

**Minutes  
Meeting of the Council  
American Political Science  
Association  
9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8, 1995  
Palmer House, Chicago**

**Present**

*APSA Council:* Sidney Verba, President, Arend Lijphart, Vice President, Susan Bourque, Treasurer, Timothy Cook, John A. Garcia, Barbara Geddes, Betty Glad, Mark Hansen, Anne H. Hopkins, Loch Johnson, Mary Fainsod Katzenstein, Peter Katzenstein, Margaret Levi, Mamie E. Locke, Susan MacManus, William E. Nelson, Jr., Mary P. Nichols, G. Bingham Powell, Jr., David Price, Catherine E. Rudder, Toni-Michelle C. Travis, Eddie Williams, Michael P. Zuckert

*APSA Staff:* Michael Brintnall, Rob Hauck, Sheilah Mann, Rovilla McHenry, Maurice Woodard

*Guests:* Jennifer Hochschild, Ada Finifter, Martha Ackelsberg, Mark Blasius, Martha Kumar

**1. President Sidney Verba Called the Meeting to Order.**

Council members and guests were welcomed. Council members and APSA staff introduced themselves.

**2. Council Action: Approval of Minutes of the August 31, 1994 Council Meeting.**

**3. Report from President Sidney Verba**

*a. Recent Activities*

President Verba expressed his thanks to the political scientists who agreed to serve on Association committees; Mary and Peter Katzenstein, 1995 Annual Meeting Program Co-Chairs; and APSA staff for all their work on behalf of the profession. He remarked on the diversity, civility, and appreciation of institutions of political scientists that he observed when visiting meetings of the

regional political science associations. He pointed out that the Association is being called upon to represent scholarly concerns of political scientists with respect to: travel to Cuba, the retention of NEH, and the selection of the National Archivist.

*b. Appointments*

He announced the appointments of political scientists who will represent APSA to other organizations: Harvey Sapolsky to AAAS; Barbara Nelson to IPSA; George Kateb to ACLS; Robert Bates to SSRC. Also, Donald Sylvan is appointed to Pi Sigma Alpha Committee for best paper presented at the 1994 Annual Meeting.

*c. The Administrative Committee Meeting*

He referred Council members to the Administrative Committee minutes of March 3, 1995 which set the agenda for this Council meeting.

*d. Nominating Committee*

He commended the report of the Nominating Committee on the candidates for Council officers and members. The slate of nominees will be presented for a vote at the Business Meeting at the 1995 Annual Meeting.

*e. Rules for the 1995 Business Committee Meeting*

He asked the Council to review and approve of the rules for the 1995 Business Meeting.

*Council Action:* Council members approved the rules unanimously.

**4. Report from the Executive Director**

*a. Representation of the Profession*

Catherine Rudder reviewed the Association's policy regarding external activities. The APSA participates in coalition associations, particularly, COSSA and NHA. APSA works with comparable professional associations on issues of common concern. This has been a busy year, requiring representation on behalf of the preservation of NEH and COSSA's work in support of social science research. COSSA has had some

success gaining a set aside of funds for the social science evaluation of crime prevention programs on which James Q. Wilson has been most helpful. She noted that NSF funding seems secure for now, but future cuts are likely and social science funding will need protection.

*b. Oral History Project*

She reported on the status of the Oral History Project. Under the leadership of Malcolm Jewell, a second volume is in preparation. The project devoted to African-American political scientists is near completion and will result in a third volume. The Evron Kirkpatrick Fund Board of Trustees authorized the expenditure of an additional \$3,000 for transcriptions.

*c. Selection of Congressional Fellows for 1995–96*

She reported that the selection of the political science and journalist Congressional Fellows for 1995–96 has been completed. Catherine Rudder remarked on how gratifying it is to work with political scientists and for this profession.

**5. Review of the Annual Meeting**

*a. Report from the 1995 Annual Meeting Program Co-Chairs*

Mary Katzenstein described some of the highlights: roundtables on significant books; participation by George Stephanopolis, William Kristol, and Newt Gingrich. President Clinton has been invited. Sidney Verba is organizing a roundtable among foundation executives on their role in American society and public policy. A special plenary session is being developed on race and welfare issues.

Peter Katzenstein described the heavy volume of communications received by the Program Committee. He distributed data on the proposals for panels and papers. Of note: 26% increase in paper proposals with a 30.5% overall acceptance rate; 54% increase in proposals for co-authored papers and a 34% increase in their acceptance; a 28% increase in proposals for panels and a 3% increase in their acceptance. Graduate student participation in the Annual Meeting is increasing. He noted

that the electronic communication and data collection project among program division heads has not proved useful and is too demanding. At some point, electronic registration of proposals for papers could be introduced.

*b. Annual Meeting Business: Travel Grants and Contracts*

Robert Hauck reported on travel grants for senior scholars from abroad and for international graduate students who are in the U.S. The APSA provides \$5,000 of its funds, and USIA will provide \$25,000 for senior scholars. The budget of the Asia Foundation has been cut by one-third and will not provide any funds for graduate student travel to the 1995 Annual Meeting. As of now, only \$4,500, of which \$3,000 is allocated in the APSA budget, is available to support graduate student travel. He asked the Council to approve an additional allocation of \$3,000 for graduate student travel for FY 95–96 only to allow the Association time to raise additional funds for the future. Hauck pointed out that the allocation might contribute to a deficit.

*Council Action:* The Council unanimously approved the allocation of an additional \$3,000 in travel grants for graduate students attending the 1995 Annual Meeting.

Hauck reported that the APSA has signed hotel contracts for a 1999 meeting in Atlanta at room rates lower than 1994.

*c. Survey of Members on Annual Meeting Dates*

Hauck asked Council members to review the proposed questionnaire and suggest revisions. The survey will be conducted this spring, and the results will be presented at the August 30 Council meeting.

*d. Rules for Related Groups Participation*

Rob Hauck pointed out that the related groups are not subject to APSA rules that govern Organized Sections but that APSA rules require participating related groups to rotate their officers and conveners and to follow other simple guidelines. Often these rules are ignored. He will invite the related groups to a meeting during the 1995 Annual Meeting to discuss their governance in order to facilitate their involvement in the convention on the same terms as all sections and affiliated groups. The Council approved of this proposal.

*e. Distribution of Annual Meeting Panels*

Rob Hauck pointed out that the proportion of Annual Meeting sessions allocated to related groups is being reduced from the 20% standard established some years ago, largely due to the growth of the Organized Sections whose panels are incorporated into the official program. He asked the Council to approve an allocation of sessions to related groups that would range from 15% to 20%.

*Council Action:* Noting that it is appropriate to provide flexibility, the Council unanimously approved the new allocation.

*f. Evening Plenary Sessions*

Rob Hauck explained that several groups are adding to their panel allocations by scheduling plenary sessions in the evening. These sessions conflict with special APSA events, receptions, and section business meetings. Additionally, since only some groups use this strategy, it is unfair. He asked the Council to consider a proposal that confirms restrictions on the allocation and timing of sessions and allows the Program Chair(s) to allocate “slots” for evening plenary sessions. Mary Fainsod Katzenstein and Peter Katzenstein approved of this proposal and noted that the program chairs can use these additional sessions to promote diversity in the program.

*Council Action:* The Council approved the new guidelines for allocating evening plenary sessions.

*g. Clarification of the Dual Participation Rule*

Rob Hauck said the present rule about appearing on two sessions needs to be clarified. Mary Fainsod Katzenstein and other Council members cited instances of confusion about how many roles a participant can assume when appearing on a panel and whether co-authoring but not presenting a paper counts as an appearance. Rob Hauck suggested a new rule of allowing participants to appear on up to two panels but in only one capacity on each panel. This proposal was considered as a resolution. In discussing the resolution, Council members pointed out that panel chairs frequently serve also as discussants or paper givers. Barbara Geddes proposed an amendment to eliminate the role of chair as a capacity or role in holding participants to this rule. Tim Cook introduced a different amendment that would limit Annual Meeting participation by an individual

to two capacities overall (including chair) but allowing these to be filled on two different panels.

*Council Action:* The Council voted first on the Geddes Amendment, which did not pass. The Council next voted and passed the resolution to confirm that participants can appear on no more than two panels (during the Thursday through Sunday period of the official Annual Meeting) and to limit the participation to two capacities.

*h. The 1996 Annual Meeting Program Committee*

President-Elect Arend Lijphart introduced Jennifer Hochschild, who will co-chair the Program Committee with Ronald Rogowski. Jennifer Hochschild announced that the theme of the 1996 Annual Meeting will be “Inequality and Politics.” A list of the Program Division titles and chairs was distributed (albeit a few chairs have to be appointed). She noted that 30 of the 44 program divisions are sponsored by the Organized Sections with the latter likely to be responsible for all divisions in American politics. Among the division chairs, 14 are women, 8 people of color (men), 23 are at public universities, 5 at colleges, and the remainder are affiliated with private universities.

*Council Action:* The Council unanimously approved the appointment of the Program Committee, giving the co-chairs authority to complete the appointments. (The Program Committee will be announced in the September issue of *PS: Political Science & Politics*.)

## 6. Report of Treasurer Susan Bourque

*a. Review of FY 1994–95 Budget*

Susan Bourque pointed out that the budget for FY 1994–95 is on target for anticipated revenues and expenditures.

*b. Proposed Budget for FY 1995–96*

She asked the Council to approve the proposed budget for FY 1995–96, allowing for necessary adjustments. She noted that the budget restrains increases in expenses considerably and that the increases are due largely to sharp increases in the costs of paper and in postage. President Verba observed that the APSA is on sound financial footing and is not dependent on soft money.

*Council Action:* The Council unanimously approved the budget.

### c. *Report on the Trust and Development and Other Endowed Funds*

Susan Bourque reported that the APSA's T&D Fund and the CFP endowment funds have performed favorably at 4.9% compared with S&P at 3.7% for 1994.

### d. *Establishment of a Sweep Account*

Susan Bourque asked the Council to approve the establishment of a sweep account to place APSA's banked funds in a commercial account overnight and to place those funds (up to the maximum allowable) in investments. While there will be bank charges for the account, the Association anticipates a net income from this account. The Administrative Committee has given its approval.

*Council Action:* The Council unanimously approved the Association's establishment of a sweep account.

## 7. Report of APSR Managing Editor Bingham Powell

Bingham Powell, Jr., presented a mid-year report on the *APSR*, providing the articles to be published in the June and September issues and data on the submission and acceptance rates of manuscripts by major subfield, and on the length of time for processing manuscripts. There has been a 25% increase in the number of manuscripts submitted to the *Review*. It is important to give each manuscript a thorough review, and this can take about 3½ months or longer. The March 1996 issue will have manuscripts he has accepted while Ada Finifter will begin her term as editor. He noted the need for more reviewers with expertise in fields using math, econometrics, and quantitative analysis. In answer to the question about the lower number of articles in IR, he observed that the divisions among scholars in this field affect the acceptance rate.

## 8. Report of the Committee on Publications

Sheilah Mann presented a report on the Publications Committee meeting of March 4. The Committee is reporting back to the Council on the proposal for a separate book review journal. The Committee recommends that APSA should not initiate a separate journal devoted to reviewing books and material in other media. The Publications Committee minutes record the reasons

for this decision. The Committee also recommends that the Association formally recognize the APSA Gopher managed by Bill Ball.

*Council Action:* The Council unanimously approved acknowledging the APSA Gopher as an Association service. The Gopher should designate clearly which information comes directly from the APSA and reference the sources of other listings.

## 9. Issues Before the Committee on Organized Sections

### a. *Request from the Presidency Research Organized Section concerning standards for the position of the U.S. Archivist*

Martha Kumar presented the concerns of the Presidency Research Organized Section about the importance of the collections of the presidential libraries and the National Archives to political science scholars. The Section is asking APSA to endorse its statement regarding the qualifications for the head of the National Archives or, at least, allow the Presidency Research Organized Section to present its recommendations for qualifications. President Verba pointed out that the Administrative Committee agreed on the importance of the Archivist position to political science research but recommended that the Association not take an official position on the qualifications and not vet candidates for this appointment.

The National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History does take an active role in the appointment of the National Archivist. APSA is a member.

Martha Kumar noted that the NCC promotes the skills of historians and archivists, not political scientists, and opposed a past political science nominee on the grounds that his profession is not an appropriate one. Some Council members expressed reluctance about opposing the NCC in the interest of preserving APSA's collaborations with cognate associations. Catherine Rudder cautioned that APSA belongs to the NCC and its member organizations are our allies.

Council members discussed the Presidency Research Section's statement about the qualifications of the Archivist. They acknowledged that political scientists can contribute to this discussion and that the professional qualifications are complex and multifaceted. Consequently, there was a consensus about not taking a position on specific candidates and specific qualifications.

*Council Action:* The Council accepted the Administrative Committee's recommendation that the Association not take a position on candidates or nominees to head the National Archives.

The Council then discussed Martha Kumar's request that the Presidency Research Organized Section present its criteria and concerns about the appointment of the Archivist. This request generated a discussion about whether in taking a position on an issue, an Organized Section is representing the Association. While this question should be referred to the Organized Section Committee for consideration, Council members recognized that the Association does not want to impede the activity of the individual scholars.

*Council Action:* The Council passed a resolution proposed by Susan Bourque that requests the Organized Section Committee to consider the constitutional issue of what, if any, autonomy Organized Sections have with respect to activity on issues of scholarly and professional concern, and to report to the Council in August. The Council advised presidency research scholars that they may wish to express their concerns and recommendations regarding the selection of an Archivist independently as a group of individual scholars without reference to a formal affiliation with the APSA.

### b. *Petition To Establish an Organized Section on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*

Michael Brintnall reported that the petition has 200 signatures and satisfies the requirements for a new Organized Section.

*Council Action:* The Council approved the Establishment of the Organized Section on Race, Ethnicity and Politics.

### c. *Upcoming Section Business*

Michael Brintnall alerted the Council to the following emergency issues—[i.] can section journals accept advertising and, if so, subject to what rules and guidelines? and [ii.] what rules/guidelines govern section journals printed and distributed by another publisher—and reported he will bring them to the attention of the Organized Sections Committee.

## 10. Report of the Endowed Programs Committee

Sheilah Mann summarized the Committee's actions to organize a campaign to fund a Center for Political Science



on a floor at the APSA's building as the project to recognize the Centennial of the founding of the APSA in 2003. The Committee asked for Council support of resolutions in support of the campaign.

**Council Action:** The Council accepted the recommendations of the Endowed Programs Committee and approved these resolutions: [i.] the establishment of the campaign for the Second Century Fund to culminate at the end of 2003. The fund is to endow the Centennial Center for Political Science on one floor of the APSA building and [ii.] the reinstatement of the moratorium on named awards and lectures to be given at the Annual Meeting. The Council requests that donations to honor individuals be given to the Second Century Fund with components or activities of the Center to be named appropriately in honor of individuals. The Council recommends that those who seek to honor individuals in association with the Annual Meeting do so through the provision of grants/funds to support travel to the meeting by particular groups of scholars or graduate students.

### 11. Report of the Education Committee on Externally Funded Projects

Sheilah Mann reviewed the Committee's report on funded projects, many of which involve collaborations with departments or centers in universities. She also asked the Council to approve the submission of a proposal for a multimedia course on comparative government and politics to the Annenberg/CPB Fund.

**Council Action:** The Council approved the proposed education projects and the submission of a proposal to the Annenberg/CPB Fund for a comparative politics course.

### 12. Report from the Committee on the Status of Lesbians and Gays in the Profession

Martha Ackelsberg and Mark Blasius reported on the Committee's activities and findings from the surveys it conducted of APSA members and department chairs. First, Mark Blasius summarized these activities of the Committee: a survey of some 30 textbooks; outreach to other APSA status committees; tracking journal submissions; workshops, guidelines, the preparation and exchange of materials for a curricula infusion project to include

research and references to gay and lesbian politics/policies. He asked Council members for their help in informing their colleagues and for suggestions as to how the Committee can inform the profession about its activities.

Martha Ackelsberg described the conduct, analysis and findings of the surveys distributed by the committees. She pointed out that while these were not based on samples they do have some validity, and the findings are suggestive. The major theme is the visibility of lesbians and gays in the profession in its scholarship and curricula, opportunities to participate openly in institutional life, and the consequences of visibility (and invisibility) for the individuals and for institutional change.

She highlighted these findings on the theme:

- In political science, the visibility of lesbian and gay members is lower than in history and sociology.
- Among lesbian and gay members who are visible (or "out"), there are more: men than women, tenured than untenured faculty, and more graduate students and part time faculty.
- The survey did elicit negative responses about lesbians and gays as colleagues; about their coverage in courses and as the topic for these surveys.
- More men than women perceive possible discrimination (perhaps because more men are out and, for women, gender as well as sexual orientation may be a source of discrimination).
- Forty percent of the lesbian and gay respondents believed they had witnessed or experienced a situation in which discrimination affected a collegial exchange.
- Department chairs claimed to be more accepting of lesbians and gays than their institutions and more accepting of research than of other professional activities, such as identification in the classroom.
- Although chairs and members expressed general support for research, some lesbians and gays report having to avoid the subject or being discouraged about pursuing it.
- While there is broad based support for including lesbian and gay topics in the curriculum, there are few courses and actual coverage and discussion varies by sexual orientations.

She concluded by observing that while there is improvement in the acceptability of research, marginality for lesbians and gays persists professionally and instructionally.

President Verba asked what are the Committee's plans for the report? Mark

Blasius and Martha Ackelsberg plan to have it reviewed again by the Committee; to publish it in *PS: Political Science & Politics*; and return to the Council with proposals about how to facilitate changes in the professional climate; and to meet with the other status committees on these issues.

### 13. Report on the Research Support Committee

Michael Brintnall presented the awards selected by the Research Support Committee for funding. Twelve proposals were selected from 52 proposals. He that the Research Support Committee is generally pleased with the quality of grant applications. The Committee could—and would like to—support additional projects and provide additional funds for some projects. The Committee asked the Council to appropriate an additional \$3,000 for the research grant competition, pending an assessment in January 1996 that the Association can afford the increase without contributing to a deficit.

**Council Action:** The Council approved the Committee's request and authorized the allocation of an additional \$3,000 for research grants.

### 14. The APSA's Minority Programs

Catherine Rudder reported that the Association's three programs—Graduate Fellowships, Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, and the Minority Identification Project—are continuing successfully this year. Plans are underway for the 1995 Summer Institute. Participation by departments, faculty, and students in the programs is excellent.

### 15. The Council Meeting Adjourned.

The Council's next meeting is Wednesday, August 30, at the Chicago Hilton in conjunction with the 1995 Annual Meeting.