

The Executive Board of the Arkansas Political Science Association met at the Sam Peck Hotel on Saturday, June 12, 1976. Members present were Charles Dunn, President, Joel Anderson, Diane Kincaid, Raphael Lewis, and Beadle Moore.

Robert Savage (UAF) was selected as Program Committee Chairman. Other members of the Program Committee (subject to acceptance) are:

William Burns (ASU)

Dan Durning (LR)

James Megginson (GCCC)

Henry Wilkins (UAPB)

George W. Zilbergeld (AC)

and one other to be selected by the Program Chairman.

The Program Committee was directed to plan the 1977 Annual Convention of the Arkansas Political Science Association according to the following guidelines:

- (1) The meeting shall be held on February 18-19, 1977;
- (2) a noon-Friday--noon-Saturday schedule will be used (as was the case at the 1976 meeting);
- (3) The meeting should be held at Eureka Springs at the Crecent Hotel. If the Crecent is not available at the time of the Convention, alternative locations include Little Rock and Queen Wilhelmina Hotel (State Park) at Mens;
- (4) The Executive Board wishes to maintain our association with the Arkansas Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration.
- (5) The Program Committee may exercise its discretion in selecting speakers; however, the Executive Board expressed its desire that both a "professional Political Scientist" and a "Politico" be utilized. Suggestions include:
 - (a) The APSA in Washington should be contacted for potential big-name political scientists as speakers;
 - (b) Check with the Arkansas Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration for their suggestions in this regard.
 - (c) Bill Clinton was suggested as a potential "politico."
 - (d) J.P. Hammerschmidt, Brooks Hays, or some "old-time" were suggested as "politico" speakers.
 - (e) Contact the Institute of Politics about splitting expenses on a "big-name" politico or political scientist.
- (6) The Board endorsed the concept of "Roundtables" as well as the traditional convention format. One specific roundtable suggestion was "Career and Occupational Opportunities" in Political Science.
- (7) The Board would like to encourage student participation in the program, including perhaps a student panel.
- (8) The Program Committee should make a preliminary report on the 1977 program at the Mid-September meeting of the Executive Board.

The President was authorized to conduct a mass mailing for recruiting membership to the Association and calling for papers, suggestions and participants in the 1977 convention.

The Board approved appointment of Jeddy LeVar (HSU), Robert Savage (UAF), and Walter Nunn (Secretary-Treasurer), as members of a committee to examine the feasibility of the Arkansas Political Science Association publishing a journal. The Committee is directed to provide "hard" data based on experiences of other associations on costs for several alternative formats, including the traditional journal, a one-article fortnightly, etc. Also, the Committee should examine the potential for obtaining grant support for the project.

The Publication Committee should plan to report its findings to the Executive Board by mid-September 1976.