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FULL REPORT

MEMBERSHIP: In 2017, our membership decreased to 604 from 633 in 2016.

FINANCIALS: $16,598.86 (Total Income) - $3,417.70 (Total Expenses) = $13,181.16 (Balance)

The ISA-West conference was held at the Pasadena Westin, on September 23-24. This year’s conference included two important events. One was the presentation of the Ole R. Holsti Distinguished Scholar Award, which was created to honor a senior scholar with a record of research, teaching and mentoring, and service to ISA. The 2016 honoree is Dr. Patrick James of the University of Southern California. Dr. James presented the keynote address, “Systems of International Studies” at the Saturday luncheon. Additionally, ISA-West held an Emerging Scholars Forum as this year’s professional development activity. Modeled on a similar program held at main ISA, this program matches junior academics with senior scholars who discuss their work, i.e., its relationship to the relevant subfield. The West recognizes T.V. Paul, Mark Boyer, William Thompson and Jacek Kugler for agreeing to serve as the senior faculty in this important membership role.

ISA President T.V. Paul delivered the keynote address, “Is Peaceful Accommodation of Rising Powers Possible,” at the Friday evening Reception.

Overall, we had 155 people register for the conference and held 38 panels and roundtables. It should be noted that participants included individuals from ten states outside of the ISA-West region as well as twelve countries from around the world.

Thanks to the efforts of ISA-West board member Cameron Thies, the conference received generous sponsorships from School of Politics and Global Studies at Arizona State University, School of International Relations at the University of Southern California, and ISA Active Learning in International Affairs Section (ALIAS). ISA-West would also like to acknowledge USC for again furnishing student volunteers to the conference.

With the election of Cameron Thies as program chair for the 2017 conference, Amy Below assumes the presidency of ISA-West. The 2017 meeting will again be held at the Pasadena Westin on September 22-23, 2017.