

Latin American Studies Association
Education and Education Policy Section

Report of Section's Business Meeting held 29 April 2017
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The business meeting of the LASA Education and Education Policy Section was held 29 April 2017 in Lima, Peru. 49 members attended the business meeting and elected the new executive committee 2017-2018: Dalila Andrade Oliveira (Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil), Co-Chair; Jorge Enrique Delgado (University of Pittsburgh, USA / Pontifical Javeriana University, Colombia), Co-Chair; and Fernanda Saforcada (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina), Secretary/Treasurer; as well as Adriana Pineda Robayo (University of Atlántico, Colombia), José David Alarid Diéguez (National Pedagogical University, Mexico), Gabriel Asprella (Tres de Febrero University, Argentina), Javier Campos (University of Massachusetts-Amherst, USA), Sergio Roberto Kieling Franco (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil), Council Members. In 2017, the section's Paulo Freire Education Awards in the modalities of "Lifetime Contribution to Education Research in Latin America" and "Best Study by Doctoral Candidate" were void. The newly elected board will analyze the current evaluation criteria and will recommend changes to the awards. During the XXXV LASA Conference, the Education Section had three invited panels: "Academic and Institutional Integration in Higher Education," organized by Bettina Steren dos Santos (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil), "Knowledge, Public Policy, and Education," organized by Fernanda Saforcada, and "Education and Movements of Resistance in Latin America" (recommended by the conference Education Policy and Pedagogy—EPP track coordinators). This year, Norma Georgina Gutiérrez Serrano (UNAM, Mexico), along with Bret Gustafson (Washington University in St. Louis), was one of the program track coordinators representing the Education Section, whose participation was the result of requests by the 2015-2016 executive committee to LASA. 300 paper proposals were submitted for this year's conference. Accepted papers were organized in 40 panels of which half were submitted as panels. For the 2018 Conference, LASA invited Norberto Fernández (Tres de Febrero University) and Lorenza Villa Lever (UNAM) to serve as EPP track coordinators. Some of the projects the new 2017-2018 executive committee will work on include identifying thematic tracks and invited panels for the 2018 conference through communication with section members; updating the section's website; developing new social media outlets; reviewing the awards and the possibility to providing travel grants to award winners; creating an international network of Latin American education researchers; revising the election process of the section's officers; and increasing participation of the section in the selection of EPP track coordinators and panel organization for the conference. The section's email address is educacionlasa@gmail.com.