

Annual Meeting

Arkansas Political Science Association
Fayetteville Hilton Inn
February 27, 1982

President James Willis called the meeting to order.

In his presidential remarks Willis reviewed the results of a survey of APSA members taken at the 1981 meeting. The responses were generally favorable toward the current operations of APSA. Willis suggested that APSA take stock of its direction at next year's meeting, which will be the Association's tenth.

Willis made awards for the best student paper to Gary Perkey of ASU for "Congressional Reform: The Impact of the Legislative Reorganization Acts of 1946 and 1970 on the American Legislative Process" and for the best panel paper to R. Christopher Perry of the Tennessee State Energy Office and University of Minnesota for "Patterns of Intellectual Deference: Personal and Proxy Influences of Chief Justice Burger, 1976-1979."

Walter Nunn, secretary-treasurer, reported that the APSA treasury had \$527.69 prior to the 1981 meeting and that the balance before the 1982 meeting was \$28.92.

Joel Anderson, editor of the APSA Journal, reported that the second issue was out and that the third issue would be ready to be printed.

Diane Blair, chairman of the Clearinghouse Committee, reported that the State Library now prints a quarterly compilation of the Arkansas state documents issued by state agencies. She said that since her Committee had accomplished its goal it was no longer needed.

Bob Savage, chairman of the Journal Review Committee, said he was exploring the possibility of a school sponsoring the Journal and would report to the Executive Committee at its next meeting. He said the possibility of a legislative appropriation would be explored, as well as a sponsoring state agency. He mentioned foundation funding as a third possibility.

Gene Bigler, chairman of the International Studies Education Committee, said the Committee conducted a survey of high school teachers at a Model U.N. meeting that indicated credentialing secondary teachers would not be feasible. He listed several suggestions from a panel at the APSA meeting to further international studies education.

Willis reported that the Executive Committee has proposed an amendment to the APSA Constitution to make the Program Chairman an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Cal Ledbetter, chairman of the Nominating Committee, nominated James Willis of SAU as president, Norman Hodges as vice-president, Walter Nunn of the State Auditor's Office as secretary-treasurer, Harry Hamner of the Arkansas Municipal League to fill the remaining year of a vacancy on the Executive Committee created by Genevieve Miles, and Don Kelley of UA and Gary Brooks of UALR for two-year terms on the Executive Committee. (Gene Bigler has one year left on his term on the Executive Committee.) The nominations were approved.

Willis adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.