

## Minutes of the Executive Council

FEBRUARY 2025

The Executive Council oversees the affairs of the Association, and for corporate purposes shall be considered as its Board of Directors.

The Executive Council consists of: eleven voting members (the past president, the president, the vice president, the treasurer, a graduate student, and six elected members) and the following ex officio members with voice but no vote: the executive director of LASA, the Editor of *Latin American Research Review* (LARR), the current congressional program chairs, the editors of the *Latin America Research Commons* (LARC), the Strategic Plan Oversight Committee and two section advisory representatives.

	Action Items	Vote/Consensus
1	The agenda is amended to present matters relating to the congress first.	Vote: Approved unanimously with 7 votes in favor.
2	The minutes and Action and Consensus Items for December 2024 are discussed and unanimously approved.	Vote: Approved unanimously with 7 votes in favor.
3	The proposed statement on the current situation in the United States is reviewed, and it is agreed that all members of the Executive Council will sign it.	Vote: Approved with 8 votes in favor. The statement will be sent by email to the remaining EC members who have not yet voted, requesting their vote.
4	Due to the high AV costs for a hybrid 2026 conference in Paris, a vote is held to decide if the congress should be exclusively in person.	Vote: Approved with 6 votes in favor and one abstention.

5	Following a discussion on creating regional LASA congresses, a vote is held to approve the concept and instruct the Secretariat to include them in the schedule, beginning with the November 2026 conference.	Vote: Approved unanimously with 7 votes in favor.
6	It is proposed that the regional congresses be hybrid.	Vote: Approved unanimously with 7 votes in favor.
7	A proposal for the composition of the Nominating Committee for 2025–26 was made and submitted for approval.	Vote: Approved unanimously with 7 votes in favor.
8	<p>Regarding advance payment of registration fees by Cuban residents when submitting papers, the following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Consult the Secretariat to see if this payment can be refunded if the paper is not accepted.</li> <li>b. Conduct a survey with the Cuba Section to see how they perceive this measure.</li> <li>c. Review this measure at the next EC meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Agreed by consensus:</p> <p>To carry out these consultations in order to review these measures at the next EC meeting.</p>

## GOVERNANCE

### Elected Members of the Executive Council

Javier Guerrero, President, *Princeton University*

Maxwell Cameron, Vice President /President Elect, *University of British Columbia*

Jo-Marie Burt, Past President, *George Mason University*

Mónica Espinosa Arango, Treasurer, *Universidad de los Andes*

José Edgardo Cal Montoya, Elected Member, *Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala* \*\*

Cristián Opazo, Elected Member, *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile* \*\*

Julieta Suarez-Cao, Elected Member, *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*

Xóchitl Bada, Elected Member, *University of Illinois/Chicago*

Gloria Elizabeth Chacón, Elected Member, *University of California / San Diego* \*\*

Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, Elected Member, *University of Notre Dame* \*

Verónica Valencia González, Student Representative, *University of California, Irvine* \*

### Ex-Officio Members of the Executive Council

Milagros Pereyra-Rojas, Executive Director, *University of Pittsburgh*

Manuel Roman-Lacayo, Deputy Director, *University of Pittsburgh* \*\*

Paola Cortes Rocca, Program Co-Chair, *Conicet/Universidad Nacional de las Artes* \*

Emily A. Maguire, Program Co-Chair, *Northwestern University*

Cecilia Fajardo-Hill, Program Co-Chair, *Arizona State University* \*\*

Marcial Suarez, Sections Representative, *Fluminense Federal University* #

Beatriz Padilla, Sections Representative, *University of South Florida* #

Carmen Martínez Novo, Editor of LARR, *University of Florida* \*\*

Natalia Majluf, Editor of LARC, *Independent* \*

Francisco Valdés Ugalde, Editor of LARC, *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México* \*

\* Absent

\*\* Partial attendance

# Unintentionally omitted from the meeting invitation.

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