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| IPSA, RC-46 Business Meeting Minutes | Date: 14 Jul y 2021Tim: 20:00 UTCLocation: RC-46 Business Meeting World Congress 2021, Virtual |

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| 14 July 2021Meeting called by: | RC-46 Chair and Board | Type of meeting: | RC-46 Business Meeting, 2021 |
| Facilitator: | RC-46 Chair | Note taker: | RC-46, Samuel Okunade, Ph.D. RC-46, Secretary |
| Timekeeper: | RC-46, Secretary |  |  |
| Board Members Present:Other Attendees: | **Chair/President:** Yasmeen Abu-Laban, Ph.D.  **Vice-Chair/Co-Chair:** Tanya Herring, Ph.D.  **Secretary:** Samuel Okunade, Ph.D.  **Other members:**  Marta Pachocka, Ph.D.  Willem Maas, Ph.D.  Said Saddiki, Ph.D.  Tapang Hongie Pelekeh  John Carlaw, Laura Macdonald, Isabel David, Jan Kovar, Kate… Iwona Wronska |  |  |

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| Welcome: | RC-46 Chair, Prof. Y. Abu-Laban welcomed all to the virtual meeting. She introduced the Board to the members and noted that the Secretary in person of S. Okunade would take the minutes of the meeting. |
| Meeting Focus: | Chairperson introduced proposed agenda, Attachment 1, provided in Conference Agenda |
| Action items | Motion to accept Agenda by W. Maas, Seconded by Iwona Wronska, The agenda was approved unanimously. |

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| Agenda item: | Chairs’ Report | Presenter: | Y. Abu-Laban |

#### Discussion:

The Chair started her report by announcing that RC-46 is the newest RC of IPSA and it got an official approval in April 2018. As a result of her participation in IPSA as the Vice President, she could get the RC going since there was no election held yet. The first election was held at the IPSA World Congress in Brisbane where the members of the Board were elected. Over the summer of 2018, a website and a listserv was created for RC-46. The resource has been used and new members who would want to be added to the listserv can contact hr via email. Professor Yasmeen also optimized the listserv to aid in sharing information across RC-46.

Delving into details of the giant strides the RC-46 has achieved so far, the Chair noted that the V. Chair T. Herring, based in the UK, converged members of the Board who are spread across various continents of the globe via digital means by sharing an online survey and a strategic planning of activity with members of the board. This was to allow members to air their voices as to their needs and what they would love to see the RC-46 doing within the specificity of their regions. The strategic planning was a way of aggregating ideas and plans which the RC-46 should be meeting vis-à-vis all the regions represented. In March 2019, we came up with concept surrounding migration from different regions. The planning led to the development of a conference on Migration and Integration in the European Union. The conference was organized by the Warsaw School of Economics in Poland, where M. Pachocka was integral in its exception and successful execution.

In June 2019, the Chair worked with other members of the RC-46, who are in Canada (at York University and Concordia University). Successfully, after fund raising, sponsorship for six (6) panels at the ICPP4 held at Concordia University was secured. It is worthy to note that the RC-46 was able to sponsor the travels and participation of seven (7) scholars from the Global South to Montreal for participation and engagement at the conference.

Several months later, in November 2019, the Chair, in collaboration with M. Pachocka and W. Maas started preparation for the 2020 World Congress. After publicizing the call for papers, there was tremendous response as many proposals were submitted. The selection process and sorting for different panels was handled through the end of the calendar year. The Chair acknowledged that M. Pachocka and W. Mass did a magnificent job of categorizing and shorting the respective panels and papers.

Between periods of 2020 and 2021, RC-46 has taken seriously the election procedure which has of yet remains unresolved. A working group consisting of T. Herring, M. Pachocka, and S. Okunade was formed to examine the scope and parameters of the election dilemma. The working group examined several issues and matters concerning the RC-46 voting and external factors his purpose to explore how the RC-46 can go about this. Bearing in mind that physical meeting was not possible in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed election procedure has been condensed into motions before the RC-46 board and will be presented before the members at the 14 July 2021 Business Meeting.

#### Conclusions:

Chair report unanimously accepted

| Action items | Person responsible | Deadline |
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| * Motions for RC-46 Election Process | RC-46 Workgroup: T. Herring  M. Pachocka, and S. Okunade | 14 July 2021 |

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| Agenda item: | Motions For Voting  (Election Background and Voting, Attachment #2) | Presenter: | Y. Abu-Laban and  T. Herring |

#### Discussion:

Election Background and Voting document, attachment 2, read and presented as an overview by Y. Abu-Laban and T. Herring

#### Conclusions:

Moved by Professor Y. Abu-Laban and seconded Dr. T. Herring for body to proceed with motions.

**ELECTION CYCLE**

**Action Item - Motion 1:** The 2020 World Congress was postponed to 2021, and the World Congress meeting of 2022 has been postponed to 2023. In order to have the election cycle of the Board of RC-46 coincide with World Congress meetings, the term of the current Board will be extended from 2022 to 2023**.**

**Moved by T. Herring and seconded by S. Saddiki and W. Maas. All votes were unanimous**

**ELECTION PRACTICE**

**Action Item - Motion 2:** Voting for RC-46 Board Elections will normally take place during the Business Meeting of RC-46 at the World Congress of the International Political Science Association Meetings, in whatever location the meetings are held (including possibly virtual). Discussions by S. Saddiki and Jan Kovar.

**Moved by Y Abu-Laban and T. Herring and Seconded by I. Wronska. Votes were unanimous and in favor of the motion.**

**Action Item - Motion 3:** Candidates for Board Elections may announce their candidacy and circulate biographies on the RC-46 listserv in advance of the Board Meeting, or they may announce their candidacy at the Board Meeting.

**Moved by Y. Abu-Laban/ T. Herring and seconded by S. Okunade and M. Pachocka. All votes were unanimous and in favor of the motion.**

**Action Item - Motion 4:** Two RC-46 members not serving on the current board or running for the election shall be appointed by the Board to oversee the nomination call, the distribution of ballots and counting.

**Moved by Y Abu-Laban/ T. Herring and seconded by M. Pachocka. All votes were unanimous and in favor of the motion.**

**Action Item - Motion 5:** In extenuating and exceptional circumstances, RC-46 Board Elections may take place through email or online. As with in-person voting, procedures will be overseen by two RC-46 members who are not currently on the Board or running for election.

**Moved by Y Abu-Laban/ T. Herring and seconded by T. Pelekah. All votes were unanimous and in favor of the motion.**

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| Agenda Item: | Report On World Congress | Presenter: | M. Pachocka and W. Mass |

#### Discussion:

M. Pachocka noted that as a new RC, we are obliged to engage in some research activities which would be reported back to the IPSA Secretariat. Noted in the discussion is Article 14 regarding the conduct of the Research Committees, RC-46 is mandated to organise at least two (2) sessions at the IPSA World Congress. Based on this requirement, Y. Abu-Laban and other members of the Board decided to put out a call for proposals and from their call two panels were organized. One was on Citizenship Politics by W. Maas and the second on Forced Migration by M. Pachocka. The paper proposals submissions for these panels was tremendous as around 150 papers were received for the two (2) panels, and some other open and closed sessions for the IPSA World Congress. Though the Congress could not be executed in 2020, it was rescheduled to be conducted in 2021 virtually. In all, there were 27 Panels with each having between four and six papers. There were also approximately three French panels meaning that IPSA welcomes those who speak French.

M. Pachocka acknowledged the enriching research experience and extended gratitude for the collaboration from Y. Abu-Laban and W. Mass working across time zones. Each of the team members, M. Pachocka, W. Maas, and T. Herring were able to receive acknowledgement for their commitment, sacrifices made in time, resources, and specifically working across multiple time zones. Moreover, appreciation was extended to all those who volunteered to serve as Chairs and Discussants on the panels and each of their sacrifices and commitment were acknowledged.

In conclusion, Yasmeen noted that the interest in migration is so huge that she is rest assured that the future for RC-46 is bright given that established and emerging scholars from different regions have highly interesting findings to present on theme migration from the Global North and Global South. She also appreciated Martha and Willem for pulling through the process.

John Carlaw raised a query as a new member of IPSA and the RC-46. He needed clarification on the possibility of organising a virtual panel using a specific language. Yasmeen responded by letting him know the IPSA has English and French as its official languages. Further, Y. Abu-Laban noted that at the Lisbon World Congress some panels were organised in Portuguese, but that she is not sure that there is such liberty to organise a Panel in a language other than English and French. Y. Abu-Laban also noted that though most of the panels are usually in English, IPSA prefers panels to reflect diversity in terms of region, gender, race, etc. Therefore, diversity is reflected in some other ways.

#### Conclusions:

Report accepted by board, no questions.

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Agenda item: | Treasurers’ Report | Presenter: | Y. Abu-Laban |  Discussion: With the absence of the Treasurer, Y. Abu-Laban noted that the RC-46 has no money and as such there is nothing to report about. The Board has unanimously taken a decision not to charge members of the RC-46 a membership fee as IPSA already charge a membership fee. Hence, the idea is to keep RC-46 accessible as much as possible. As for the funds raised for the ICPP4, they were channeled through the Canadian Universities (Concordia University, University of alberta and York University) and not IPSA nor RC-46. Y. Abu-Laban also noted that donations are welcome from anyone who feels like doing so. Conclusions: Report accepted with no questions.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Agenda item: | Future Plans and IPSA Digital | Presenter: | Y. Abu-Laban |  Discussion: Y. Abu-Laban noted that IPSA is in the phase of transitioning with virtual capacity. IPSA’s brilliant virtual initiatives came about while Y. Abu-Laden as IPSA’s Vice Chair. The IPSA DIGITAL is a new initiative to support the work of RCs by providing meeting support and online support for activities between World Congresses. Y. Abu-Ladan noted that this is a platform to encourage RC-46 to explore and optimize. The platform allows RC-46 to bring people together in between Congresses to share whatever they have from diverse backgrounds and regions. Further, she noted is that many meetings have been organised in Europe while none in Africa. IPSA DIGITAL thus serves as a platform where such regions can be represented, and research activities showcased. Y. Abu-Laban noted that ideas from members on how to employ the platform effectively and engage members to feel free to reach out to members of the Board when deemed necessary. Conclusions: Report accepted with no questions. |  |  |

# Other Information

#### Introductions:

This section gave all who participated in the meeting the opportunity to introduce themselves and identify their respective areas of research.

#### Resources:

Two attachments: 1) Attachment #1 – Business Meeting Agenda, 2) Election Background and Voting, Attachment #2

#### Special notes:

Next Board meeting date/time will be forthcoming September 2021.

#### Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Y. Abu-Ladan (20:55 UTC, 14 July 2021).