

West Virginia Political Science Association
34th Annual Meeting
October 27, 2000
Business Meeting Minutes

The President, Michael Smith, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. in the Mountainlair at West Virginia University. Present at the meeting were Randall Adkins, Richard Brisbin, Steven Cupps, James Forrester, Allan Hammock, Steve Jones, Rodney Pyles, and Michael Smith. Randall Adkins recorded minutes in the absence of the Association's secretary.

Dr. Hammock moved, seconded by Dr. Brisbin, to accept the minutes of the 1999 meeting as reported. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Association Treasurer, Mr. Pyles, reported the Association has \$1,217.28 in the checking account and \$2,149.42 in a CD (see Treasurer's Report posted at <http://www.polsci.wvu.edu/wvpsa/trep00.pdf>). Dr. Brisbin moved, seconded by Dr. Jones, to accept the report of the Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Institutional Contributions: Between the annual meetings in 1999 and 2000 the Association received only \$76 in institutional dues. Dr. Hammock reported that generally about 50% of the institutional dues are paid each year. He suggested that the administrative office send out a second notice for the dues.

Contribution to the *Southeast Political Review*: Dr. Smith reported that the journal is undergoing a name change to *Politics and Policy*. Issues discussed were how this would alter the Association's relationship with the journal in terms of contributions and representation on the Editorial Board, exactly who was on the Editorial Board and what their terms in office were, and whether the Association is listed in the journal as a contributor. Dr. Adkins agreed to attend the Editorial Board meeting to be held at the Southern Political Science Association meeting to check on these issues.

Directory and Web Site: Dr. Adkins reported that the Association's web site is among the most informative and sophisticated of the state political science associations. He reported the directory needs updated by the administrative office in coordination with the new web site coordinator.

New Business:

Nominations Committee: The following individuals were nominated for office:

President: Randall Adkins, University of Nebraska at Omaha
President Elect and Program Coordinator: Christopher Plein, WVU

Secretary: James Forrester, West Liberty State College
Treasurer: Rodney Pyles, Monongalia County Assessor
Executive Council (2001-2003): Cheryl Brown, Marshall University
Executive Council (2001-2003): Jeff Worsham, WVU

Dr. Brisbin moved, seconded by Dr. Jones, to accept the slate by acclamation and the motion passed unanimously. Dr. Jones moved, seconded by Dr. Brisbin, that the President be empowered to appoint the Web Site Coordinator for 2001-2002. The motion passed unanimously.

Date and Location of 2001 Meeting: The location of the 2001 meeting was not determined, but it was suggested that West Virginia Wesleyan might be encouraged to serve as the host institution. The location and date of the meeting were left to the President and Program Chair.

Creation of New Award Categories: Dr. Adkins offered the following proposal to create the new award categories similar to those found in other state political science associations for the purpose of increasing participation at the annual meetings:

- Each year the program chair will appoint an Awards Committee consisting of a chairperson and two other members of the Association for a total of three individuals.
- The chair of the Awards Committee will provide the program chair with a firm date by which materials must be received by the committee.
- The Awards Committee will report the outcome of the awards at the annual banquet.
- Awards:
 - a. Distinguished Political Scientist: Annual award given to a West Virginia political scientist with a career of distinguished teaching, scholarship, and service. Candidates may be either self-nominated or nominated by another member(s) of the Association. Nomination must include (1) letter of nomination and (2) a current *CV*. No monetary value is assigned to this award.
 - b. Best Paper: Annual award given to the best paper presented at the previous meeting. Papers may be nominated by either the session chair or discussant and must include (1) a letter of nomination and (2) a copy of the paper. No monetary value is assigned to this award.
 - c. Best Paper by a Graduate Student: Annual award given to the best paper presented by a graduate student at the previous meeting. Papers may be nominated by either the session chair or discussant and must include (1) letter of nomination and (2) a copy of the paper. No monetary value is assigned to this award.
 - d. Claude J. Davis Award for Best Paper by an Undergraduate Student: This award is presented annually to the student with the outstanding

undergraduate political science research paper in the state of West Virginia. Papers may be nominated by a member(s) of the Association. Nomination must include (1) letter of nomination and (2) a copy of the paper. A monetary value is assigned to this award.

Dr. Brisbin moved, seconded by Dr. Jones, to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Other New Business:

Upon the suggestion of Dr. Forrester, the Association extended its appreciation to Dr. Adkins for putting together the Program by acclamation. Dr. Adkins extended his appreciation to Drs. Hammock, Pops, and Smith (among others) for their contributions.

There being no further business, Dr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.