

ArkPSA
Executive Board Fall 2024 Meeting
August 20, 2024
Virtual meeting

Present: Matt Evans, Hans Hacker, Chris Housenick, Amber Overholser (ex-officio), Mary Beth Sullivan, Jaeyung Sung, Heather Yates,

Executive Board Reports:

President's update, Heather Yates

- Heather continues to work on the standard operating procedures in anticipation of providing them to the full membership at the Spring meeting.

Treasurer's report, Chris Housenick

- Finances are similar in nature to amounts held last year with \$7, 058 in checking and \$2,501 in transfer, for \$9,559 in funds total.

Secretary's report, James McQuiston

- Attached
- As an additional note, Matt emphasized the need for all board members to submit their Conflict of Interest forms to the Board Secretary

MPSR Editor's update, Mary Beth Sullivan

- Submissions are still being collected and the journal is on track for the 24th volume to be printed in time for the Spring Conference.

2025 ArkPSA Conference update, Chris Housenick (co-program chair)

- Chris and Mike are working through logical aspects of conference planning and will have a conference date after discussions with hotel are settled.

Webmaster's report, Matt Evans

Matt had several items to cover during the course of the meeting, specifically:

- Updating the webpage and will need input from the Board regarding the use of a new(free) theme through WordPress. Matt will send out the themes for review
- Updating the board members and requested a copy of the most recent Constitution passed at the Spring 2023 meeting.
- Eliciting feedback regarding the need (or not) for a directory of political science faculty throughout the state. Members discussed having the directory updated for internal use (MSPSA), but not publicly available
- The creation of newsletters, potentially in October and February, to convey information about the conference and other happenings

Continuing Business Items:

ArkPSA Constitutional Amendments, Hans Hacker

- Hans, Mark, and Amber worked to revise Articles 3 and 5 of the Constitution addressing the nature of student membership in ArkPSA. See attachments.
- Members agreed to present the issue to the full membership in the Spring

Civic Arkansas Project/AR Civic Health Index Report, Heather Yates

- ArkPSA members have been approached to be involved with the Clinton School on the health of civic engagement in Arkansas. Matt proposed the creation of an ArkPSA civic education committee. Amber (ex-officio) suggested the need for a concomitant change to the organization's mission.
- Heather suggested putting before the full membership in the Spring the following:
 - The creation of a permanent "Civic Health" committee
 - Changes to the organizational mission to reflect new activities beyond current scope of mission via an ad hoc committee

The meeting was closed at 2:39pm.