

Executive Committee
Arkansas Political Science Association

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Little Rock
Institute of Politics and Government

Present were Jim Megginson, James Willis, Cal Ledbetter, Genevieve Miles, Lawson Veasey, Gene Bigler, Norman Hodges, Kurt Tweraser, and Walter Nunn.

Megginson convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

The minutes of the February 27 meeting of the Executive Committee were approved.

Nunn reported that APSA had \$1,590 in the treasury with the second issue of the Journal yet to be published and paid for.

Lawson Veasey was nominated to fill James Willis' vacancy for one year, and he was elected.

Norman Hodges was appointed and approved as 1982 program chairman.

The following panel chairmen were appointed for 1982:

Charles Chastain--judicial process
Tom Howard--international relations and comparative politics
Charles Dunn--teaching roundtable
Diane Blair--Arkansas government and politics
Carolyn Zinn--political behavior
ASPA representative--public administration
Hal Bass--political theory

In lieu of a Friday night speaker, the Committee approved a roundtable on the role of women in Arkansas politics featuring elected officials and administrators in Arkansas.

Pam Bryant, president of ASPA, said ASPA has about 40-45 members, mostly practitioners who have little interest in writing papers. Most are in Little Rock and it is difficult for them to attend meetings at their own expense. Most are state employees. She suggested a roundtable on practical problems of public administration without papers. She said proximity to Little Rock was important for good attendance.

Charles Chastain, de facto leader of criminal justice educators in Arkansas, said he'd like to see criminal justice people attend a common meeting during the year, preferably APSA. He said most southern states had a criminal justice organization.

The Committee agreed to endorse a Friday night roundtable on women in Arkansas politics. The Committee made its first choice as speaker a U.S. Representative, followed by Bill Clinton and Jim Guy Tucker.

The Committee approved Hot Springs (at Holiday Inn South) as first choice and Fayetteville as second choice for the 1982 meeting, with the understanding that the price could influence the choice.

Megginson reported that the Journal manuscripts have all been received by editor Joel Anderson and would be issued no earlier than June 1. He recommended that a Journal Review Committee be appointed for a two-year term. He recommended the appointment of Bob Savage, someone outside the field of Arkansas studies (Peggy Scranton), someone outside the Association (Tom Dillard), and someone in the Association who doesn't publish in the Journal (Bill Nolan). All were approved and Savage was designated chairman. Megginson solicited suggestions to be forwarded to the Journal Review Committee.