

**WEST VIRGINIA POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Business Meeting**  
**October 11, 2002**  
**Marshall University, Huntington, WV**

Chris Plein, association president called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Chuck Smith (WVSC), Maude Brunstetter (WVSC), Chris Plein (WVU), Cheryl Brown (MU), Bob Behrman (MU) and Jim Forrester (WLSC).

Minutes of the 2001 meeting at <sup>West Virginia Wesleyan</sup> Marshall University were distributed by Jim Forrester, secretary. President Plein called for the approval of the minutes and they were approved. The Treasurer's Report was distributed by President Plein. It was noted that the association's balance as of October 12, 2002 was \$1,069.76. The Treasurer's Report was also approved.

President Plein noted that the panels were well attended with some of the largest panels totaling 33, 30 and 26 persons respectively. Chris suggested that the joint annual meetings with the West Virginia Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration was a good idea. That was the sentiment of the group as well.

Program Chair, Cheryl Brown spoke positively about the idea of continuing the plenary session. She noted that John Coleman, publisher representative of Allyn & Bacon/Longman helped in obtaining the banquet speaker, George C. Edwards III with little cost to the association. She also felt that the panels provided good representation from across the state. Secretary Jim Forrester suggested that the minutes should record the idea that Cheryl Brown had organized a fine program. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Under new business President Plein presented the report of the nominating committee: Jeffrey Worsham of WVU was named program chair for the 2003 annual meeting at WVU. Cheryl Brown will serve as the next president. Rodney Pyles and Jim Forrester will continue as treasurer and secretary respectively. Mike Strada (WL) and Bob Behrman (MU) were named to the executive council for the 03-05 term. Finally, Maude Brunstetter will continue Jeff Worsham's term and Jim Forrester (WL) was named to replace Steve Jones (UC) on the editorial board of "Politics & Policy."

The Awards Committee, with Simon Perry as Chair, named Mike Strada, "Distinguished Political Scientist" for 2002.

Other items: Professor Brunstetter raised a point about publicity. She felt that the program chair and/or president of the association should/could send news releases to local papers concerning the meeting and issues discussed.

Professor Bob Behrman (MU) presented the following resolution to the WVPSA:

"Whereas the duly constituted authorities of the State of WV have established weight limits for coal trucks on the state's highways,

We, the members of the West Virginia Political Science Association, call upon the officials of the executive branch of the government of the State of West Virginia to take appropriate action to enforce these laws." Considerable discussion followed, but there was no consensus among those present (with only six members) to take action.

Professor Plein concluded the business meeting with the hope that the West Virginia Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration will continue to meet with the WVPSA. Those present again seemed to agree.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Forrester, Secretary