



Comparative Federalism and Multilevel Governance

The International Political Science Association's
Research Committee 28

RC28 Annual Meeting 2015

University of Edinburgh, Scotland
17 September 2015

Conference “Rethinking Territoriality Between
Independence and Interdependence”
co-hosted with RC14 and RC15
Center on Constitutional Change



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Agenda

- Annual Report
- Finances
- Elections of officers 2016
- World Congress 2016, Istanbul
- Other Conferences
- MOU with Publius and ensuing process
- News and Information?

Minutes?
List of presence?



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Annual Report

- World Congress 2014, Montreal: 20 panels, business meeting (esp. elections on biennial cycle)
- Coordination leading up to current conference in Edinburgh
- <https://ipsarc28.wordpress.com/>
Paolo Dardanelli (p.dardanelli@kent.ac.uk)
- <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ipsarc28>
82 members (paid dues, or at some point recently)
- 155 contacts on spreadsheet

Need for decision:

- Sharing of membership info with IPSA to get theirs?
- Future or Newsletter?



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- 2006: About 3,000 USD transferred from Indiana to Montreal (= unused grant & some dues)
- Drawn down almost entirely between 2006-2012 to pay for assistance to help manage RC28
- Since 2012, no outlays
- Bank account (~\$270) and PayPal account continued to live in Montreal
- Transitioned summer 2015
- PayPal account balance discovered: 2,300 USD, indicating accumulation of dues
- 2,000 USD transferred to IPSA bank account in DC; current balance now:
 - Bank account: 2,206.05 USD
 - PayPal account: 373.86 USD

Need for decision:

- Anchor management and oversight of finances in bylaws
- Define financial needs and develop budgeting

2015: \$400

*2014: \$240

2013: \$440

*+ LTM

==> ~25 paid members on average



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Elections 2016

- Last elections in 2013 (Madrid)
- Bylaws foresee
 - *Possibility (?)* to appoint a three-member Nominating Committee (names to be published on website 3 months prior to relevant World Congress)
 - Nominations must be supported by two nominators (within 14 days of World Congress at the latest), published 17 days (incl. positions) before elections
 - Elections by electronic voting (open 14 days)
 - Overseen by Chair and one member of Nominating Committee

Need for decision:

- Appoint nominating committee or not? (If so, who? If not, alternative process, including oversight?)
- When to hold elections?



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World Congress 2016

- Attention to open panels:
<https://istanbul2016.ipsa.org/events/congress/istanbul2016/panels-by-session/accepted/6358/0>
- Closed panels & papers by October 7!
- Chairs/discussants!

Need for decision:

- Other conferences? (esp. Tanvir's inquiry)



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MOU with Publius

- See MOU
- RC28 Executive will handle

Need for decision:

- Adopt & sign
- Desires regarding nomination process?
- Process to convey during WC?



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News and Information?