RC28 Annual Meeting 2016

IPSA World Congress, Poznan, Poland
26 July, 2016
Agenda

• Annual Report (Sonja)
• Finances (Sonja)
• Elections of RC28 Officers 2016 (Paolo)
• 2017 Conference & Business Meeting
• Publius Award
• Obituary Uwe Leonardy
• News and Information?

Minutes?
List of presence?
Annual Report

- World Congress 2014, Montreal: 20 panels, business meeting (esp. elections on biennial cycle)
- Conference in Edinburgh, 16-18 September 2015, cohosted with RC14, and RC50:
  100 paper submissions, 21 panels (10 RC28 panels), 80 participants
- [https://ipsarc28.wordpress.com/](https://ipsarc28.wordpress.com/)
  Paolo Dardanelli (p.dardanelli@kent.ac.uk)
- [https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ipsarc28](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ipsarc28)
  ~80 members (paid dues, or at some point recently)
- 161 contacts on spreadsheet
Achievements

• Work with IPSA
• Annual event with at least 30 participants every year since 2008; every WC around 15-20 panels
• Active website & Google group; passionate executive
• Expanding membership base (& payment)
• Publius Award

Challenges

• Collaboration all around
• Membership management
• Expand membership beyond Europa & North America
• Modernize bylaws & constitution of executive
• (Communication)
RC28 Finances

- PayPal account balance in 2015: 2,300 USD (accumulation of dues)
- 2,000 USD transferred to IPSA bank account in DC; current balance:
  - Bank account: 2,206.05 USD (same as 2015)
  - PayPal account: 564.26 USD (up from 373.86 USD in 2015)

Need for action:
- Anchor management and oversight of finances in bylaws
- Define financial needs and develop budgeting (consider fundraising)

2016: $190
2015: $400
*2014: $240
2013: $440
*+ LTM

==> ~25 paid members on average, some on 3 yr, some on 2 yr cycle
Elections of RC28 Officers 2016

• Last elections in 2012 (Madrid)
• Bylaws
  – Decision at 2015 Business Meeting not to rely on a nominating committee; instead open call for nominations and self-nominations
  – RC28 executive will constitute roster
  – 3 current executive members will continue to stand for election, so far 4 nominations/self-nominations
  – Online election to open within 14 days from today and remain open for 14 days thereafter
  – Dues paying members

Need for action:
• Clarify (modernize) bylaws & redefine executive roles
RC28 2017 Conference & Business Meeting

• Seek guest appearance with IACFS?
• Other happenings?
• Other priorities?
Publius: The Journal of Federalism Distinguished Scholar Award

• Based on MOU with CFS Associates: Publius
• To be awarded at each World Congress ($500)
• RC28 Executive seeks nominations & decides on award

Need for action:
• Convey inaugural award
• Refine and integrate timeline in sync with World Congress
Obituary Uwe Leonardy

- 2000 – 2009: Vice-Chair of our Research Committee 28, then called Comparative Federalism and Regionalism
- Took part in the founding conference of the Forum of Federations in Mont-Tremblant, Canada (1999), and regularly took part in its conferences
- Vast practical experience in Germany and many other countries, including work as a constitutional advisor to South Africa
- Instrumental in RC28 since 2006
News and Information?