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INTRODUCTION AND FORMAL BUSINESS

1. WELCOME
   1.1 Professor Adrian Kay welcomed members to the 2016 APSA AGM. Encouraged members to keep comments brief and to point due to very tight time schedule.

2. APOLOGIES
   2.1 No apologies recorded.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST AGM
   3.1 Members confirmed as accurate Minutes of last AGM, held 25 September 2015 at University of Canberra. Nominated by Jason Sharman; seconded by Luke Mansillo.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
   4.1 No further business arising from the 2015 minutes.

GENERAL BUSINESS

5. OUTGOING PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   5.1 Report from outgoing President, Professor Adrian Kay, is reproduced verbatim in Appendix One.
   5.2 Adrian welcomed new APSA Executive Assistant Lisa MacKinney.
   5.3 Adrian thanked Chris Walker and team at UNSW for all their work hosting the conference.
   5.4 Membership is falling, encouraged members to renew, Executive looking into ways of streamlining membership renewal and emphasising benefits of membership.

6. TREASURER’S REPORT
   6.1 Report from APSA Treasurer/Secretary, Professor Jason Sharman.
   6.2 ASPA is in good financial health; operating surplus of around $30,000 for this year. Constitutional requirement to retain 3 years of annual revenue in our trust funds (c. $400,000); as of audit, $649,202 in all the accounts.
   6.3 Aim is not to have operating surplus, but to spend all each year; in practice this is difficult due to (sometime surprise) fluctuations in income and expenditure.
   6.4 Membership is down; typically this was largest source of revenue, but now the income from AJPS royalty payments has overtaken that.
   6.5 Aim to return all revenue in form of services to members – APSA Executive membership is voluntary; members all pay their own flights, registration etc.
6.6 Audit documents will go on web; legal duty to be audited every year. Opened to questions from floor; there were no questions.

7. **EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS**

7.1 Adrian – the membership is to elect a new Vice President/President Elect, a new Treasurer (Jason Sharman is moving to the UK), and new Ordinary EC member. Postgraduate Caucus Representative has already been elected.

7.2 Vice President/President Elect: nomination from the Executive is Professor AJ Brown from Griffith University. Nominated by Adrian; seconded by Prof Linda Botterill. No other nominations; Prof Brown hereby elected.

7.3 Treasurer: Executive has nominated Dr Tim Legrand from National Security College at ANU. Nominated by Adrian, seconded by Prof Jenny Lewis. No other nominations; Dr Legrand hereby elected (in absentia – teaching today).

7.4 Ordinary member: contested election. Two nominations, Carolien van Ham (UNSW) & Dr Maria Rae (Deakin University). Each to send short statements about what they might bring to the Executive, email them to Lisa at the APSA National Office, and voting will take place online in the next few days.

7.5 Postgraduate Representative: Sophie Yates, congratulations; Sophie present and accepted nomination.

8. **AJPS REPORT**

8.1 Report on the *Australian Journal of Political Science* from Prof. Marian Simms as Professor Geoff Stokes was unable to be here.

8.2 Full report was included with attachments. Special issue in December 2015; impact factor suppression due to perceived over-referencing of other AJPS articles. Taylor and Francis’ explanation was that this was based on data and did not account for editorial motivations. Appealing not possible.


8.4 Gender disparity; women not submitting as many articles to *AJPS* as men.

8.5 Discussion about content management - *AJPS* relatively efficient in turn around, reviewing, decision-making. Thanks to all reviewers who took part in this process, board, committee, also social media managers at Deakin, 700 Twitter followers. Been a wonderful 6 years, thrilled to be handing over to great team at Griffith.

8.6 External citations and international citations have increased.

8.7 Round of applause and thanks to *AJPS* editorial team at Deakin.

9. **WOMEN’S CAUCUS REPORT**

9.1 Report from Women’s Caucus Executive Committee representative, Professor Louise Chappell.

9.2 Well-attended meeting yesterday. Will be announcing winner of the Women and Politics prize at the dinner tonight. Discussion about this prize; been
decided that it will be converted into a PhD prize that will run along similar lines to the current PhD Prize, but will be biennial. Caucus has had bequest from pioneering political scientist Thelma Hunter’s estate that will be used to fund this prize; inaugural prize in 2018.

9.3 Discussion about expanding diversity of curriculum; Chris Neff has agreed to develop a workshop proposal to submit when APSA Workshop Proposal call goes out which will bring together a group of people concerned about extending diversity and hopefully generate some action on this as a result of this workshop. Terrific to have Chris on board; please contact Chris if you’d like to be involved.

9.4 Thanked outgoing editors of *AJPS* for providing disaggregated gender information; hope new editors are able to continue that. We note drop in number of women submitting to journal, and being published in it. Discussion: sense that *AJPS* not particularly welcoming of gender discussions and female scholars, will discuss this with new editors and see how that might be improved.

9.5 Drew also on Marian’s disaggregated data from ARC, noted that women are submitting far fewer applications across all schemes; this is a real problem. Caucus keen to take this up, perhaps workshop? Discussion of issues that might be preventing women from submitting.

9.6 Carole Pateman Prize will be award in 2018 – Lisa Hill from University of Adelaide has agreed to convene panel for that prize.

9.7 Marian Simms commented that for Social Sciences DECRAs success rate higher for women than men. Humanities: more female applicants than men, and higher success rate.

10. **STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

10.1 Report from the Standing Committee on International Relations from Renee Jeffery.

10.2 Significant changes to composition of Standing Committee; several long-standing foundational members have stood down: Tim Dunn, Robyn Eckersley, Katrina Lee-Koo. Making way for new members; this time next year committee will look substantially different. Renee thanked these founding members for their service to the committee. Renee has taken over from Sarah Percy as chair.

10.3 Joint IPSA/APSA/OCIS Congress in 2018; IR Committee is looking forward to being involved.

11. **POSTGRADUATE CAUCUS REPORT**


11.2 Welcomed Sophie Yates as new Postgraduate Representative. At workshop our speakers included Professor Marian Simms and Professor Jackman, thanked them and others for their leadership in mentoring Postgraduates.

11.3 We have for the last year had tendered process for Postgrad methods workshop, multiple unsuccessful submissions. Conversations with committee from 2017 have floated the possibility of including a methods workshop with the Postgraduate Day on the Sunday before the conference.
Adrian thanked Luke for his services as Postgrad representative. Marian commented that the Postgrad workshops have been excellent, impressive and very enjoyable; Adrian seconded this.

12. IPSA WORLD CONGRESS

12.1 Report on planning for the 2018 ISPA World Congress from Professor Kath Gelber

12.2 2018 APSA & OCIS will be incorporated into the 25th Annual IPSA World Congress, to be held in Brisbane, first time this has been held in Australia. A flyer will be circulated at and after our current APSA conference; APSA members will received a 50% discount off their registration. Attendance at an IPSA Congress requires IPSA membership; negotiated a financial arrangement which will make APSA & IPSA membership and registration approximately the same price as attending this current conference.

12.3 Very excited about network and outreach possibilities in our region, putting together an exciting, interesting program. IPSA Congress Biennial, longer lead time, held in July, call for papers will go out in May 2017. Closing date for submissions not yet determined, but we are trying to negotiate this for after the 2017 APSA Conference; panel submissions will likely close before. Will be sending Australian/APSA version of leaflet round in next few weeks; there will also be international version. Time imperative so need to do all this will in advance.

12.4 Thanked the Australian Universities whose logos appear on the leaflet for the significant support provided for this venture. Look forward to your submissions and to seeing you all there.

Adrian confirmed that Kath Gelber would remain as a co-opted member of the APSA Executive to ensure seamless APSA/IPSA liaison.

13. JOURNAL RANKINGS

13.1 Jason Sharman led discussion on APSA Journal Rankings.

APSA Executive decided to review and refresh the APSA Journal Ranking list, and put out a call for submissions. Jason thanked membership for putting so much work into the submissions, of which there were 19, very thoughtful and of high quality. These were considered by working group of four: Anika Guija (UoS) Kath Gelber (UQ), Adrian Kay (ANU) & Jason Sharman (Griffith), and after lengthy deliberations proposed a revised ranking which has been on website for consideration for the last few weeks. At the end of this discussion Adrian will call a vote for whether to update to the new revised version, or to keep the current version. Covered whole field of Political Science, in ABS terms 1606 & 1605. Submissions were made relating to 76 journals; working group made 57 changes: additions, subtractions, promotions, demotions. 2016 list is about 90% the same as 2013; changes although small are significant and we felt made for a better and more accurate list.

Methodological explanation is on the website but in summary we asked:
Is it referred? Is it Political Science, broadly defined? We then considered the evidence provided in the submissions. Jason then opened the discussion to questions from the floor.

**Ariadne Vromen (UoS)**, blog post about journal rankings; thanked Jason and committee for all their work, but broader discussion required about purpose of journal rankings, in APSA context and about whether ranking reflects pluralism in Australia. Biased for quantitative methods and against qualitative. Why do we not rank more highly the journals that Australian political scientists are more likely to publish in, and why aren’t we more inclusive of our active sub-fields within the discipline? Also no other social science discipline in the country is persisting with ERA journal rankings.

**Jason** commended Ariadne’s blog, and responded that background for the last ten years has been that the rankings should be internationally credible, and the original impetus was this was an order from the Australian Government as part of the RQF & then the ERA. ARC has since abolished this; may want to revisit this at some point. There is in fact a deliberate, explicit bias toward Australian journals reflecting the same logic Ariadne suggested. Not broken up into subfields at present, although we may want to revisit this also at a later date. Different approaches according to university and discipline; some prefer impact factor. We do put this list out, but no one is under any compunction to use it.

**Chris Neff (UoS)**, thanked Jason and the working group for all their work. Last list ended up as part of his contract, that he publish x number of articles in A star journals as ranked by APSA. So this list actually does matter. Also Chris disagrees with international standards consensus which he feels is very skewed to quantitative journals, and why should we perpetuate this?

**Jason** everyone working on this list has qualitative background; no quantitative. Reflects discipline as it is, not necessarily how we’d like it to be. But very much takes Chris’s point, political science in the US is different, huge range of methodological approaches.

**Peter Balint (UNSW)** sub-disciplinary biases, he is a political theorist – only one A star journal compared to 13 for comparative politics and 11 for International Relations. Purpose of list; APSA is here to serve its members interests, doesn’t think list serves member interests; need list that makes us look balanced and pluralistic when we’re talking to people outside our discipline. Also goes out of date very quickly; may well be better to have no list at all.

**Marian Simms** ARC asks assessors and applicants to not place weight on impact factors or other elements identifying journal quality; NHMRC prohibits reference to anything about journal quality. Problem for non-citation disciplines, and how that is managed.

**Jason Sharman** people may like to think about alternatives; impact factors, for instance, impact factor of the top political science journal compared with other
disciplines produces a very unflattering comparison. Before lists: any publication in any journal counted the same, one point: no system disadvantaged political science more than the system that preceded journal rankings.

13.2 Adrian called for straightforward YES/NO vote on whether to replace 2013 Journal ranking list with 2016 list.

13.3 Voting by show of hands, motion carried YES to replace list with new updated 2016 list.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Adrian thanked Jason Sharman for his services as Treasurer, far beyond call of duty: round of applause.
14.2 Adrian thanked Linda Botterill, who is stepping down from the APSA Executive Committee, for her service and particularly support as Immediate Past President: round of applause.
14.3 Adrian handed over the APSA Stick to Jenny Lewis as next APSA President.
1. New APSA Executive Assistant
2. New editorial team *Australian Journal of Political Science*
3. Membership drive
4. ASPA Annual Conference 2017 and IPSA World Congress 2018
5. MoU with the International Public Policy Association
6. APSA Research Groups

1. A key personnel change at the APSA National Office at the University of Melbourne has been the appointment of Dr Lisa MacKinney to replace Shari Blank as the Association’s Executive Assistant. On behalf of the APSA Executive, I would like to thank Shari for all her valuable work and welcome warmly Lisa, who has already done an excellent job in getting up to speed on the intricacies of our Association.

2. APSA is very pleased to announce that a new editorial team from Griffith University, led by Professor Renée Jeffery and Professor John Parkinson, has recently over at the Australian Journal of Political Science. This is an exciting time for the journal and the Association looks forward to working with the new editors to build on the excellent efforts of the outgoing Deakin team of Professor Geoff Stokes and Professor Marian Simms in raising the journal’s profile and impact over the past few years.

3. APSA’s membership has continued to fall in 2015-16. There are 337 current APSA members, compared to 370 members reported at the AGM last year and 405 reported two years ago. This is an important issue for the future financial health of APSA. As a starting point for action, it is worth noting that there are well over 500 expired memberships in our database as well as how few senior colleagues are members. Often dropping membership is an oversight rather than a conscious decision. Please encourage your colleagues to join or rejoin the Association. The incoming Executive will continue to develop ideas to ensure that the benefits of membership are attractive and that the process of membership renewal is as straightforward and minimal fuss as possible.

4. The 2017 APSA conference is being organised by the Department of Politics and International Relations at Monash University, our thanks to Benjamin MacQueen and everybody involved in the local organising committee for taking on this job. The major event in 2018 will be the International Political Science Association World
Congress in Brisbane in July. The APSA Executive is grateful that Kath Gelber continues to lead the local organising committee in this substantial and important endeavour for political studies in Australia. APSA looks forward to working closely and productively with IPSA in the run up to the 2018 World Congress.

5. Subject to final Executive approval, APSA has negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding with the recently created International Public Policy Association (IPPA). Australian political scientists have been prominent in the success of the initial International Conferences on Public Policy held in Grenoble and Milan and this MoU represents the chance for mutually beneficial cooperation during the next few years.

6. APSA Research Groups continue to be one of the main vehicles within the Association to support networks and cooperation between colleagues in different fields of political science. These groups also contribute to the appropriate recognition of these fields and to enable the coordination of their representation within the association. The APSA Executive always welcomes new proposals for such groups, and information about how to form them is on the website http://www.auspsa.org.au/groups/standing-research-groups.

Adrian Kay
Australian National University
APSA President 2015-2016
1. Acknowledgements and thanks
2. APSA Survey
3. APSA Annual Conference and IPSA World Congress 2018
4. Constitutional amendment proposal
5. Annual Conference 2017 and APSA prizes
6. APSA workshop funding

1. This has been a very busy year for APSA, and I want to first acknowledge Dr Lisa MacKinney, the Association’s Executive Assistant, who does an incredible job of keeping APSA ticking along in just 2 days per week. I also want to thank the Executive for their work over the last year. Despite all being busy academics with (at least) full time day jobs, this team has managed to find time to work on APSA statements, conduct a survey of members and non-members, debate and agree on a constitutional amendment that we will be voting on shortly, and deal with a range of issues, including those arising as we build towards the International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress in Brisbane in July 2018.

2. In response to a downward trend in APSA’s membership in the last few years, we conducted a survey of members and non-members in 2017. The work of Anika Gauja and Carolien van Ham on this was particularly appreciated. Carolien will give a brief presentation of the results during the AGM and we will make a report available to members on the APSA website, soon after the conference. The survey has provided us with very useful information on what the membership (and potential members) want from APSA, and the incoming Executive will use these to make some decisions that reflect what we have heard from you.

3. As you will be aware, the 2018 APSA conference is being combined with the the IPSA World Congress in Brisbane in July. Kath Gelber continues to lead the local organising committee in this substantial and important endeavour for political studies in Australia. This is a major undertaking and the executive is extremely grateful to Kath and the Local Organising Committee for all the hard work they are doing to ensure that this will be a great success. APSA is working closely and productively with Kath and her team and we will receive an update on this during this AGM.

4. There is a tradition that has been in place for almost 20 years in APSA that the incoming Vice President (and President Elect) identifies as a different gender to the incumbent President.
Such a stance is not widespread in other disciplinary associations but it is one that has contributed to ensuring diversity in the leadership of the Association. For this reason, the Executive has decided to put forward a constitutional amendment in regard to nominating the incoming Vice President/President Elect, which we will vote on during this AGM.

5. This year’s conference was organised by the Department of Politics and International Relations at Monash University. A big thank you to Ben MacQueen and everybody involved in the local organising committee for all their efforts. Throughout the lead up to this conference Lisa, our Executive Assistant and I have spent considerable time clearing up the confusing eligibility requirements associated with some of our prizes. As a result these have either already been changed or soon will be. We also discovered too late that the conference manual does not explicitly state that APSA members should be given a discount on their conference registration. We will rectify this ahead of next year, but rest assured that for the IPSA World Conference next year, APSA members will receive a 50% discount on registration.

6. The APSA Executive makes funding available for workshops to existing research groups, new groups, and members who want to convene workshops on topics of interest. We especially encourage the inclusion of early career researchers in these bids. A call will be going out soon for the 2018 workshops, which closes late in this calendar year, and I would like to encourage you to consider applying for this. Information is available on the website http://www.auspsa.org.au/page/funding-opportunities.

Jenny M Lewis

The University of Melbourne

APSA President 2016-2017
Annual Report for the
Annual General Meeting of the
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26 September 2017

Prepared by Professor Renée Jeffery

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5 September 2017
Overview

The Griffith University editorial team took over responsibility for editing the *Australian Journal of Political Science (AJPS)* in September 2016. Under our tenure, the first three issues of Volume 52 have been published. Issue 4 went to press on September 5, and will be published in December 2017. The following report provides an overview of *AJPS* activities in the year prior to September 5, 2017.

Data on:

- submission trends and content management is drawn from the ScholarOne system
- gender taken from internal gender audit conducted by editorial team
- citations, downloads and altmetric scores from the Taylor and Francis website and from Google Scholar

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1. Articles Published

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Volume 52, No.1 (March 2017)

Editorial (220 views; Altmetric = 9)

Articles

Sarah Maddison, ‘Recognise what? The limitations of settler colonial constitutional reforms’ (333 views)

Anna Boucher, ‘Boundary spanning regimes and public policy change: the convergence of welfare and immigration policies’ (153 views)

Joseph Drew and Bligh Grant, ‘Multiple agents, blame games and public policy-making: the case of local government reform in New South Wales’ (125 views; 1 CrossRef; Altmetric = 2)

Ferran Martinez i Coma & Minh Trinh, ‘How electoral integrity affects voter turnout in democracies’ (226 views; 1 CrossRef; Altmetric = 5)

Marc Hooghe & Dieter Stiers, ‘Do reluctant voters vote less accurately? The effect of compulsory voting on party–voter congruence in Australia and Belgium’ (577 views)

Glenn Kefford, ‘Rethinking small political parties: from micro to peripheral’ (292 views; Altmetric = 10)

Thomas Wilkins, ‘Australia and middle power approaches to Asia Pacific regionalism’ (382 views)

Xu Tian, ‘Accountability without democracy: evidence from Confucian accountability’ (113 views)

Symposium

Keith Dowding, ‘The highlights of *The Philosophy and Methods of Political Science*’ (137 views)

Aaron Martin, ‘Causation and description in political science’ (71 views)

Jana von Stein, ‘Not just another book on the philosophy and methods of political science’ (61 views)

Jack Vowles, ‘A breath of fresh air’ (44 views)

Keith Dowding, ‘Some reflections following the comments’ (50 views)

Erratum
Volume 52, No.2, (May 2017)

Articles

Keith Dowding, ‘Australian exceptionalism reconsidered’ (241 views)

Dennis Grube and Elizabeth van Acker, ‘Rhetorically defining a social institution: how leaders have framed same-sex marriage’ (276 views; Altmetric = 1)

Morgan Brigg and Jodie Curth-Bibb, ‘Recalibrating intercultural governance in Australian Indigenous organisations: the case of Aboriginal community controlled health’ (195 views; Altmetric = 11)

Gerry Stoker, Jinjing Li, Max Halupka, and Mark Evans, ‘Complacent young citizens or cross-generational solidarity? An analysis of Australian attitudes to democratic politics’ (317 views; Altmetric = 84)

Shaun Ratcliff, ‘Interest aggregators, not office chasers: evidence for party convergence and divergence in Australia’ (196 views; Altmetric = 8)

Jean Parker and Damien Cahill, ‘The retreat from neoliberalism that was not: Australia’s Building the Education Revolution’ (181 views; Altmetric = 2)

William G. Sanders, ‘Three accounts of the emergence of the remote jobs and communities program: changing timeframes and types of actors’ (85 views)

Nicholas Bromfield, ‘Welcome home: reconciliation, Vietnam veterans, and Anzac during the Hawke government’ (143 views; Altmetric = 2)

Review Article

Thomas O’Brien, ‘Shifting patterns of governance in authoritarian regimes’ (128 views; Altmetric = 1)

Volume 52, No.3, (August 2017)

Katrina Lee-Koo and Maria Maley, ‘The Iron Butterfly and the Political Warrior: mobilising models of femininity in the Australian Liberal Party’ (162 views; Altmetric = 20)

Lesley Pruitt, Gemma Hamilton, Georgina Heydon & Ceridwen Spark, ‘Abbott’s ‘budget crisis’, CALD women’s loss? Service providers explore the impact of funding cuts’ (70 views; Altmetric = 5)

Narelle Miragliotta & Campbell Sharman, ‘Managing midterm vacancies: institutional design and partisan strategy in the Australian parliament, 1901–2013’ (68 views)
Russell Solomon, ‘Bounded political contestation: the domestic translation of international health and housing rights in Australia’ (51 views)

Charles Miller, ‘Australia’s anti-Islam right in their own words: Text as data analysis of social media content’ (157 views; Altmetric = 1)

Jonathan Malloy, ‘Political opportunity structures, evangelical Christians and morality politics in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand’ (136 views; Altmetric = 11)

Andreas Schäfer, ‘Deliberation in representative institutions: an analytical framework for a systemic approach’ (139 views; Altmetric = 9)

Jun-Hyeok Kwak, Republican patriotism and Machiavelli’s patriotism’ (147 views)

Tod William Moore, ‘Born in Melbourne? Considerations on the origins of Australian political science’ (59 views)

Review Article


Volume 52, No.4, (December 2017)

Carolyn Hendriks, ‘When representative democracy turns participatory: interpreting Indi’

Jill Sheppard and Nicholas Biddle, ‘Class, capital and identity in Australian society’

Tom Conley, ‘The stretched rubber band: banks, houses, debt and vulnerability in Australia’

Grant Walton and Caryn Peiffer, ‘The impacts of education and institutional trust on citizens’ willingness to report corruption: lessons from Papua New Guinea’

Lucie Newsome, ‘Female leadership and welfare state reform: the development of Australia’s first national paid parental leave scheme’

Blair Williams, ‘He’s “Taken Back the Reins” and she’s “a Backstabbing Murderer”: a media analysis of the prime ministerial ascension of Gillard and Turnbull’

Kcasey McLoughlin and James Jose, ‘The politics of the public and private spheres: the High Court’s decision in Monis and the gendered privileging of free speech’

Liang Jiang, ‘Why context matters: the impact of campaign context on the relationship between digital media use and political engagement’

Brian Head, ‘Political science: perspectives about value, relevance and impact’

Review Essay

Narelle Miragliotta, ‘Elections and electoral politics’
2. Impact Factor

In 2017 Thomson Reuter’s included the *Australian Journal of Political Science* in its Journal Citation Reports Social Science Citation Index for 2016 after suppressing the journal’s results the previous year. The latest results indicate that the journal’s 2016 Impact Factor approximates the result it achieved in 2014, prior to the suppression of the 2015 results in 2016.

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**Figure 1: Impact Factor 2011-2016**

3. Citations, Downloads & Altmetric Scores

The journal’s most highly cited article (CrossRef) was Will Grant, Brenda Moon and Janie Busby Grant’s ‘Digital Dialogue? Australian Politicians’ use of the Social Network Tool Twitter’ published in 2010 (see Table 1). According to Google Scholar, Robert Mattes’, ‘The “Born Frees”: The Prospects for Generational Change in post-Apartheid South Africa, published in 2012 is the most highly cited.
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For the fifth year in a row, Alissa Macoun’s article ‘Aboriginality and the Northern territory intervention was the most read article with 9096 total views.

**Table 2: Most Read Articles**

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In 2017, 101 original articles were submitted to the *AJPS* (original articles are new articles submitted to the journal for the first time and thus exclude revised and resubmitted articles). As illustrated in Figure 2, submissions to the journal appear to have declined slightly in the last twelve months.

As illustrated in Table 4, the vast majority of submissions to the journal continue to be made by authors located at an Australian university, although submissions were received from authors in twenty other countries in 2017.

**Figure 2: Original Articles Submitted 2011-2017**

![Bar chart showing original articles submitted from 2011 to 2017.](chart.png)

**Table 4: Geographical Distribution of Submissions in 2017**

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<th>Country</th>
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<td>China</td>
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<td>United States of America</td>
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<td>Iran</td>
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<td>Egypt</td>
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<td>Azerbaijan, Russia, Greece, Bulgaria, Vietnam, Nigeria, Argentina, New Zealand, Germany, Kazakhstan, Spain, Japan, Chile, Canada, India</td>
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5. Gender Statistics

Among the key priorities of the Griffith editorial team has been to improve the representation of female authors in the *AJPS*. The most significant improvement in 2017 was in the percentage of articles with a sole female author published in the journal: 19%, compared to 10% in 2016 and 13% in 2015 (see Figure 3).

In addition, in 2017 41% of articles published in the journal had at least one female author, similar to 2016 (40%), and a significant gain on 2015 (23%). While these figures indicate that some gains have been made in working toward the more equal representation of men and women in the journal, two notes of caution should be sounded: i) whether these improvements can be maintained remains to be seen, and; ii) it remains the case that the journal publishes more than double the number of articles by a sole male author (47% in 2017) than a sole female author (19%), and more than half of all articles in the journal do not have a female author (as a solo author, member of a female only team, or member of a mixed team).

As Table 5 demonstrates, the lower representation of female authors in the *AJPS* relative to male authors can be attributed to a lower submission rate. In 2017, 20% of articles submitted were written by a sole female author, while 45% of articles submitted were written by a sole male author. For both male and female authors, the relationship between rate of submission and eventual publication of sole authored articles is similar (Table 6): that is, male and female authors have almost identical rates of success when they submit work to the journal. However, this does not necessarily indicate that women are choosing not to submit their work to the *AJPS* but rather may reflect the general under-representation of women in Australian political science.

One new initiative instituted in 2017 has been a change in the referencing style of the journal. References must now include the first name, rather than just initials of authors cited. This will allow more effective gender auditing of citation patterns to be conducted. As this change was instituted for 52(3), the impact of this initiative is not yet clear but it is hoped it will make patterns of gender bias in citations more apparent to authors.

**Figure 3: Published Articles by Gender**

![Published Articles by Gender](image-url)
Table 5: Submissions by Gender

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<th>% of total submissions</th>
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<td>50</td>
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<td>Female only team</td>
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<td>Mixed team</td>
<td>16</td>
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Table 6: Submissions versus Published Articles 2017*

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*This comparison should be treated with caution as submission and publication does not always occur in the same year.

6. Content Management

In 2017, the *AJPS* received 101 new submissions (Table 7). Of these, the majority were for articles. We received 5 submissions for commentaries but have now phased them out of our publication.

In 2017 the journal’s adjusted final acceptance rate was 29%, an increase on the reported figures for 2016 (24%) and 2015 (27%) but lower than 2014 (32%) (see Figure 4).

Editorial decisions (Figure 5) were divided between acceptances (21%), major revisions (19%), minor revisions (20%), and rejections (25%). ‘Desk rejections’ (labelled ‘Reject - Inappropriate) accounted for 11% of decisions, while the remaining 4% were for ‘Reject and Resubmit’ decisions. Note that the different acceptance rates portrayed in Figures 4 and 5 are due to the Figure 4 being an account of final decisions, and Figure 5 portraying all decisions. The discrepancy emerges because multiple decisions are often made about a single article prior to its eventual acceptance or rejection.

Initial handling times improved from an average of 41.5 to 39.2 days from submission to first decision, while the time taken to assign reviewers to a new article was 7.7 days (compared to 12.8 days in 2016) (Table 8). The average time taken to reach a final decision increased to 65 days: this can be wholly attributed to the fact that several articles that had been in the ScholarOne system for considerable periods of time were processed in 2017. For example, the Griffith team inherited four articles that were in the system for a total of 3138 days (the longest being 1566 days, dating back to 2012), a figure that has certainly effected our time management statistics.
That said, 65 days still constitutes a relatively fast turn around time: according to RateMyReview.eu, the average time from submission to first decision for the journals included in its survey was 66 days.

Table 7: Original Submissions* by Type

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<th>Submission Type</th>
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<td>Original Article</td>
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<td>Review Article</td>
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<td>Commentary</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>101</strong></td>
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*Original submissions are new articles submitted to the journal. This figure excludes revised and resubmitted articles.

Figure 4: Final Decisions 2011-2017
Figure 5: All Editorial Decisions 2017

Table 8: Article Handling Times

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<td>Average days from submission to 1st decision</td>
<td>39.2</td>
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<td>20.9</td>
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<td>Average reviewer turn around time (days) Revision</td>
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<td>Average time to assign reviewer (days) Original article</td>
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<td>Average days from submission to final decision</td>
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7. Social Media

As of 1 September 2017 our Twitter account (@AusJPolSci) has 942 followers (up from 700 one year earlier). This compares well with other journals of a similar size and profile. Twitter is becoming a valuable new means of publicising academic research, and of directing new readers to the journal.

Table 9: Twitter

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<td>8651</td>
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8. Editorial Board and Advisory Committee

The AJPS currently has both an Editorial Board (25 members) and an Editorial Advisory Committee (12 members). During the past year, several members of the Board and Committee have indicated that they no longer wish to continue serving in their current role, for the most part because they have retired from their academic positions. We are therefore in the process of renewal and will announce the new members in issue 1 of 2018.