Committee on Hispanics/Latinxs

2021–2022 Membership

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Lori Gallegos, newsletter editor
To: Linda Nuoffer
From: Carlos A Sanchez, Chair, Committee on Hispanics/Latinxs in Philosophy
Date: September 22, 2022
RE: 2021-2022 Committee Report

1. What were the major projects/activities accomplished by the committee in the most recent fiscal year? Are any of these projects ongoing?

A new co-Chair, Robert Sanchez, was appointed to the Committee. He will take over as Chair at the end of my current term. We awarded the 2021 Essay Prize in Latin American Thought to Dr. Ernesto Rosen Velasquez for his essay, "Is Latina Mestizo Identity a Being-in-Worlds?" The Committee commended Dr. Rosen Velasquez for an innovative, rigorous, contribution to Latinx/Latin American philosophy, one that not only contributes to the growth and expansion of our field, but can also be counted among the best, original, English-language philosophical essays of 2021. We also instituted the practice of publishing the essays finishing in second and third place in the Newsletter. This was a great success.

Other COMPLETED projects:
• Set up a number of panels at the different meetings of the APA.

Other ONGOING projects:
• Discussions ongoing about publishing essays in Spanish and Portuguese in the Newsletter. Several obstacles to this.
• Setting up panels at the different meetings.

2. How did the projects/activities of the most recent fiscal year compare to the plans laid out in the committee’s last annual report to the board? Please explain anything that changed or went differently from what was planned.

All objectives laid out in the previous report were accomplished.

3. How did the committee go about accomplishing the planned projects/activities? • What were the relevant results for the committee’s projects/activities? • What went well? What could have gone better? • What are the committee’s plans for the coming fiscal year?

Whatever we accomplished, which was not much, was frustratingly slow. A major obstacle is member communication. With a couple of exceptions, members do not respond to emails, requests, or invitations. The exception was judging the APA Prize. Otherwise, member participation is abysmal. I have no proposed solution, other than a different means of communication. I will call a meeting for November of December to set the agenda for the final days of my term.