

West Virginia Political Science Association

CONSTITUTION

As Amended October 1972 and 1981

ARTICLE I.

The name of this organization shall be the West Virginia Political Science Association.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Association shall be to promote the study and effective teaching of political science, to foster research, and to facilitate the discussion of public affairs.
2. The Association shall be non-partisan, in the same manner as the American Political Science Association.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Any person interested in the purpose of the Association shall be eligible to become a member.

ARTICLE IV. DUES

Annual dues and fees to members shall be determined by the Executive Council with the approval of the Association at the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

1. The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President/President-Elect, who shall automatically become President at the next annual meeting after elected, a Treasurer and seven Councilors, of whom one shall be a registered student of one of the colleges or universities in West Virginia. These officers together shall constitute the Executive Council.
2. The retiring President of the Association shall be a member ex officio of the Executive Council.
3. Four officers shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Council if the President is included, five if he is absent.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

1. The President and Vice-President/President-Elect shall be elected annually by a majority vote of those members present and voting at the annual meeting of the Association.
2. The six non-student Councilors shall be elected for a term of three years, provided that at the first election two shall be elected for a term of one year, two for a term of two years and two for a term of three years, and thereafter two Councilors shall be elected each year for a full term. The incoming President shall designate the student Councilor for the next year.
3. The annual election shall be held in a manner prescribed by the Executive Council, provided that there shall be opportunity at each annual business meeting of the Association for nomination from the floor prior to final election.
4. The Secretary and Treasurer each shall be appointed by the Executive Council for a specified term not to exceed three years.
5. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the President until the next annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The President of the Association shall preside at all business meetings of the Association and of the Executive Council. Except as otherwise provided, he shall appoint all committees of the Association, perform such other duties as the nature of the Office requires, or may be assigned him by the Executive Council.
2. In the absence of the President his or her duties shall devolve upon the Vice-President/President-Elect.
3. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Association and shall perform such other duties as the nature of the office requires, all subject to the rules of the Executive Council.
4. The Treasurer shall receive and have custody of all funds of the Association and shall perform such duties as the nature of the office requires, all subject to the rules of the Executive Council.
5. The Executive Council shall have charge of the general activities of the Association, arrange for the annual meeting and such other meetings and conferences of the Association as required, create committees with appropriate powers, receive gifts and bequests, authorize the expenditure of funds and provide for the auditing of the accounts of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII. ANNUAL MEETING

1. An annual meeting of the Association shall be held pursuant to the arrangements made by the Executive Council.
2. The program shall include the opportunity for presentation of scholarly papers, discussion of public affairs, and other features consistent with the purpose of the Association.
3. The annual business meeting of the Association shall be held in conjunction with the annual meeting. Twenty members of the Association shall constitute a quorum at the annual business meeting and a majority of those persons present shall control its decisions.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of members present at any annual business meeting upon proposal of the Executive Council or ten members, provided the notice of the meeting at which the vote shall be taken contains the text of the proposed amendment and the provisions which it is proposed to amend.