

West Virginia Political Science Association
Annual Meeting – October 18 -19, 1998
University of Charleston
Minutes Business Meeting

Association was called to order by Richard A. Brisbin, Jr., President, at 8:37 a.m., on October 19, 1998, at the University of Charleston. Present at the meeting were Randall Adkins, Richard A. Brisbin, Jr., Steve Jones, Allen Hammock, Mike Smith, Chuck Smith, Jim Forrester, Gerry Beller, and Patricia Ryan.

Mike Smith moved, seconded by Hammond, to accept the report of the treasurer as delivered by President Brisbin in the absence of Rodney Pyles. The motion passed unanimously.

President Brisbin reported the following:

- The host of the 1999 conference would be Marshall University.
- He attended the meeting of state political science association presidents at the American Political Science Association meeting. From that meeting he found that we can connect our website to the APSA website. Additionally, the various presidents discussed starting a program on civic education, but currently have no budget or plan for implementation.
- Finally, he found that up to \$500 is available from Pi Sigma Alpha for the use of guest speakers at state conferences who are not political scientists. Next year's program chair may want to consider use of this fund.

Old Business

Confusion with institutional contributions to the Association was discussed. Most of the confusion seems to lie in exactly who should be designated to receive the reminder notice at each institution. The administrative office will be mailing these on November 1.

Randall Adkins reported the webpage was currently running. The address for the site is <http://www.polsci.wvu.edu/WVPSA>. Randy encouraged members to check out the site to see if their institutional and personal information is correct. Additionally, Randy encouraged members to send him minutes of previous meetings not already included on the site to build a permanent record for the Association.

President Brisbin discussed the status of the Association's involvement with the Southeastern Political Review. Currently, no institution in the state receives the journal and he encourages institutions to subscribe. Additionally, there is a vacancy on the editorial board, which will be addressed under new business.

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New Business

President Brisbin reported the results from the meeting of the nominating committee. The committee included Allan Hammock, Evelyn Harris, and Troy Stewart. The committee nominated the following individuals:

- Past President: Richard A. Brisbin, Jr. (ex-officio)
- President: Gerald Bellcr, West Virginia State College
- Vice President and Program Coordinator: Michael Smith, Glenville State College
- Secretary: Chuck Smith, West Virginia State College
- Treasurer: Rodney Pyles, Assessor, Monongalia County
- Executive Council (1997-1999 replacing Mike Smith): Maudc Brunstetter, West Virginia State College
- Executive Council (1999-2001): Willard Oliver, Glenville State College, Denis Woods, Shepherd College

Student Representative: Christine Brehm , West Virginia University

Patricia Ryan moved, seconded by Steve Jones, to accept the report of the nominating committee and elect by acclamation. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Smith moved, seconded by Patricia Ryan, to create a two-year term for the position of Web Site Coordinator beginning in 1999 and elect Randall Adkins to that position. Motion passed unanimously.

Hammock moved, seconded by Mike Smith, to provide the President of the Association with the authority to appoint the Association's three representatives to the Southeastern Political Review's editorial board to staggered three-year terms. The motion passed unanimously. President Brisbin reported the appointment of Christopher Plein of West Virginia University to replace the unfilled seat.

Ryan moved, seconded by Hammock, that the Treasurer of the Association shall have the authority to transfer the Association's funds to an interest-bearing account, but that no less than \$1,000.00 be available to the Association in the checking account. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended with discussions of individual dues statements and how to increase attendance at meetings.