

Section on Complexity and Network Studies (SCNS)

Annual Section Business Meeting Minutes

Washington DC, March 9, Saturday; 7:30am – 8:30am, Location: New Hampshire

In Attendance:

Alexey Kolpakov

Thomas Morselli

Michael Siciliano (chair)

Travis Whetsell

Naim Kapucu (Immediate past chair)

Asim Zia

Julia Carboni

Qian Hu

- 1) Approval of Minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting in Denver
Minutes from the 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.
- 2) Treasurer's 2018-2019 Report
Jennifer Adams provided an update on the finances via email. As of March 4th, 2019 the account balance was \$5,345.67. Over the course of the year we had \$1535 in revenues from workshops and membership fees. We also had \$1221.30 in expenses.
- 3) Membership report
The section membership increased to 79 members.
- 4) Best paper award-*Meek, Vasavada, Carboni*
Julia provided an update on the best paper award. The committee was comprised of Jack Meek (Chair), Julia Carboni, and Triparna Vasavada. Paper nominations were announced in several associations and a deadline for nominations was set for February 15, 2019. The committee received 5 submissions. The winning submission went to: Kate Albrecht, North Carolina State University, for her paper "Is a network always a network? Advancing and applying a typology of network evolutionary forms." Given the timing, it was suggested that we move the deadline for submission from February 15th to February 1st.
- 5) Election of officers
Based on this year's election, we welcomed two new members, Travis Whetsell and Dale Francis to the executive committee along with the reelection of Julia Carboni for another three years.
- 6) Business matters
 - i) Complexity, Networks, and Governance: The journal continues to seek qualified submissions from the section. They are publishing about one edition a year.
 - ii) 2019 President's Panel – This year's panel examines the state of research on complexity and networks in public administration. It was suggested that we continue this approach where the section develops a theme and highlights work and scholars associated with SCNS. Siciliano will reach out to the executive committee for ideas and organization.
 - iii) Sponsored and section organized panels at conference- The section submitted and had approved three fully formed panels this year.
 - iv) Workshop(s) – Asim Zia ran a panel on AI that was successful. Despite a high enrollment, only about 40% of those who registered and paid attended. Given the length of ASPA it was suggested that perhaps we run the workshops during the conference rather than before. We would not be able to charge for workshops during the conference. One suggestion was to have a single pre-conference workshop that was more practitioner oriented and could draw professionals from the host city.
- 7) Committees and New business
 - i) Staffing Committees

- (1) Program committee for ASPA 2020 (organize panels) – Aleksey Kolpokov has agreed to organize panels for the 2020 conference. Hu asked how slots are determined and whether sections have a guaranteed number of slots for fully formed panels. Siciliano will inquire.
 - (2) Election committee (board members, fall 2020) –Tom Haase has agreed to serve as the election chair again.
 - (3) Workshops for 2020 – Siciliano, Hu, and Carboni have agreed to work on the development of workshops.
 - (4) Sam Overman Award Committee – the 2020 committee will consist of Carboni, Whetsell, and Hu.
- ii) Outreach and other items – Triparna emailed asking if we could make membership fees free for students. This was seen as a good idea and Siciliano will follow up with ASPA. Carboni suggested we have an informal networking event that helps graduate students connect with the section. The idea is to have a dinner where we would pay for 5-6 graduate students to attend (section members would pay for their own meals). Kapucu is the co-chair of the 2020 conference.