

WEST VIRGINIA POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Business Meeting

October 3, 2003

Mountainlair, WVU, Morgantown, WV

Cheryl Brown, association president called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. The following members were present: Mike Smith, Glenville State College, Rodney Pyles, Monongalia County Assessor, Barry Sweet, Clarion University of PA, Dick Brisbin, WVU, Chris Plein, WVU, Al Hammock, WVU, Jeff Worsham, WVU, Cheryl Brown, MU, and Jim Forrester, WLSC.

The minutes of the 2002 meeting at Marshall University were distributed by Jim Forrester, association secretary. President Brown called for the approval of the minutes and they were approved with one correction: the meeting site for the 2001 meeting was West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, WV not Marshall University.

The Treasurer's report was distributed by association treasurer, Rodney Pyles. He noted that the association's balance as of October 3, 2003 was \$1,173.38. It was noted that WVPSA and the WV Chapter of ASPA will share expenses for the current meeting. Al Hammock noted that the WVU Dept. of Political Science will try to cover the expenses for the banquet speaker.

The count for the October 3 panels was, 28 + 5, 15, 23 + 4, and 25+ 5.

Under old business Cheryl Brown pointed out that she attended the editorial board meeting of Politics and Policy. Jim Forrester, the current WVPSA editorial board member was unable to attend. Cheryl Brown mentioned that the journal would like to increase dues... Rodney Pyles noted that the association paid \$400.00 for 2001 dues and that was the last payment. Dick Brisbin suggested that the journal needs to communicate better, to be more outgoing with the membership of WVPSA. Mike Smith explained that some of the confusion with the journal was that George Cox, Editor-in-Chief, changed the rules of who is to be on the board. Chris Plein thought that the past president should serve on the board, but we should wait until we receive further communication from them.

A question was raised about the nominating committee. It was decided rather informally that there was no actual committee. An idea was discussed, informally, that Kwame Boateng, West Virginia Wesleyan would make a good program chair for the 2004 meeting. Al Hammock proposed the following officers for next year: Jeff Worsham, WVU as president, Kwame Boateng, vice-president and program chair, Jim Forrester, secretary, Rodney Pyles, treasurer, Barry Sweet to replace Gerry Beller on the executive council,

with Mike Smith and Lisa McLeod Simmons to be added to the council.

There was some concern of the membership that the association needs a new web site coordinator to take Randy Adkins place...

Under new business, Al Hammock suggested reducing the registration fee to maybe \$4.00. Dick Brisbin suggested combining dues and registration as one for about \$15.00. Chris Plein moved that \$15.00 be charged for membership with members not being charged for the convention registration. The idea was to encourage more faculty and students to join/attend WVPSA meetings.

The membership noted that there seemed to be a general breakdown in getting the word out concerning the 2003 meeting. Mike Smith explained that he did not get the word until quite late. It was thought that some members received information after they had made other plans. Jim Forrester thought that there was a tradition that outgoing program chairs would contact next year's chair with helpful tips. It was resolved by the membership that in spite of some perceived communication problems, Jeff Worsham had put together, with Al Hammock's help, a fine program. Chris Plein wanted the record to show that the Dept. of Political Science provided important support both financially and morally to the success of this year's program. All agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Forrester, secretary