

WVPSA NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION MINUTES

Marshall University, Memorial Student Center

October 3-4, Huntington, West Virginia

Executive Council Meeting - October 3, 1975 - 12:00 noon

Harold Neely, President of the Association, presided with David Temple, Joseph McCoy, David Lynch, Charles Daugherty, Allan Hammock, Patricia Ryan, Clair Matz and James Forrester in attendance. The following discussions and recommendations were rendered:

1. Harold Neely announced that Marshall University will publish the Directory. Requests for updating information have been sent to each department head in West Virginia.
2. Harold Neely reported that the current banquet costs will be the same as last year. This is only because Marshall University has fully co-operated: there are no charges for the Student Union and the cost of mailings has been absorbed by Marshall. David Temple suggested and it was agreed that dues be raised to \$5.00 annually.
3. Harold Neely announced that he was contributing \$100.00 to underscore the significance of the Claude Davis Award. He reasoned that since only two papers were received by (judge) Evelyn Harris, raising the stipend might help. The Council is grateful to Harold Neely for his generosity. Patricia Ryan urged that a new judge for the current award be appointed. Kenneth McMillen of West Liberty was nominated as judge for the current year.
4. David Lynch related that the current balance in the Treasury was \$485.37. (Complete Treasurer's report is attached).
5. Under "new business" the Executive Council discussed the need for a nominating committee, the place for the next WVPSA meeting, the feasibility of a journal for the WVPSA, a formal resolution to thank the President of Marchall University for hosting the Association meeting and the importance of P.S. of the APSA being notified as to WVPSA business.
6. The Executive Committee recommended that David Brown, Sophia Peterson, Dorothy Roberts and Joseph McCoy (Chairman) meet to report nominees to the annual business meeting at 11:30.
7. Fairmont State College was suggested by the Council as the place of the Tenth Annual Convention in the Fall of 1976.

8. The Council recommended that a committee be appointed to study the problems and prospects of an Association Journal.
9. David Temple agreed to draft a formal resolution extending the accolades of the Association to the President of Marshall for much kindness rendered to the Association.
10. David Temple noted that he was communication with P.S. of the American Political Science Association of the WVPSA business and activities.
11. The Executive Council extended its sincerest gratitude to Harold Neely for his services as President of the Association and to Clair Matz, Program Chairman of the Ninth Annual Convention.

October 4, 1975

Annual Business Meeting - 11:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Harold Neely, President.

1. Mimeographed copies of the Minutes of the Eighth Annual Convention were distributed. Harold Neely announced that all officers were present and in compliance with the WVPSA Constitution (Constitution attached). Harold Neely asked that the minutes be approved without further reading, which was done.
2. David Lynch, Treasurer, reported on the financial status of the Association. As of October 4, 1975 the balance was \$485.37. (see Treasurer's report attached)
3. Harold Neely announced that 81 persons attended the banquet and that 75 persons registered at the convention.
4. Harold Neely reminded those in attendance of the importance of the Directory and the need to keep it updated.
5. Harold Neely discussed participation in the Claude J. Davis Annual Contest and emphasized the need to encourage wider participation. Donna Elaine Stone was the recipient of this year's award. Harold Neely announced his gift of \$100.00 to the award fund to be spent in the next calendar year. He hoped that the \$100.00 donation would generate further interest in the contest. It was noted that Kenneth McMillen of West Liberty was recommended to serve as judge in the contest for the 1975-1976 school year.

6. Harold Neely related that a record of the WVPSA would be maintained in the West Virginia Blue Book for the first time. In addition, he extended invitations to various agencies in state government eg. Board of Public Works etc. to attend the Ninth Annual Meeting. This was in compliance of a recommendation made by Dorothy Roberts at the Eighth Annual Meeting.
7. Joseph McCoy, Chairman of the Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers for 1975-1976:
 - President - Patricia Ryan
 - Vice-President - Allan Hammock
 - Councilor - Rodger Yeager
 - Councilor - Clair Metz

Allan Hammock advanced from the floor the name of Mr. Cobb for Vice-President to stand in contrast to his own. Harold Neely urged that the Association vote first on the nominations of Patricia Ryan, Rodger Yeager and Clair Metz. They were voted into office by acclamation. A secret ballot was rendered to the contest between Hammock and Cobb for Vice-President. The results of the polling, as announced by the Secretary, were 16 for Allan Hammock and 9 for Mr. Cobb.

8. Harold Neely thanked the Association for honoring his as President during the 1974-1975 year. It was the consensus of the Association that Harold Neely served in his post with distinction. He announced that the banner of the WVPSA would be passed on to the next President, Patricia Ryan.
9. The meeting was turned over to the new President, Patricia Ryan who stipulated that she wished to continue the highest level of academic leadership of the Association. Patricia Ryan related that she sees the Association as multi-dimensional. It is not merely a structure which supports friendly ties between professional political scientists, but should serve as a repository for job information, research, and advancement in the field. She urged the attainment of these goals by re-vamping the Association "Newsletter", and/or establishment of an Association Journal. She felt that students should be encouraged to participate in the activities of the Association and the establishment of an instrument such as a newsletter and/or journal would contribute to this end.
10. David Temple read for the record the following resolution:
 - "Whereas the Ninth Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Political Science Association has been held at Marshall University, and whereas the membership has derived important benefits from this meeting which will accrue to teaching and research in institutions of higher learning in West Virginia, and whereas Marshall University has served as the host institution and contributed generously of its physical facilities, financial resources,

and staff time to the success of the Ninth Annual Meeting, therefore:

The West Virginia Political Science Association resolves that a vote of thanks and commendation be extended to the President of Marshall University for its support of the Association; that this resolution be entered on the Minutes of the Ninth Annual Meeting, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of Marshall University."

11. Patricia Ryan requested that the recommendation of the Executive Council of fees being increased from \$3.50 to \$5.00 be approved. The Association approved unanimously.
 12. Patricia Ryan announced that Fairmont State College will be the host institution for the Fall 1976 meeting of the WVPSA. The Grafton Lodge was mentioned as a possible place to hold the meeting. As was recommended by former President Harold Neely, Patricia Ryan urged that students be encouraged to attend the Association meetings as well as public servants.
 13. Patricia Ryan announced that she plans to appoint a student councilor.
 14. A Committee will be appointed to study the feasibility and problems involved in revamping the Newsletter and/or Journal.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

WVPSA Executive Council Meeting - 12:15 p.m.

Patricia Ryan, newly elected President of the Association presided with Clair Matz, Joseph McCoy, Rodger Yeager, Allan Hammock, Douglas Miller, David Lynch, James Forrester and Harold Neely attending.

1. Patricia Ryan announced that as soon as possible membership lists would be compiled. All colleagues (especially those in political science or related fields) should be urged to join the Association.
2. Allan Hammock suggested that a double mailing card might add some members.
3. Harold Neely brought up the matter of state officials being encouraged to join the Association. It was agreed to by the Council that the matter of extending membership was crucial. Allan Hammock agreed to chair a committee to study the problem of extending and maintaining membership.
4. Harold Neely stipulated that he will produce the "Directory of West Virginia Political Scientists".

5. Patricia Ryan led a discussion on the prospects and problems of a Newsletter and/or Journal. Cost was generally thought to be the biggest problem. It was estimated that the budget might require funds approximating \$650.00 Harold Neely urged that President Ryan get a cost estimate. Such a Newsletter could be issued in January and May. Patricia Ryan said she would contact Fairmont State to see if that institution would help to defray the cost of a Newsletter. James Forrester and Patricia Ryan would be responsible for compiling a Newsletter. It was suggested that co-ordinators be established on every campus in the state.
6. The problem of reproducing the papers presented at the Conference was also discussed. Patricia Ryan felt that this problem merited attention at future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p. m.

James Forrester
Secretary