

The regular monthly meeting of the LAPA General Assembly was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 12:05 PM in Siderooms A & B of the Otowi Cafeteria. Jason Stairs was elected Presiding Officer *pro tem*, and Chandra Savage Marsden was elected Secretary *pro tem*. Joseph Hickey motioned to amend the agenda to include a report from the career committee, and the motion was approved by unanimous consent. The agenda was then approved, and the minutes from the previous GA meeting (9/13/06), which were posted on the LAPA webpage, were approved without correction.

Committee reports were given by Roderick Fry (chair, Communication Committee), Joseph Hickey (acting chair, Career Committee), and Michael Demkowicz (acting chair, Social Committee). A motion was approved to make the posters for the "Postdoc Nights" different for every month. Jason Stairs moved to amend something previously adopted (from the September 13th GA meeting) so that the list of voting members voted on during the previous meeting would include Nenad Velisavljevic. Amy Clarke moved to amend the motion to include herself as a voting member, both motions were approved by unanimous consent.

Nominations for LAPA officers were conducted. Jason Stairs was nominated for President. Roderick Fry, Kevin D. Houston, and Michael Demkowicz were nominated for Vice-President. A motion was approved to allow the nomination of members absent from the meeting, giving them one week to accept or decline. Chandra Savage Marsden and Nathan Mara were nominated for Secretary. Laura Stonehill, Nathan Mara, and Kevin D. Houston were nominated for Treasurer.

A motion was approved to give those candidates nominated for multiple offices one week to decide which office to run for. A motion was made to include photos of officer candidates on the election webpage. After some discussion, the motion was amended such that all candidates must consent to including pictures or none would be posted. The amendment was approved by a vote of 8-6. The amended motion, to include candidate photos on the webpage if all candidates consent, was approved. A motion was approved to give the candidates one week to provide photos and campaign statements to the webmaster. A motion was approved to solicit statements from candidates present at the meeting in the order of nomination. Jason Stairs, Roderick Fry, Michael Demkowicz, Chandra Savage Marsden, and Laura Stonehill made their statements. The assembly approved by voice vote a motion to elect officers by a plurality, rather than a majority as stated in *Robert's Rules*.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.