

Arkansas Political Science Association

Annual Business Meeting

February 28, 1981

DeGray Lodge

Attendance was 47 registered, 51 at dinner, 32 at breakfast, and 30 at lunch.

President Cal Ledbetter opened the eighth annual meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association following lunch.

Ledbetter said in the president's report that APSA had raised more than \$1,000 in the past year. He said that a bill was pending in the legislature to provide for the appointment of APSA members to a Constitutional Amendment Commission. Ledbetter suggested that APSA consider recruiting members from community colleges, state and local government and interested people in the private sector.

Norman Hodges presented awards to Gene Bigler and Chris Collier for the best paper presented at the annual meeting, to Sallie Laux of UCA for the best undergraduate paper, and to Gene Bigler, Mike Niggel and Ferris Baker for the best Arkansas paper. No award was given for the best graduate paper because none was submitted. Hodges recommended that all papers be submitted at least two weeks before the annual meeting. It was so moved, seconded and passed.

James Willia, program chairman, thanked the members who helped plan and carry out the meeting.

Joel Anderson, Journal editor, said the patrons contributing funds to the publication of the Journal were the Tyson Foundation, C. Randolph Warner, Jr., Union National Bank of Little Rock, the Arkansas Gazette Foundation, Al Pollard and Associates, Fred I. Brown Jr., Frank Lyon, First National Bank of Little Rock, and Arkla Gas. Anderson recommended that the Journal be reviewed and evaluated after three years.

Walter Nunn gave the financial report, which is attached.

Norman Hodges reported for Diane Blair on the Clearinghouse Committee, and the report is attached.

Mary Weiner, chairman of the Membership Committee, suggested that community college teachers and people outside the teaching field be recruited and that possibly the program be altered to attract non-faculty.

Charles Hartwig, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the following recommendations:

Jim Megginson -- president
James Willis -- vice-president
Walter Nunn -- secretary-treasurer
Genevieve Miles -- Executive Committee
Gene Bigler -- Executive Committee

Kurt Tweraser has one year remaining on his term for the Executive Committee, and there is one vacancy. Hartwig recommended that the vacancy on the Executive Committee be filled by the president with approval by the Executive Committee. The nominations and Hartwig's recommendation were moved, seconded and passed.

Jim Megginson took the chair as the new president.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15.

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Financial Report

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At the time of the 1980 meeting APSA had \$303.74. Since that time APSA has paid for the printing of the Journal, and the balance prior to the 1981 meeting is \$527.69. In order to pay for the Journal the dues were increased from \$5 to \$10 and the registration fee was raised from \$10 to \$15.

Special commendation should go to our president Cal Ledbetter, who raised more than \$1,000 from several private contributors to cover part of the cost of the first Journal.

Copies of last year's Journal are available for purchase at \$5 each.



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To: Arkansas Political Science Association
From: Diane Blair, Chair, Clearinghouse Committee

At last there is more good news than bad news with respect to the full functioning of a State Clearinghouse.

Jack McGeahy, State Documents Librarian, reports that most state agencies are now cooperating and sending copies of all published materials. This procedure should be further strengthened following publication (in either the February or March Arkansas Register) of specific regulations.

Mr. McGeahy's shop is now publishing a quarterly checklist of published "Arkansas State and Local Documents." The next issue will be re-styled as "Arkansas Documents", and will be photo-offset from catalogue cards. This quarterly publication is sent to all academic libraries in the state, and will be sent to individual academicians upon request.

Distribution of the Clearinghouse's collected documents to depository libraries around the state is still being worked out. Libraries are now being polled as to whether they wish to be a depository, if so for all or only select publications.

All of the above represents very solid progress. It is alarming, however, that the one person who dealt full-time with state documents recently resigned, and the recently announced freeze on state hiring may make it difficult to fill the vacancy.