

# Minutes

## RC-28 “Comparative Federalism and Multilevel Governance” 2021 Business Meeting (held virtually on Zoom) IPSA’s 26th IPSA World Congress (Virtual) 15 July 2021

(submitted by Thomas D Lancaster)

Last Meeting: IPSA’s 2018 World Congress in Brisbane, Australia

Meeting started: 13:30 UTC and ended 14:18 UTC.

Presiding Officer: RC-28 Chair Paolo Dardanelli

Members in Attendance: (13): Arthur Benz, Harihar Bhattacharyya, Paolo Dardanelli, Thomas Hueglin, Soeren Keil, John Kincaid, Tom Lancaster, Mariely Lopez-Santana, Juan Olmeda, Elizabeth Ramos, Wolfgang Renzsch, Johanna Schnabel, and Carol Weissert.

### Items Presented/Discussed:

1. Previous Minutes: Minutes of the July 23, 2018 Business Meeting had been posted on RC-28’s website and approved shortly thereafter. No amendments made.

2. Summary Report of Activities (since last business meeting):

2019: Co-sponsored section at IPPA and panel at ECPR

2019 & 2020: Joint conferences with RC-14 (Politics & Ethnicity), RC-13 (Democratization), and other RCs. Strong participation and IPSA financial support.

July 2021 IPSA World Congress (Virtual)—initially scheduled for Lisbon, Portugal in 2020.

13 panels and 1 roundtable (Joint 10<sup>th</sup> of 51 RCs)

(Historical context: 2014--Montréal (19); 2016—Poznań, Poland (14); 2018—Brisbane, Australia (9).

3. Report on Membership & Fees:

Membership List fully updated & consolidated: 54 members (45 in 2018, 25-30 historically)

Distribution: Geographic—Europe (29); Canada & US (12); Australia (6); Russia &

Turkey (3); Africa (2); Asia (1); and Latin America (1).

other—Lifetime (6); Students (6); Females (15).

Membership Fees reduced in 2018.

4. Financial Report (presented by Carol Weissert):

Current Status of Bank Account--\$4520.31

Current holdings in PayPal--\$766.88

Not everyone's membership is paid up.

Brief Discussion: How to use the money (no travel scholarships taken by students).

5. Additional Updates (of past activities):

Publicity & Communications: New domain name for the revamped and updated website;

RC-28 Twitter account set up in 2018 @IPSA RC28; 610 followers

Regular news articles in Participation (IPSA's magazine).

Revision of RC-28's by-laws in 2020.

6. 2020 Publius Award: Previously posted on RC-28's website and Twitter, announced again that the award went to Thomas O. Hueglin of Wilfrid Laurier University. Since he was in attendance, Professor Hueglin expressed some very nice words of appreciation and comments about past winners. As Chair, Paolo also extended special thanks offered to the Center for the Study of Federalism (CSF), represented by John Kincaid, for supporting the Publius award.

7. Election of New Executive Board. The executive board (elected in 2016) consisted of Paolo Dardanelli (Chair), Tom Lancaster (Vice-Chair), Wolfgang Renzsch (Secretary), Carol Weissert (Treasurer), and other officers Harihar Bhattacharyya and Soeren Keil. Given the postponement of IPSA's World Congress in Portugal in July 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the vote scheduled for 2020 to elect a new executive board was postponed for one year and the terms of the outgoing board were extended for one year.

Election of new board was held in Spring 2021, conducted via OpaVote and utilized approval voting. 41 members voted, with all candidates being elected.

Newly elected executive board (and taking office at the conclusion of this meeting): Soeren Keil (Chair), Michael Breen, Mariely Lopez-Santana, Juan Cruz Olmeda, Johanna Schnabel and Carol Weissert.

8. Newly elected chair Soeren Keil thanked the outgoing board and gave a brief outline of future directions for RC-28.

9. Brief Q & A session about membership & fees.

10. Next business meeting: planned for the 2023 IPSA World Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina.