

ArkPSA 2021 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Held virtually over Zoom on Feb. 25, 2021

Attendees: Kevin Brennan (OBU), John Davis (UAM), Matt Evans (NWACC), Melanie Liann Gallagher (HU), Matthew Gross (HSU), Amber Overholser (SAU), Mike Rogers (ATU), Karen Sebold (UA), Mary Beth Sullivan (UCA), Williams Yamkam (UAFS), Heather Yates (UCA)

Not in Attendance: Hans Hacker (ASU)

REPORTS

- 1) Midsouth Political Science Review Report by Editor Mary Beth Sullivan (UCA)
 - a. There was no volume in 2020, but there are plan to publish one in the first half of 2021.
 - b. Seven authors submitted, which is actually slightly up from last year. Authors are from Arkansas 6, Texas 2 Georgia 1, and Tennessee 1. The acceptance rate seems to be holding at approximately 50%.
 - c. While submissions have not declined, responses from reviewers (especially those outside the association) have been more difficult since the pandemic began. Out-of-state reviewers have been ghosting review requests initially or after followups.
- 2) President's Report by Karen Sebold (UA)
 - a. Future Conference Sites
 - i. 2022 conference program chairs at SAU: James McQuiston, Amber Overholser
 1. 2022 ArkPSA Tentative Budget presented by Amber Overholser
 - a. The proposed numbers, schedule, logistics, and details of the conference site are in an appendix.
 - b. Overholser asked about conference keynote speakers. Sebold suggested that this question is usually up to the program chair. Typically, it has been a politician and an academic. A local politician or some politician with connections to the school might be the first keynote speaker. The second keynote might be someone who has some connection to the program chair, like a former academic mentor. Rogers suggested that the association pays out honorariums, travel, and hotel expenses for the academic speaker. Sebold said that usually each keynote speaker usually gets a gift, but that the politician's gift need to be less than \$50 to comply with existing law.
 - c. Brennan wondered with the conference dates might conflict with Midwest Model UN in 2022. The dates for 2022 MMUN are not set, so there is need to follow up on this issue and possibly shift the conference to the first week of March.

- ii. 2023 conference program chairs at UCA: Heather Yates (UCA), Mary Beth Sullivan 50th Anniversary
 - iii. 2024 conference program chairs: John Davis (UAM)
 - 1. We need to get Davis on the Board next year in one of the open seats.
- b. Open Executive Positions
 - i. Treasurer to replace outgoing member Mike Rogers (ATU) - Chris Housenick (ATU)
 - ii. New member to replace Heather Yates (UCA) – Jordan Butcher (ASU-Jonesboro)
 - iii. New member to replace Amber Overholser (ASU) -- Jaeyun Sung (Lyon)
- 3) Financial Report presented by Mike Rogers (ATU)
 - a. The association keeps three bank accounts – two in Regent’s bank, and one in Paypal. One of the Regent accounts is a buffer account for Paypal. The full list of balances, expenditures, and revenues is in the appendix of the minutes.
- 4) Secretary’s Report presented by Matt Evans (UCA)
 - a. There were issues with listserv, Google Groups, so the lists was inputted into Mail Chimp.
 - b. Mail Chimp provides real-time data on who opens emails and what they click on, so the distribution issue has been solved in one sense. In another sense, Evans wants to get more communication through the association’s Facebook and LinkedIn group; and is working to add more the membership into these groups.
- 5) Vice-president’s Report by Mathew Gross (HSU)
 - a. 2020 Conference Paper Awards went out last year announced on the web site, and awardees received their certificates
 - b. There were no professional academic award because there were no nominees. Rogers pointed out the reason for the lack of nominees is that faculty have been focusing on roundtables at ArkPSA lately.
 - c. Award winners: Best Undergraduate Paper for Bailey Brya (Hendrix College), “NGO-Driven Environmental Awareness and Citizen Participation: The Case of the Yangtze River Watchers in China”; Best Graduate Paper for Murat Abus (Arkansas State University), “ Reflections in the Mirror: Authoritarian Values and Political Identities in Turkey”
- 6) Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. ArkPSA Blogging – John Davis (UAM)
 - i. Davis is chairing a subcommittee working on the issue that includes Yates and Evans. Evans adapted a draft policy for the ArkPSA blog from other academic blogs. The language of the draft policy is in the appendix of the minutes. There are ideas for different types of content, but are unsure about who would blog editor.
 - ii. Sebold wondered whether the blog editor should be an officer of the association. Rogers pointed out that creating any new offices would require

change the association's constitution. Group agreed, without voting, that this issue should be picked up in the future.

- b. Conduct Policy Committee – Karen Sebold (UA)
 - i. Sebold is chairing a subcommittee that includes Lori Klein (HU) and adapting material from the Southern Political Science Association.
- c. Professional Development – Hans Hacker (ASU)
 - i. For personal reasons, Hans was not at the meeting and did not provide a report on professional development. The issue will be re-visited at midyear meeting.
- d. Civics Education Push – Mike Rogers (ATU)
 - i. Rogers says that no progress has been made on the initiative to require American National Government as a general education requirement for undergraduate degrees. Evans suggested that the membership and board are divided on means and ends – whether such a goal would be desirable, and how the association might achieve that goal. Davis suggested that there might be an opening through an ADHE rule, but also worries that inviting the state to impact curriculum may be more harmful than good. The issue will be re-visited at midyear meeting.

ARKPSA SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT—2020

REGIONS ACCOUNT 1 (Primary Operations Account *5231)

Operating Fund—Beginning Balance (January 1, 2020) **\$4,042.40**

2020 Withdrawals:

1/27/2020	Holiday Inn Express (Speaker's Housing)	223.84
1/30/2020	Check 1106 (Reimbursement-Sebold & Dowdle Membership fees)	60.00
2/03/2020	Check 1105 (MPSR Mailing)	118.25
3/06/2020	Card Purchase (Arkansas VI- Conference Materials)	126.39
3/09/2020	Card Purchase (Slim & Shorty Executive Board Luncheon)	193.51
3/09/2020	Check 1107 (Reimbursement for Matt Gross-Conference Exp.)	176.68
3/09/2020	Card Purchase (CKE *67 Grill- Happy Hour Food & Beverages)	659.34
3/23/2020	Check 1108 (Sodexo- Conference Meals)	2090.62
3/25/2020	Check 1109 (Keynote Stipend & Expenses)	1015.00
5/15/2020	EIG*Bluehost.com (Web Service Fees)	608.03
8/25/2020	Check 1111 (Best Graduate Paper- Murat Abus)	200.00
9/08/2020	Check 1110 Best Undergraduate Paper- Bailey Brya)	<u>250.00</u>
		-5,721.66

2020 Deposits:

1/31/2020	Transfer from Regions Account Ending *	5,295.52
2/20/2020	Conference & Membership Fees	220.00
3/09/2020	Conference & Membership Fees	780.00
6/29/2020	Membership Fee	30.00
10/23/2020	Pi Sigma Alpha (Best Undergraduate Paper Prize Money)	250.00
11/30/2020	Ebsco International (Library MPSR Membership Fees)	<u>90.00</u>
		+6,665.52

REGIONS ACCOUNT *5321 NET CHANGE

2020 ENDING BALANCE (Regions Account *5231) 4,986.26

REGIONS ACCOUNT 2 (PayPal Linked Account *5460)

Operating Fund—Beginning Balance (January 1, 2021) **\$7,795.52**

2020 Withdrawals:

1/31/2020	Transfer to Regions (Account Ending *5321)	<u>\$5,295.52</u>
		-\$5,295.52

Deposits:

NONE

REGIONS ACCOUNT *5460 NET CHANGE -\$5,295.42

2020 ENDING BALANCE (Regions Account *5460) \$2,500.00

OPERATING FUNDS CHANGE 2020 (Combined Regions Accounts) (+\$1,613.73)

PAYPAL ACCOUNT

Operating Fund—Beginning Balance (January 1, 2020) **\$385.07**

2020 Withdrawals:

NONE

2020 Deposits

1/9/2020 Markson Agyapong	80.96
1/10/2020 Anthony Tresca	48.25
1/10/2020 amber overholser	82.23
1/13/2020 Kim Hoffman	82.23
1/14/2020 tom mcinnis	82.23
1/14/2020 Melanie Gallagher	82.23
1/15/2020 Lauren McHenry	48.25
1/15/2020 Karlie Galarza	48.25
1/16/2020 Kathy Rice	82.23
1/16/2020 Kathy Rice	28.83
1/16/2020 William McLean	82.23
1/17/2020 Kathy Rice	28.83
1/17/2020 Kathy Rice	82.23
1/21/2020 Donald Gooch	82.23
1/22/2020 Henry Sirgo	121.07
1/31/2020 Matthew Evans	82.23
2/10/2020 Nicole Shoaf	82.23
2/12/2020 Doug Reed	82.23
2/12/2020 Doug Reed	82.23
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2/12/2020 Doug Reed	82.23
2/12/2020 Doug Reed	82.23
2/12/2020 Doug Reed	48.25
2/12/2020 Hans Hacker	82.23
2/17/2020 Thomas Arnold	82.23
2/17/2020 Melissa Taverner	48.25
2/17/2020 Melissa Taverner	48.25
2/17/2020 Melissa Taverner	48.25
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2/17/2020 Melissa Taverner	48.25
2/18/2020 Zoe Naylor	82.23
2/18/2020 Heather Yates	82.23
2/19/2020 Haroon Khan	82.23
2/21/2020 Joseph Howard	82.23

2/24/2020 Michael Rogers	82.23
2/24/2020 Matthew Law	48.25
2/24/2020 Cagney Kilgroe	48.25
2/24/2020 Margaret Hacker	48.25
2/26/2020 Mary Sullivan	82.23
2/26/2020 Griffin McKnight	82.23
2/27/2020 Gizachew Tiruneh	82.23
2/27/2020 Political Science	48.25
2/27/2020 Political Science	48.25
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2/27/2020 Political Science	48.25
2/28/2020 Janine Parry	82.23
2/29/2020 Summer Sullivan	82.23
2/29/2020 Larry J. Monette	82.23
2/29/2020 The Ocho	48.25
3/2/2020 Michael Komarek	48.25
3/2/2020 Bailey Brya	48.25
3/2/2020 jaeyun sung	82.23
3/2/2020 Griffin McKnight	48.25
3/2/2020 Griffin McKnight	48.25
3/7/2020 Megan Shanks	82.23
11/7/2020 Beth Ephlin	<u>28.83</u>
	+\$3,768.67

PAYPAL ACCOUNT NET CHANGE

2020 ENDING BALANCE (PAYPAL ACCOUNT) \$4,153.74

COMBINED OPERATING FUNDS END OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 \$11,640.00

Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Southern Arkansas University
February 25-26, 2022
Program Chairperson: Amber Overholser

We propose hosting the 2022 Arkansas Political Science Association Annual Meeting at the Southern Arkansas University campus on February 25-26. This campus hasn't hosted a conference in awhile and the Muleriders are ready to welcome you to the Southwest part of the state.

1. Suitable Meeting Rooms: The Donald W. Reynolds Campus and Community Center will provide modern, fully electronic (web accessible) meeting rooms for the bulk of our conference needs. There is suitable lobby space for registration tables, socializing, coffee runs and Bookstore visits. There are additional rooms within close proximity that we may utilize if necessary. Costs for the DWR are free if reserved through the History, Political Science, and Geography (HPSG) department. We will reserve rooms for the panel sessions, registration, and all meals (Dinner, Breakfast, and Lunch) at no costs. There are no expected miscellaneous costs related to furniture, cleaning, technology, and labor.

2. Meals: SAU contracts with Aramark for catered meals. Aramark provides a range of options from plated dinners, to buffet-style meals (both approximately 15.59-21.39) and will cover all breaks. Aramark will be willing to provide all meals if the ArkPSA will allow the HPSG department to contract on its behalf.

3. Reception: SAU's Alumni Center comfortably hosts 100 people and, weather permitting, we will have a steak cook-off in the tradition of our World Championship Steak Cook-off (25.00 person). At this point, we anticipate moving directly from the reception to the dinner, though we may move the reception to MuleKick if we are able to make this work. The President's Ambassadors will move people around campus with the golf carts if necessary.

4. Lodging: The HPSG department will reserve a block of hotel rooms at a nearby hotel (Hampton Inn, The Loft on the Square, Holiday Express) for attendees.

Tentative Schedule

Day One Friday February 25

11:00-4:30 – Registration Open (DWR)
11:00-12:30 - Executive Luncheon (DWR President's room upstairs)
1:00-2:30 – Panel Session One (DWR)
2:30-4:15 – Snacks (DWR)
2:45 – 4:15 – Panel Session Two (DWR)
4:15 – 5:30 – Hotel Check-in and Free Time (Walking tour)
5:30 – 6:30 – Reception (Alumni Center possibly MuleKick)
6:30 – 8:00 – Steak Dinner (Alumni Center)
8:00 - ? – Collegial Hour (MuleKick)

Day Two Saturday March 2

7:00-10:00 – Registration Open (DWR)
7:00-8:15 – Breakfast (DWR)
7:30 – 8:15 – Business Meeting (President’s Meeting room)
8:30 – 10:00 - Panel Session Three (DWR)
10:00 – 10:15 - Snacks
10:15 – 11:45 - Panel Session Four (DWR)
12:00- 1:30 – Luncheon (DWR)

Tentative Budget Expenditures

Day One Friday February 25

Executive Luncheon at President’s Meeting room (10 attendees)- \$200
Snacks between Panels – \$250
Reception at MuleKick or Alumni Center – (50 attendees) \$250
Dinner – (100 attendees) \$2500

Day One Projected Costs: \$3200

Day Two Saturday February 26

Breakfast – (50 attendees) \$400
Snacks between Panels – \$250
Luncheon – (75 attendees) - \$1000

Day Two Projected Costs: \$1650

Additional Costs

Printing Fees - \$100
Speaker Fees - \$500
Gifts for Speakers - \$100.00

Additional Projected Costs: \$700

Totals Projected Costs: \$5550.00-\$6500.00

Tentative Revenue

Faculty Reg Fees (50-60 @ \$95) = \$4750 - \$5700
Grad/Undergraduate Reg Fees (25-30 @\$50) = \$1250 - \$1500

Projected Sub-total = \$6000 - \$7200

Projected Fundraising = \$2000

Projected Total Revenue = \$8000 - \$9200

Proposed Blogging Policy for Arkansas Political Science Association

(as adopted and modified from the [OUP Blog](#) and [APA](#) blogging guidelines)

The ArkPSA blog is a commentary-based blog for an academic audience. The talented authors, staff, and friends of ArkPSA provide commentary on an extensive range of subjects. A source for learning, understanding, and reflection, the blog provides academic insights for the thinking world, whether it be essays, opinion pieces, analyses, quizzes, or fun facts.

The ArkPSA blog is a well-regarded, thoughtful, and civil online source of opinion, reflection, and learning.

What are we looking for in a blog post?

We're looking for an article, lively in tone, much like that which you would find in a newspaper. Our blog posts usually argue a point, draw a line of argument, trace the emergence of a trend, or just discuss something interesting. Some topics lend themselves best to long-form essays, while others work better in list form. The most important thing to remember is that we're not looking for an explicitly promotional piece. We want to spark a conversation.

How should you write your article?

No technical expertise is needed. As this is written for a digital audience, we try to make the pages web-friendly and appealing to read onscreen, such as including hyperlinks and images. ArkPSA follows the [APSA style guide](#), but the most important thing is to write as you would in your native English. Keep in mind the following:

- All submissions will be reviewed by an editor for appropriateness for the ArkPSA blog.
- Submit your article as a Word document.
- Single-space between sentences.
- Indicate a new paragraph with a hard return, rather than an indentation.
- Include a brief 2-4 sentence bio, including your academic webpage and any social media profiles.
- Create hyperlinks (embedded references) for any/all direct references by highlighting the text. Don't use footnotes or endnotes.
- Include images that we have the rights or permission to use.
- The title and subtitle of your post should be clear and succinct. Imagine what a person would query in Google to find out about this topic.
- Be critical and thought provoking, but not malicious or degrading.
- We will edit or delete any comments that are profane, malicious, degrading, pornographic in nature, or unnecessarily hurtful.
- No personal attacks, hate speech, or threats toward individuals, religious figures, or other comment posters. No flaming, trolling, or baiting.
- Do not post comments or images that defame, compromise trade secrets, or violate the copyright or other intellectual property rights of any third party.
- To protect users' privacy, do not include your or others' personal information, such as email addresses, in your comments.
- The word count is flexible, but most authors aim for 700-800 words.
- This is an online community for our users, not a means for advertisers to promote their websites or products. Therefore, we will delete all advertising posts.
- We are happy to answer questions posed in the comments. However, please do not submit the same question to multiple posts. Also do not leave a comment on a post and also email us or

message us on social media; the same team answers queries in all places. Duplicates will be deleted.

- The views and opinions expressed in blog comments belong to the people who write them only.
- When quoting any other blog or publication, link to the original and use quotation marks or indents for longer text.
- Blog editors review all comments and may remove your comments at the sole discretion of ArkPSA.