

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

October 11-12, 1974

Mont Chateau

The Eighth Annual Convention of the West Virginia Political Science Association was held at Mont Chateau Lodge, Morgantown, under the sponsorship of West Virginia University, October 11-12, 1974.

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WVPSA Executive Council Meeting--12:00 noon

David Temple, President of the Association, presided with David Brown, Charles Daugherty, Joseph Disarro, Harold Neely, Robert Reinhardt and Patricia Ryan attending. The following items were discussed and the following recommendations were made:

1. David Temple reported that the Bibliography of Political Science Theses at West Virginia and Marshall Universities prepared by Dr. Paul Stewart and Lawrence P. Barnhouse and published by the Bureau of Government Research at West Virginia University was made available by the Association to libraries throughout West Virginia. He indicated his intention to keep this useful source of information up to date.
2. David Temple announced that the West Virginia Political Science Directory would not be compiled until after the Convention and that the same format as was used in the previous two years would be maintained.
3. David Temple reported on arrangements for the Convention made with Mont Chateau. He indicated that Mont Chateau was charging a room rental fee of \$5.00 per session and \$5.45 per person for the banquet. He pointed out that despite the higher costs, the Association was able to keep the cost of membership, registration and banquet to a total of \$10.00 for regular members since West Virginia University was helping to fund some of the convention's expenses and since speakers were free.
4. The Executive Council appointed a Nominating Committee composed of Dr. Sophia Peterson (Chairman), W. Joseph McCoy, Simon Perry and Dorothy Roberts, to recommend a slate of officers for 1974-1975 and two councilors with term of office ending in October 1977.
5. The Executive Council discussed participation in the Claude J. Davis Annual Contest. It agreed that this contest be continued and recommended that Evelyn Harris be considered as judge.

6. The Executive Council discussed the problems of membership recruitment and recommended that a Committee be appointed by the President of the Association to identify ways of improving the system of recruitment.
7. Harold Neely requested that Marshall University be considered as a host to the Ninth Annual Convention in the fall of 1975.
8. The Executive Council expressed its deep appreciation to David Temple for his services as President of the Association, to Allan Hammock, Program Chairman of the Eighth Annual Convention, and to Yasmin Jaffer, Secretary of the Political Science Department at West Virginia University.

October 12, 1974

Annual Business Meeting--11:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by David Temple, presiding.

1. Mimeographed copies of the Minutes of the Seventh Annual Convention were distributed. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved without further reading. A question concerning the meaning of a new category of membership, approved at the last meeting, namely, that of sustaining membership was raised. Clarification of the meaning of this new category was given by Dorothy Roberts who indicated that members who would like to contribute more than the obligatory dues (\$3.50) might make a voluntary contribution of \$7.50 and be considered as sustaining members. Following this explanation, the motion to dispense with the reading carried and the minutes were approved without corrections.
2. David Brown, Treasurer, reported on the financial status of the Association. He disclosed that as of October 11, 1974, the Association had a balance of \$356.32. The Treasurer's report was accepted. (Treasurer's report attached).
3. David Temple reported that the Bibliography of Political Science Theses at West Virginia and Marshall Universities prepared by Dr. Paul Stewart and Lawrence P. Barnhouse was made available by the Association to libraries throughout West Virginia. He indicated that, due to the high cost of this publication, the Association was unable to supply copies to all its members. He, however, expressed the hope the Association would be able to keep the publication up to date.
4. David Temple announced that the West Virginia Political Science Directory would be compiled immediately after the Convention and would be printed by West Virginia University.

5. David Temple discussed participation in the Claude J. Davis Annual Contest and emphasized the need to encourage wider participation. He reported that the contest will be continued and that Evelyn Harris had agreed to serve as judge in the contest for 1975.
6. David Temple reported that 77 persons had registered at the Convention, two of whom were the guests of the Association.
7. David Temple reported on the need to improve membership recruitment. He recommended that a Committee be appointed by new Association officers to consider the matter. Dorothy Roberts then suggested that the Association should seek to attract state employees and that perhaps the new vice-president should be made chairman of the Recruitment Committee.
8. Sophia Peterson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, recommended the following slate of officers for 1974-1975:
  - For President - Harold Neely
  - For Vice-President - Patricia Ryan
  - For Secretary - David Brown
  - For Treasurer - David Lynch

She also recommended the nomination of Douglas Miller and Allan Hammock for Councilor to replace Dorothy Roberts and Yu San Wang whose term expired and to serve till 1977.

David Temple asked for nominations from the floor. David Brown then asked that his nomination for secretary be withdrawn. Subsequently, James Forrester was nominated and nominations were closed. The President then moved that nominations be accepted unanimously. The motion was seconded and it carried.

It was pointed out that the newly elected President, Harold Neely, would appoint a student representative immediately upon assuming office.

9. Mr. Hoyer mentioned that since throughout the state there are a number of organizations interested in West Virginia politics, the Association should look into the possibility of holding a joint meeting with other groups. He indicated that the President of the State Economic Association was favorable to joining the Political Science Association in a joint meeting. He further recommended the appointment of a committee to study this possibility.
10. Simon Perry indicated the desire of Marshall University to host the next annual convention in October, 1975 and to assume the responsibility for all that the convention would entail. The Association accepted Marshall University's offer and agreed that the dates be set by Harold Neely after consideration of all the factors affecting scheduling. It was suggested that at the next convention, individuals outside the discipline be asked to participate as panel discussants. In addition, it was suggested that publishers be encouraged to display publications during the convention.

11. It was suggested that the West Virginia Political Association should be recognized in the West Virginia Blue Book so as to obtain more visibility.
12. On behalf of the Association, Dorothy Roberts thanked David Temple for his services as President, Allen Hammock for his efforts as Program Chairman, Yasmin Jaffer (Secretary, Political Science Department) for her help, and West Virginia University for helping to make the program a success.
13. David Temple turned over the meeting to Harold Neely who expressed his appreciation to the Association for electing him President and announced a meeting of the new Executive Council immediately following adjournment.

The Convention was adjourned.

WVPSA Executive Council Meeting--12:00 noon

Harold Neely, newly elected President of the Association presided with Charles Daugherty, David Brown (substituting for David Lynch, Treasurer) W. Joseph McCoy, Allan Hammock, Robert Reinhardt and Patricia Ryan attending.

1. Harold Neely announced that as soon as membership lists would be compiled, membership cards would be signed by him and the Treasurer of the Association and would be mailed to each member.
2. It was recommended that efforts to enlarge the size of the Association's membership be made before the next annual convention. It was suggested that members should be recruited from outside the academic community, particularly from among practitioners, and that some efforts be made to keep track of political science graduates. The latter would necessitate that each political science department throughout the state make available a list of their graduates, to the Association for follow up purpose.
3. Harold Neely indicated that he will appoint a student councilor shortly.
4. Harold Neely reiterated the need for greater student participation at the convention and announced that the Association will seek to find ways of providing low cost housing in Huntington for students attending the convention.
5. Harold Neely suggested each political science department should bring information about their programs for display at the next convention. He also announced that Bryce Dodson of Prentice Hall had already offered to provide the Association with a social hour at the next convention.

The meeting was adjourned.

WVPSA Balance Sheet 1973-1974

Balance from 1973	\$ 414.35
Dues (73 Convention)	327.00

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Expenses:

Programs, 73 Convention	31.50
Roger Haigh, President's Office	43.13
Wilson Lodge	259.33
Prof. James Harf	25.00
Treasurer's Office	11.32
Gordon Berlin, Savings Bond	18.75

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Dues Collected (1973)	4.00
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Current Balance	\$ 356.32
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