

Minutes of the Executive Council

MAY 2023

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 the Action and Consensus Items of December 2022 were unanimously approved.	Vote: Approved unanimously (7 votes)
2	<p>The requests made at the last business meeting with the Sections were discussed. The following were unanimously approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That no section with less than 50 members be suspended, in order to give them time to recover their membership (they will be given one to two years to do so). • To determine the number of Section sessions for LASA2024, the number of Section members that will benefit them the most from the last 3 years will be used. • Sections with less than 50 members will be given one panel for LASA2024. 	Vote: Approved unanimously (7 votes)
3	The Treasury Report was approved by consensus.	Consensus
4	The preliminary version of the 2024 budget was unanimously approved.	Vote: Approved unanimously (7 votes)

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5	<p>The new model combining the two options of All Access and separate payment for LASA membership and registration (when submitting a paper, it will be possible to pay for All Access or to pay for membership only and pay for registration later, when attendance at the congress is confirmed) will be discussed.</p> <p>On this issue it is agreed by consensus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That life members pay the registration fee. • That people over 70 years of age and with 10 years of congress attendance will be exempt from paying the registration fee. <p>It was also decided at the W&M meeting on 22 May 2023 that all members will be able to choose between “All Access” and “Membership + Fees Model” at the time of renewal (even after the proposal submission deadline).</p>	Consensus
6	<p>The number of meetings to be held by the Executive Council each year was discussed. In this regard, it was agreed by consensus that the W&M would submit a proposal on the number and content of EC meetings for the year, as well as their scheduling, for consideration and approval by the next EC.</p>	Consensus
7	<p>The document “Use of the LASA and LACC Amenities at the Headquarters Building” was presented, which establishes guidelines for the use of the LACC facilities in Pittsburgh and provides certain benefits to LASA members. After discussion, Jennifer Pribble made a motion to approve, which was unanimously approved.</p>	Vote: Approved unanimously (7 votes)
8	<p>In order to improve LASA’s communication through social media, it is suggested that resources be invested to pay for a part-time professional (50%) and, as there is no quorum to vote, it is agreed by consensus to make a motion by email that LASA hire a part-time social media expert.</p>	Consensus

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9	Given the excessive workload of the LASA Vice-Presidency, it was agreed by consensus that the topic “Appointment of Committee Members: Alternatives to make the task manageable” will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.	Consensus
10	<p>The pros and cons of proposing the city of New Orleans as an alternative for a LASA Congress were discussed, and after a long deliberation, it was agreed by consensus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To inform the membership of the future Congress venues and explain the reasons for their choice, through the web page. • To include in the next EC meeting agenda the discussion that LASA2027 should be held in Latin America. 	Consensus

GOVERNANCE

Elected Members of the Executive Council

Margarita López Maya, President, *Universidad Central de Venezuela*

Jo-Marie Burt, Vice President/President Elect, *George Mason University*

Gerardo Otero, Past President, *Simon Fraser University* **

Jennifer Pribble, Treasurer, *University of Richmond*

Thais Tartalha, Elected Member, *Universidade Federal do ABC* **

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* *

Montserrat Sagot, Elected Member, *Universidad de Costa Rica* *

Gisela Zaremborg, Elected Member, *Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) México* *

Verónica Schild, Elected Member, *University of Western Ontario* *

Jennifer Cárcamo, Student Representative, *University of California, Los Angeles* *

Ex-Officio Members of the Executive Council

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

Yanina Welp, Program Co-Chair, *Graduate Institute* *

David Smile, Program Co-Chair, *Tulane University* **

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* *

Other Participants

Javier Guerrero, Incoming vice President /President Elect, *Princeton University* **

*Absent

**Partial attendance

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