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Call to Order

Section chair Peverill Squire called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Squire introduced himself as chair and Jim Curry as secretary-treasurer.

Presentation of Section Awards

The Carl Albert Dissertation Award for best doctoral dissertation in the area of legislative studies was awarded to Molly Reynolds of the Brookings Institution for, “Exceptions to the Rule: Majoritarian Procedures and Majority Party Power in the U.S. Senate” (University of Michigan, 2015). Award committee: Michael Barber, Brigham Young University; Jennifer Clark, University of Houston; and Jason Windett, Saint Louis University.

The Alan Rosenthal Prize for best book or article in legislative studies published by a junior scholar that has potential value to legislative practitioners was awarded to James M. Curry of the University of Utah for *Legislating in the Dark: Information and Power in the House of Representatives* (Chicago University Press, 2015). Award committee: Gisela Sin, University of Illinois; Sunil Ahuja, The Higher Learning Commission; and Seth Masket, University of Denver.

The Richard F. Fenno Prize for the best book in legislative studies was awarded to Sven-Oliver Proksch (McGill University) and Jonathan B. Slapin (University of Essex) for *The Politics of Parliamentary Debate: Parties, Rebels and Representation* (Cambridge University Press, 2015). Award committee: Craig Volden, University of Virginia; Leslie Schwindt-Bayer, Rice University; and Andrew Taylor, North Carolina State University.

The CQ Press Award for the best paper on legislative studies presented at the 2015 annual meeting was awarded to John Voorheis (University of Oregon), Nolan McCarty (Princeton University), and Boris Shor (Georgetown University) for “Unequal Incomes, Ideology and Gridlock: How Rising Inequality Increases Political Polarization.” Award committee: Daniel Magleby, Binghamton University; Pamela McCann, University of Southern California; and Ben Highton, University of California, Davis.

The Jewell-Loewenberg Award for the best article in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2015 was awarded to Janet Box-Steffensmeier (Ohio State University), Josh M. Ryan (Utah State University), and Anand Edward Sokhey (University of Colorado at Boulder) for “Examining Legislative Cue-Taking in the US Senate” (*LSQ*, 2015). Award committee: Barry Burden, University of Wisconsin; Jason Casellas, University of Houston; and Susan Miller, University of South Carolina.

Report from Jim Curry (secretary-treasurer) on section finances

Curry reported that section finances held relatively steady. There had been an error in LSQ subscription billing, as Wiley & Sons had failed to bill us for subscriptions in 2014, and as result we had to pay for both 2014 and 2015 subscriptions during 2016. The result was a large drop in the section's fund balance, but the section still had a positive balance of over \$9,000.

Report from Brian Crisp on LSQ subscriptions

Crisp provided the section with an update on LSQ subscription numbers from 2016. The previous year the section had agreed to create different subscription options for section members, including an online-only option, that would cost less. So far into 2016 it appeared people were taking advantage of the new subscription options.

Report from Laurel Harbridge and Gisela Sin on the new LSS newsletter

Harbridge and Sin updated the section on their work updating the LSS newsletter, now titled *The Legislative Scholar*. The newsletter had been successfully revamped and had begun to be distributed to section members in its new form.

Adjournment

With no other items on the agenda, Squire adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.