

April 30, 2012

Hello everyone,

We have T.E.R.R.I.F.I.C news: [APSA has officially approved the new Section on Migration and Citizenship.](#)

We want to thank all of you for signing the petition earlier this year. This is an important step forward in giving scholarship on migration and citizenship more visibility and recognition within our discipline. This email contains information on important next steps to get the Section up and running.

1. BECOME A MEMBER

The Section, of course, is no good without members, so we want to encourage all of you to become a member of the Section. Shortly, APSA will integrate the Section into its online system where folks can go to become an APSA member or renew their APSA membership. Yearly membership dues for the Section are set at \$3 for graduate students and \$8 for everyone else. We have set dues as low as possible, and APSA retains \$3 of every membership due paid.

If you have the means, we also would like you to consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Section separate from your membership dues. Please consider making a donation in the amount of \$25 or at whichever level works for you. These donations, along with the membership dues, will provide the Section with the start-up funds necessary to pay for such Section activities as the reception at APSA and possibly small monetary awards for best scholarship on migration and citizenship in the coming year. In the next couple of weeks, we will let you know where to send donations, so that APSA may deposit them into the Section's account. The Section will keep the entire donation you make and none of it will go to pay for APSA overhead.

2. APSA 2012 & 2013

The Section will get its first panel allocations for APSA 2013, but it will host a **business meeting** and **reception** at this year's APSA meeting in New Orleans. As soon as we know when and where these will take place, we will let you know. We hope to see many of you there.

One item of business during the business meeting is that those attending will need to officially approve (with a simple majority vote) the Section's by-laws, which can be found here: <http://migrationcitizenshipsectionapsa.weebly.com>. People attending the business meeting at APSA 2012 may propose changes to the by-laws. Those unable to attend APSA 2012 can inform Els, Leila, and Willem via email of their proposed changes,

which need to be submitted by August 20, 2012. For changes to be incorporated into the by-laws, a majority of those attending the business meeting will need to approve them.

3. ELECTION OF THE SECTION'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

As described in the by-laws, the Section will be governed by an Executive Council consisting of two Presidents, two Program Chairs (not elected), Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and a six-member Executive Committee (at least two of whom need to be graduate students). These are all elected posts, with the exception of the two Program Chairs, who will be selected by the incoming Council. Those who signed the petition earlier this year (a total of 305 individuals) and who are current APSA members will be eligible to vote in the Section elections.

We seek 3 volunteers (including one graduate student) who represent the broad interests of the Section to form an Elections Committee and run the elections. The work of the Elections Committee includes: (1) collecting nominations from those who want to run for office and (2) implementing the elections between now and APSA 2012 so that the Council can start working right away. We suggest that elections be conducted online/electronically to maximize participation.

If you are interested in serving on the Elections Committee, please let Els, Leila, and Willem know by TU May 15. Please remember that those serving on the Elections Committee cannot run for Section office.

We also want you to consider running for office. All the elective offices (and their duration) are described in the by-laws, and all APSA members are eligible to run for office. The Section will succeed only if migration and citizenship scholars like yourself get actively involved with the Section. Once the Elections Committee is in place, its members will inform you what is required to get on the ballot.

Thank you all for your continued support. Let us know if you have questions or concerns.

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PS: this email has also been posted as a PDF file under the "Updates" tab on the website (<http://migrationcitizenshipsectionapsa.weebly.com/updates.html>)