

Governing Council (GC) Meeting Jan 21 – 22, 2016

New York City

Website Executive Summary

Jan 21

The GC reviewed and discussed the budget. After some minor modifications to individual line items, the budget for FY 2016-17 was passed unanimously.

A new three-tiered pricing system is being implemented for the 2016 conference. Attendees will choose their tier according to their home, employment, or schooling location to register, and this will be monitored by the CO.

A report was given on the Early Career Committee (ECC). Efforts have been made over the past six months or so to increase awareness of the committee's new name. A new elevator pitch training session/competition will be included at the July 2016 conference.

The ISPP President, John Jost, started off the Program Committee report by noting some changes have been made to the format of the Annual ISPP Conference: shortening the conference to three days, including a welcoming Presidential address and reception the evening before the conference, and increasing the rejection rate on proposals. Letters have been sent to around 20 individuals considered to be leaders in the fields of political psychology to create symposia for the conference.

Jan 22

The Nominating Committee report was given. There was discussion revolving around the instructions for the Nominating Committee, to make the process completely blind to the GC in terms of rankings by committee votes. A motion was passed for the Nominating Committee instructions to be revised accordingly. The nominating slate was passed unanimously with one candidate removed due to lack of past or current membership. An alternate will move up into the open position.

The Executive Committee (EC) will be determining whether or not to change the conference location in 2018 from San Antonio, TX to NYC once more details and cancellation costs are available for review. After much discussion on future conference locations, a unanimous motion was made to have the 2019 conference in Lisbon, and the 2020 conference in Berlin.

Investment Committee Report: The endowment is to be moved under one management company in order to simplify and organize our investments. This was recommended by the Treasurer and supported and approved by the Investments Committee.

Jon Krosnick put forth a proposal for SIPP that included inviting SIPP participants to submit proposals to present papers on one or more symposia at the Annual Meeting for the year following their participation in SIPP. High-quality proposals will be selected by the SIPP Director and featured prominently in the conference program. The selected participants will receive a 50% discount on the Annual ISPP Conference fee. All SIPP graduates will receive a one-year ISPP membership at no cost. The proposal passed unanimously.

A report was given on the updates to the ISPP website including: a new current award winner's page, increased podcasts, and more history being added.

In the discussion on New Business, Alexandra Cichocka asked about an endorsement being created for a new Political Psychology program at the University of Kent. There was discussion on the appropriateness for ISPP to create this kind of association. Aleksandra will create a proposal to be presented at the 2016 July GC meeting that will outline the details involved in creating an official affiliation for certain educational programs.

The oppressive situation in Turkey was brought up and it was asked if something could be done to support colleagues who are being detained for signing petitions against the recent rights violations. It was decided individual support can be given, but the organization itself would need a membership vote to offer any organized support.