

Arkansas Political Science Association (ArkPSA)

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2025

Russellville, Arkansas

Members Present: Heather. Carol, Lyon, Marc, Matt, Hans, Michael

1. President's Report (Heather Yates)

Planning on mail out MPSR // Chris, Mary Beth

2. Vice President's Report (Carol Strong)

NEW ROLE VP as printer/signer/dealer, setting up the committee for paper ArkPSA awards

3. Treasurer's Report (Chris Housenick)

The association's accounts are lower by about \$400 from last year.

The association is doing more (e.g. more awards awarded).

The association is in a good financial position at this time.

Since we are past 50th Anniversary, less money need held back for the higher cost of business when having a Little Rock meeting.

New for website: Button/info to create cancellations

Need to work toward providing standardized announcements about registration due dates (e.g. 2 weeks out, 1 week out)

Last year, faculty membership fee was increased by \$5.00.

Fall zoom meeting (maybe in November) to potentially raise membership fees by \$5.00 across the board.

4. MPSR journal report

[Heather Yates] We are deciding whether to send over MPSR physical copy - one, per dept.

5. Webmaster Report (Matt Evans)

I have a desire to work more on the newsletter and faculty directory,

Questions: do we need physical and/or online format.

Department links v. individual faculty emails

Chris has faculty list to contact (3 years back)

Plans to update website with a new theme by March 14th

Seeks EB feedback - top 3 rank-ordered for website themes

6. 2025 Program Chair Report (Mike Rogers)

Parking either at 4 story building or basketball arena

Four sessions, four panels each session.

Three book review/critical response sessions.

Senator Davis for lunch Saturday

Need awards for best undergraduate paper - have faculty from student's department for pictures on the webpage

Highest enrollment this year, 87 people (best post-pandemic)

Chris: lots of undergrad students presenting in 2025

7. New Business

For 2025: Add statement to google form for photo request, opt-out clause.

Board vacancies - Hans off this year – possible on for next year [re-nomination]

Hans rotates to Lyon slot, new at-large

Business Meeting: Amendment to be considered / graduate student participation in update one section – look at committee work, approve/reject

8. Adjournment