April 15, 2021

Meeting called to order at 3:10 pm central standard time

20 attendees were present

VP welcomed and begun the meeting

Due to covid, we are not taking any dues this year, new members are welcomed to join for free

VP and Newsletter Editor recounted the great successes of the 3 author meets critics panels and highlighted the three panels yet to come.

**Awards given to Distinguished scholars:**

Jessica Lavariega Monforti MPSA 2020 presented with distinguished scholar award by Secretary

David Leal for MPSA 2021 presented with distinguished scholar award by Newsletter Editor

**Early Career Award:**

Marcela Cecilia Ostfeld presented with Early Career Award by Newsletter Editor

**Best Graduate Student Paper**

Because there were no submissions for the Best Graduate Student papers, no award was given

The VP discussed general updates for the caucus

Caucus panels and roundtables

Please support our panels and roundtables and tweet!

**Election of new officers**

Joe Tafoya nominated and elected Treasurer

Alvaro Corral nominated and elected secretary

Roberto Carlos nominated and elected newsletter writer

VP remains unfilled as the caucus agreed to seek a tenured person for the position. Senior members present, graciously offered to find candidates for the position

The caucus voted and passed a motion to make the president a co position in the future

The treasurer updated the caucus’ financial situation

There are currently about $1100 in the caucus treasury

Due to covid, new members can join and dues have been put on hold

Meeting ended at 4:20