University of Florida*
Natalia Majluf, Editor of LARC, *Independent* *
Francisco Valdés Ugalde, Editor of LARC, *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México* *

*Absent

**Partial attendance

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