

APSA Annual Business Meeting  
February 24, 1979  
Conway

President Bob Savage opened the business meeting at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, February 24, 1979 at the Conway Holiday Inn. Savage delivered a presidential address in which he encouraged the members to do research.

Simms McClintock presented the following awards for papers:

1. Best paper by undergraduate: ~~Bennis~~ <sup>DANNY</sup> Richey of Arkansas State.
2. Best paper submitted contributing to Arkansas Politics: Mike Brown of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.
3. Best paper given at the annual meeting: Kurt Tweraser of the UAF.

A. honorable mention:

Don Whistler of UCA  
Jim Megginson of Garland County  
Community College

Walter Nunn gave the treasurer's report. He said the Association treasury on Jan. 1, 1979 had a balance of \$496.65, compared to \$609.11 on Jan. 1, 1978, a decrease of \$112.46.

Savage said the Executive Committee agreed the president would have the responsibility for writing at least two newsletters each year.

Diane Kincaid, chairman of the Clearinghouse Committee, reported that the legislature had just passed a bill to establish an official clearinghouse for Arkansas state documents. Dr. Bobby Roberts, UALR archivist, has offered to place all Association papers and significant records in the UALR archives, and the Executive Board has accepted.

Cal Ledbetter of UALR, program committee chairman, reported on the program and thanked the panel moderators and discussants.

Bill Nolan of SAU, chairman of the Constitution Committee, reported three proposed amendments and two by laws to the Association. They were approved unanimously and the secretary-treasurer was directed to incorporate the changes into the Constitution and reproduce copies.

Joel Anderson of UALR, chairman of the editorial board for the Association journal, announced the membership of the board: Charlie Dunn of UCA, Dan Grant of Ouachita, Norman Hodges of Southwest Missouri, Diane Kincaid of UAF, Jeddy LeVar of HSU, Carolyn Zinn of ASU and Walter Nunn (ex officio). He said the board would soon call

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papers to be submitted for inclusion in the Journal.

Nunn read the nominations for officers and the executive committee for Carolyn Zinn of ASU, chairman of the nominating committee; Charles Hartwig of ASU, president; Cal Ledbetter of UALR, vice-president; Walter Nunn, Secretary-treasurer; and Gene Goss of Little Rock and Simms McClintock of UCA members at large of the executive committee. The nominations were approved unanimously. Bob Meriwether of Hendrix and Glen Sparrow of UALR continue as members at large and Bob Savage serves as a member of the executive board by virtue of being immediate past president.

The Association voted to reject an invitation to meet with the Arkansas Sociological Association in October. The Association then voted to direct the president to meet with the presidents of the other statewide social organizations during the 1980-81 school year.

Charles Hartwig adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND BY-LAWS  
FOR  
ARKANSAS POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

A. Amendment to Article VI, Section 1

1. Proposal

- a. Replace Section 1 with the following.
- b. "The Vice President (President-Elect), Secretary-Treasure, and the Board members shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee from among the regular members. The Nominating Committee shall nominate for the office of President the current Vice President (President-Elect). If the office of Vice President (President-Elect) is vacant, the Nominating Committee shall nominate for the office of President from among the regular members. Additional nominations may be made from the floor."

2. Justification

- a. One objective of the Constitution is to provide, under normal conditions, through the presidential succession system a means to further continuity and stability in the Association's leadership. This objective is strengthened by labeling the Vice President as President-elect. Because a question has been raised whether or not the Nominating Committee must nominate as President, the current Vice President (President-elect), the intent of this proposed amendment is to require the Nominating Committee to nominate as President the current Vice President (President-elect), if the office of Vice President is filled. If there is no incumbent Vice President, the Nominating Committee then would nominate the President from among the regular members.
- b. Article VI, Section 1, if amended as recommended, would still provide an opportunity for other candidates for President and the other offices to be nominated from the floor.
- c. If during the year the office of President becomes vacant, Article V, Section 6, provides that the Vice President (President-elect) shall perform the duties of President. Under Article VI, Section 5, which authorizes the President to fill vacancies on the Executive Board, of which the Vice President is a member (See Article V, Section 1), the new President could fill the vacant President position with the approval of the Executive Board. The Vice President (President-elect) so appointed would be nominated by the Nominating Committee for the office of the President.

B. Add as a By-law to implement Article VI, Section 4

1. Proposal

- a. "The Regular members shall be notified of the list nominated by the the nominating committee at least 15 days prior to the annual meeting."

2. Justification

- a. Members of the Association have objected to not being informed about the list nominated by the Nominating Committee until the Committee presented its report to the Association during the annual business meeting. This Committee feels that members are entitled to appropriate prior notification so that members could prepare to make nominations from the floor if they are dissatisfied with the list

presented by the Nominating Committee.

- b. The Committee proposes that this requirement of 15 days prior notice be placed in the By-laws instead of the Constitution. A specific time proposal in the Constitution becomes rather inflexible because amendments to the Constitution require for proposal a 15-day prior notice to the membership and thus cannot be changed at a single annual meeting, unless proposed before the meeting. The amendment must be ratified by a two-thirds vote. By-laws may be proposed and voted on at a single meeting, and only a majority vote is required for passage.

C. Amendment to Article IV. Dues

1. Proposal

- a. Substitute the sentence in Article IV which reads: "Annual dues shall be assessed by majority of those present at the annual meeting of the Association," with the following sentence, "Annual dues shall remain in the amount specified in the By-laws until changed by a majority of the regular members present and voting at the annual meeting of the Association."

2. Justification

- a. Some questions have been raised on the meaning of Article IV. Does it require each annual meeting to approve the annual dues rate? If the annual Association fails to act, does this mean no dues can be assessed during the year? Part of the confusion arises from the changes made to Article IV when the Constitution was originally adopted on February 11, 1975. The original proposal was, "Annual dues shall be assessed at the following rate unless changed by the annual meeting of the Association: Regular membership, \$5.00 and student Membership, \$1.00." At the time of the adoption of the Constitution the Charter members concluded that setting the annual dues rate in the Constitution would be too inflexible so the original proposal was revised to what the Constitution now reads, and the annual dues would be set under the constitutional provision for a By-law. The Association failed to provide for continuing the dues assessment at the old rate in the event the Association did not act.
- b. The intent of the proposed amendment is to provide that the amount of the annual dues will continue in case the Association fails to reassess the dues at an annual Meeting. The change in the dues structure would be proposed and ratified as provided in the Article covering By-laws. Because dues change would be an amendment to an existing by-law, no petition signed by ten percent of the membership would be required, as would be the case for an original By-law; or by a majority of the Executive Board. Instead, the change in dues could be proposed and adopted from the floor.

D. Annual Dues Date to be Set by a By-law

1. Proposal

- a. It is proposed that a By-law be recommended as follows, "Annual dues will cover the period from the first day of the Annual Meeting of the current year to the first day of the Annual Meeting of the succeeding year."

- b. "Annual dues are \$5.00 for regular membership and \$1.00 for student membership."

2. Justification

- a. The Secretary-Treasurer reports that members are uncertain as to the specific dates covered by the annual dues.
- b. The intent of the proposed By-law is to provide specific dates, and to set the beginning date early enough so that members who are departing from the state may discontinue their membership for the next year but still participate in the current year's annual meeting.

E. Amend Article V, Section 5 and Article VII, Section 6

1. Proposal

- a. Strike the second sentence of Article V, Section 5, which reads:  
"He shall appoint such committees as may be authorized by the Association subject to the approval of the Executive Board."
- b. Revise that sentence of Article VII, Section 6, which reads:  
"At each annual meeting, the Executive Board shall recommend to the membership those committees which it deems advisable to function during the coming year. Upon approval of the committees by the membership, the President shall name the members of the committees and designate their chairmen, subject to the approval of the membership."
- c. To read as follows: "The President shall recommend to the Executive Board those committees which he deems advisable to function during the coming year. The President shall name the members of the committees and designate their chairmen, subject to the approval of the Executive Board."

2. Justification

- a. These sections have not been workable because the President, after his election, has had insufficient time to prepare Committee recommendation before the Association adjourned its annual Meeting. Thus all committees have been temporary committees.
- b. The intent of the proposal is to authorize a workable system of designating committees. If the membership desires to specify committees, the membership may do so under the provisions for By-laws (Article VII).