

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association

February 22, 2003

President Mark Elrod presided and conducted the meeting. He presented the following two by-laws approved by the Executive Board on Friday, February 21st.

1. All members of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Political Science Association must be dues-paying members of the association.
2. All persons on the program of the annual meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association must be registered at the meeting, unless designated as guests.

Both by-laws were adopted by the membership.

Secretary-Treasurer Jeddy LeVar have the financial report, which showed a balance of \$2,112.44 in the operating fund and a balance of \$6,499.09 in the association's trust and development fund.

The following individuals were elected as officers for 2003-2004:

Dr. Richard Wang – President

Dr. John Passe-Smith – Vice President

Dr. Haroon Khan – Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. Jeddy LeVar – Member of the Executive Board (2003-2004)

Dr. Susan Zlomke – Member of the Executive Board (2003-2005)

Dr. Mark Mullenbach – Member of the Executive Board (2003-2005)

The membership reaffirmed the following resolution:

Whereas: One of the goals of a college education is to provide an educated, informed, and participatory citizenry; and

Whereas: Several studies have shown that many Americans lack a basic understanding of the American political system and its foundations; and

Whereas: Political participation and voting have declined in the U.S. over the past several decades; and

Whereas: The tragic events of September 11, 2001 have rekindled interest in the foundations of the American political system:

Be it hereby resolved that the Arkansas Political Science Association respectfully recommends to the Arkansas Department of Education that a course in American National Government become a required component of the state's core college curriculum.

The above resolution is to be sent to state legislators and to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.