

Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting

May 2020

	Action Items	Vote / Consensus
1	Subject: LARR Editor. Carmen Martínez-Novo is approved as New Editor of LARR from January 2021 to December 2025.	Vote: Unanimous
2	Subject: Post a note in LASA forum on the expulsion of Jorge Domínguez (decision taken during the Executive Council meeting in December 2019).	Vote: Unanimous Post to be included in the LASA Forum to be published in July 2020.
3	Subject: The minutes, actions and consensus of the Executive Council meeting in December 2019 are approved.	Vote: Unanimous
4	Congress: Gioconda Herrera, President-elect, proposes to hold a hybrid congress in 2021 and virtual only, if necessary.	Votes in favor: 9 Votes against: 1
5	Congress: Registration. There was a proposal to offer 3 different types of registration: a) in person; b) virtual; c) observation.	Votes in favor: 8 Abstentions: 2
6	Congress: Pricing. There was a proposal to offer a different price for each option.	Votes in favor: 9 Votes against: 1
7	Membership: The membership requirement prevails for submitting a proposal and it is suggested (only for this year) to offer the “Pay what you can” option within the current subsidized membership scheme by salary category and countries.	Vote: Unanimous
8	Subject 1a: Membership Representation: relationship with sections. There was a proposal that: 1. The meeting/assembly of LASA Section Chairs be formally included in the LASA statutes. 2. During the Section Chairs meeting/assembly, 2 advisory representatives of the EC be elected and this information also be included in the statutes. [In both cases, the necessary processes for review of statutes shall be followed.]	Vote: Unanimous

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	<p>Subject 1b: Membership Representation: relationship with sections. There was a proposal to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold an informative meeting about the creation of “core tracks” 2. Publish Executive Council decisions with votes 	Vote: Unanimous
9	<p>Subject: Accountability and governance. There was a proposal to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create sub-committees within the EC on specific topics with management and control functions, and with direct link to the LASA staff working on these topics. These sub-committees will have real delegated responsibility for their areas and will have all the information necessary for decision-making. 2. Strengthen Ways & Means with at least four meetings per year, not necessarily related to the EC meetings. 3. Increase the EC members terms from two to three years starting from next elections. [In this case, the necessary processes for review of statutes shall be followed.] 4. Increase the EC meetings to at least four per year. One of these being only for full voting members. 5. Involve effectively the EC in the process of recruiting a current Operations Manager (number two) through the staff sub-committee. 	Vote: Unanimous
10	<p>Subject: Decision-making process. There was a proposal to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create one or two sub-committees within the EC and start the selection process of the Association’s number 2 (Director of Operations). 2. Include other governance issues within the new Strategic Plan. 	Vote: Unanimous
11	<p>Subject: New committees. There was a proposal to create 3 committees within the EC: communications, sections relationship, staff committee.</p>	Vote: Unanimous
12	<p>Subject: Ombudsperson nomination in Latin America. There was a proposal to send candidate names to the anti-harassment committee with Milagros Pereyra in copy.</p>	Consensus

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13	Subject: Finance / Development Committee. There was a proposal to implement suggested changes to the “Financial Overview” document and send it to the Executive Council for comment.	Consensus
14	Subject: LARC. Since Florencia Garramuño is stepping down as LARC co-editor, Natalia Majluf, with experience as member of the editorial committee, is suggested as her substitute. Suggestions are expected to replace Natalia within the editorial committee.	Consensus
15	Subject: LARR. There was a proposal to: 1. Call for applications to select the new editorial of the magazine in order to solve the problems with the current platform. 2. Create a publications committee formed by a LARC representative, a LARR representative and an EC representative.	Vote: Unanimous
16	Subject: Strategic Plan. There was a proposal to: 1. Publish the results of the current Strategic Plan. 2. Follow the suggested process for choosing a facilitator. 3. To ask the facilitators for a working methodology that allows a broad participation of the membership. 4. Include as topics the governance and sustainability of the Association and a discussion on the nature of the Congress (e.g. virtual, hybrid, in person).	Vote: Unanimous

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