I. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Roger Tourangeau called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. EST and a quorum was established.

Nancy Belden moved, seconded by Rich Morin to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017, Executive Council meeting as presented. The minutes were approved unanimously.

II. SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

December 2016 Financials
Secretary-Treasurer Allyson Holbrook noted that the December financials reflected the positive forecast for the end of the year. As of December 31, 2016, total year-to-date net income remains strong at 102% revenue and 95% expenses. It appears there will be a surplus of approximately $100,000.

III. CONSENT AGENDA
Roger Tourangeau noted that consent reports were presented for information from the AAOR.org metrics, Communications Committee, AAAS Letter, Executive Director, Policy Impact Award, 2016 Webinar Stats, Education Committee, Conference Steering Committee and Membership and Chapter Relations Committee.
Tim Johnson moved, seconded by Mollyann Brodie to accept the consent reports as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPOINTMENTS - ALL

- Communications Committee: Mary McDougall, Survox Inc. – 3-year term.
- Membership & Chapter Relations – Diversity Subcommittee: Alain Kasabian, University of Nebraska – Lincoln – 3-year term.

Rich Morin moved, seconded by Brady West to approve the committee appointments as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

V. ResearchHack 3.0

Brady West reported on the progress of the ResearchHack 3.0 plans. The judges are confirmed. Each member of the winning team will receive a complimentary short course at the 2018 Conference. ResearchHack 3.0 registration has opened. Promotions have not started at this point. The committee is working on recruiting participants and mentors.

VI. DIVERSITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Mollyann Brodie presented the proposal for the long term implementation plan to address diversity issues. Council supports the Diversity Coordinating Committee plan as presented.

Trent Buskirk moved, seconded by Brady West to approve the proposal as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. FUTURE OF TELEPHONE SURVEY TASK FORCE REPORT


VIII. MCR AFFINITY GROUP REQUEST

Anna Wiencrot presented the proposed plan for approving Affinity Groups.

Tim Johnson moved, seconded by Mollyann Brodie to give MCR chairs the ability to approve Affinity Group applications to expedite the process. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Roger Tourangeau followed up on Howard Schulman’s post to AAPORnet. Roger will reach out to Howard to let him know that Council is looking into it.
Award Stipends, Student Travel/Sudman
Trent Buskirk reported that a Sudman winner and Sudman Honorable Mention Award winner had been selected. He asked for additional funds to give to the Honorable Mention winner. It was suggested that the additional funding may be given as a travel award.

Anna Wiencrot reported that thirty-three travel applications were received. Of those thirty-three, thirty-one were qualified. Ten travel winners are budgeted for. Anna requested additional funding to invite some of those students. Council agreed that an additional ten students (nine plus the Sudman Honorable Mention winner) would be awarded.

Nancy Belden moved, seconded by Tim Johnson to increase number of travel award winners to twenty. The motion carried unanimously.

75th Anniversary
Rich Morin mentioned that the Heritage Committee is looking for recommendations on how to celebrate AAPOR’s 75th Anniversary in 2020. The conference will be in Atlanta.

DC Short Course
Morgan Earp reported that fifty-six of the available seventy-three seats for the DC Short Course have been purchased.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Roger Tourangeau stated that meeting was adjourned at about 2:43 p.m. EST.

Rich Morin moved, seconded by Anna Wiencrot to adjourn the Executive Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.