

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF

PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS 71601

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Dear Colleague:

Enclosed is a copy of my first draft of the Constitution for the Arkansas Political Science Association. I would hope that you will have some time to read it with a critical mind.

In order to make certain progress in presenting our final draft to the members of the Association for their approval, I feel it necessary for us now to make certain preliminary work:

- (1) You may give me general or specific comments or criticism on my draft herein enclosed; or
- (2) you may circulate your own draft or suggestions, if already prepared for, totally different from mine.

Once you present to me either (1) or (2) of the above at least by July 22, 1974, then I will be in a position to call for a meeting of the Constitutional Committee in Little Rock, sometime in late July or early August.

You may wish to express your own most convenient time-table or place for such a meeting, and I will try to find the most agreeable arrangements.

Wish every one of you a pleasant summer vacation.

Sincerely,



Tae Y. NAM, Chairman
Constitutional Committee
Arkansas Political Science Association

THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE ARKANSAS POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Arkansas Political Science Association.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purposes of this organization are: to encourage communications and understanding of instruction in political science as an academic discipline in Arkansas, to develop theories and methods in studying political and governmental phenomena at all educational levels, to promote opportunities for research and publications relative to, but not limited to, Arkansas politics, and to establish and improve relations between political scientists and public officers in Arkansas.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Regular membership is open to faculty members at institutions of higher learning.

SECTION 2. Associate membership is open to public officers and other parties professionally interested in the purposes of the Association.

SECTION 3. Student membership is open to both graduate and undergraduate students in political science. Student members shall have all of the privileges of full members except those of voting and holding office.

ARTICLE IV. DUES

Annual dues shall be assessed at the following rates: Regular membership, \$5.00; Associate membership, \$5.00; and Student membership, \$1.00.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Officers of the Association shall include a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer; these along with the Chairmen of the Constitutional Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Nominating Committee shall comprise the Executive Board.

SECTION 2. The officers of the Executive Board shall serve for a term of a year, beginning on July 1 and expiring on June 30 of the following year.

SECTION 3. The Executive Board shall determine time, place, and the agenda for the annual or special meeting, present a budget for the coming year at the annual meeting, and select the speaker for the annual meeting.

SECTION 4. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of the Board members, and a majority of those present at the Board meeting may consider the business of the Association.

SECTION 5. In the event of any vacancies on the Executive Board, the President shall appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy, and the person so appointed shall serve until the next annual meeting ~~and special meeting~~ at which an election of new officers takes place.

SECTION 6. The President shall preside at all business meetings of the Association or its Executive Board and shall represent the Association in all functions and activities. He shall also appoint such committees as may be authorized by the Association.

SECTION 7. The Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President in the event of absence or resignation of the President.

SECTION 8. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep records of all

formal proceedings of the Association or its Executive Board, of minutes and correspondence and of all income and disbursements. He shall notify all members of the time and place of the meetings and submit a financial report to the annual meeting. He shall also issue such publications as a semi-annual Newsletter, a bi-annual membership Directory, or other occasional supplements to the Constitution or by-laws which the Association may direct.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. The President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and the Chairmen of the Nominating Committee, Constitutional Committee, and the Curriculum Committee shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee from among the regular and associate members at least ten days before the annual regular meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

SECTION 2. The election of these officers shall be in secret ballot by a majority vote of those members present and voting at the annual meeting of the Association.

SECTION 3. The President shall be limited to only one term of the office. The Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Committee Chairmen shall be eligible for re-election.

SECTION 4. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be from different institutions or cities in order to achieve due representation from as many of the institutions as possible.

SECTION 5. In the event of any vacancies in membership of the Nominating Committee, Constitutional Committee, and Curriculum Committee, the Chairman of the appropriate Committee shall appoint a member of the Association to serve until the next annual meeting at which an election of new officers takes place.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The Association shall hold at least one annual regular meeting in the spring. Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board.

SECTION 2. The call for any meeting, regular or special, must be notified to the members at least 30 days before it is to take place.

SECTION 3. The location of the annual meeting shall rotate among cities where universities or colleges are located.

SECTION 4. A quorum of the annual meeting shall consist of 20 regular and associate members of the Association.

SECTION 5. The annual meeting of the Association shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution or by-laws.

ARTICLE VIII. BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. Resolutions passed at annual or special meetings of the Association may be designated as By-laws. By-laws may be proposed by a majority of the Executive Board or on the petition of ten percent of the regular or associate members of the Association.

SECTION 2. These by-laws shall be considered effective when adopted by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the annual or special meetings of the Association.

SECTION 3. An amendment to the by-laws may be made by a majority vote of the regular or associate members present and voting at the annual or special meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to the Constitution of the Association may be proposed by a majority of the Executive Board or ten percent of the regular or associate members of the Association by written petition submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to any meeting.

SECTION 2. Proposed amendments may be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at annual or special meeting of the Association.

SECTION 3. This Constitution shall be in effect immediately after its adoption by a simple majority of those regular or associate members at the annual meeting of the Association.