

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of APLS, August 28, 1986, Washington, D. C.

Members present: C. Barner-Barry, O. Funke, S. Hines, R. Masters, G. Schubert, J. Schubert, A. Somit (Chair), E. White, T. Wiegele. C. Phillips attended in his role as 1987 program Vice-Chair.

Agenda

1. Wiegele reported that the APSA section on Politics and the Life Sciences does not include a financial officer, as currently required by the APSA. It was agreed that Somit would chair the business meeting of the APSA section on Politics and the Life Sciences and would declare one of the elected officers to be the financial officer of the section.
2. The proposal for a graduate student paper award from Blank, Caldwell, and Watts was approved, with the following qualifications:
 - a. All of Section 2 would be deleted, except for the first sentence of 2b, to read as follows: "Completed papers by January of the year in which the award is to take place" e.g., January 1987 for fall 1987 presentation).
 - b. All prize-winning papers will receive automatic consid-
- eration for publication in *Politics and the Life Sciences*.
- c. There will be a five-member evaluation panel, including three members chosen by the APLS Council for two-year terms. The Council subsequently chose a panel of Blank, Masters, and White, but limited Blank's term to one year in recognition of his previous service on the committee that issued the report. The panel later met and selected Blank to be its Chair.

In addition, the APSA program chair for the year and the *Politics and the Life Sciences* editor will also serve as members of the panel.

 - d. In the immediate future, awards will be given at the APLS Business meeting with the ultimate aim of incorporating them with the APLS meeting.
3. Phillips reported that a general invitation for papers for the 1987 APSA meeting was about to go out with a special focus upon science and biotechnology.
4. The Council nominated J. Wahlke, G. Schubert, and H. Flohr, (all of whom later accepted) to constitute the nominating committee for the upcoming election for the APLS Council.
5. Wiegele circulated a financial report for the journal *Politics and the Life Sciences* and was warmly commended by the Council for his outstanding job.
6. Wiegele circulated the recently completed Lilly-funded and APLS-published bibliography on the social impacts of biotechnology.
7. Wiegele was chosen as APLS representative (with Somit as backup) to the International Social Science Council if affiliation is ultimately approved.
8. J. Schubert reported that his committee (Funke and White) for establishing an APLS summer institute would meet the following morning. The outcome of that committee session is now being implemented.

New Business

1. Funke reported on the possible availability of grant money in EPA, e.g., in the areas of risk management and the superfund.
2. White volunteered to implement his earlier proposal to organize state, sectional, and specialty political science associations for APLS and was duly made the official coordinator.
3. Masters announced a prospective human ethology and politics conference to be held at Dartmouth which APLS might wish formally to co-sponsor.
4. The APLS Council will meet not later than the 1987 annual APSA meeting in Chicago.

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the APLS and the APSA Organized Section on Politics and the Life Sciences

1. Section chair, A. Somit, opened the meeting by calling upon T. Wiegele to explain the organizational adjustment made by the APLS Council to satisfy APSA section requirements.

2. Wiegele distributed financial reports for the journal *Politics and the Life Sciences*.

3. The Nomination Committee of H. Flohr, G. Schubert, and J. Wahlke was announced for the upcoming APLS Council election.

4. E. White announced his intent, duly approved by the Council, to implement his earlier proposal to organize panels for APLS in state, sectional, and specialty political science associations, and invited volunteers to assist in this undertaking.

5. R. Masters announced the establishment by the Council of an APLS Graduate Student Paper Award.

6. Wiegele reported that APLS affiliation with the International Social Science Council was in progress.

7. Masters reported on the recent publication of four books in the biopolitical area: *Law, Biology, and Culture* (M. Gruter and P. Bohannan, eds.); *Ostracism: A Social and Biological Phenomenon* (M. Gruter and R. D. Masters, eds.); *Social Impacts of Biotechnology: An Annotated Bibliography of Recent Works* (T. Wiegele, ed.); and *Biology and Bureaucracy* (J. Losco and E. White, eds.).

8. O. Funke reported on the availability of grant money in

EPA, e.g., in the areas of risk management and the superfund.

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, 1988

The following is a preliminary list of panels for the 1988 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, to be held April 14-16, 1988 in Chicago.

Roundtable: The Social Impacts of Biotechnology

Chair: Thomas C. Wiegele, Northern Illinois University

Participants:

Ananda Chakrabarty
University of Illinois

Marc Lappé
University of Illinois

J. Lawrence Fox
Abbott Laboratories

Paul DeForest
Illinois Institute of
Technology

Thomas C. Wiegele
Northern Illinois University

Public Policy Issues in Medicine

Chair: Robert H. Blank, Northern Illinois University

Papers:

Implementation of New Reproductive Technologies: Emerging Policy Issues

Lee Ann Osburn
Iowa State University

Alternative Abortion Policies: What Are the Health Consequences?

Patricia Richard
Ohio University

Major Cities and Disease Crises: A Comparative Perspective

Anne Elder
Illinois State University

Ira Cohen
Illinois State University

Discussant:

Mark E. Rushefsky
Southwest Missouri State
University

Death and Dying: Issues in Public Policy

Chair: Kent Layne Oots, Emory University

Papers:

How Dead is Dead? Policy-making on Questions of Morality at the State Level

Melanie J. Blumberg
Mount Union College

Michele Wharton-Hagen
Ohio State University Hospital

The Politics of Death

Joseph L. Rose
Murray State University

Discussants:

Richard S. Hartigan
Loyola University

Kent Layne Oots
Emory University

Biological Perspectives on Political Behavior and Organization

Chair: Joe Losco, Ball State University

Papers:

Man at the Second Millenium: Negative Biological Versus Positive Political Evolution

Bruce Molholt
United States
Environmental Protection
Agency

Types of Maturity: Decoupling the Sexual/Political from the Economic/Political among Contemporary German Youth

Meredith W. Watts
University of Wisconsin-
Milwaukee

Endocrine and Psychological Factors Associated with Competitive Inter-Male Activity

Brian A. Gladue
North Dakota State
University

Discussants:

Claude S. Phillips
Western Michigan
University

Joe Losco
Ball State University

Hierarchy and Democracy: A Roundtable On Biopolitical Theory

Chair: Rudolph Wildenman,
University of Mannheim

Participants:

Odelia Funke
United States
Environmental Protection
Agency

Benson Ginsberg
University of Connecticut

Jean Laponce
University of British
Columbia

Ulrich Mueller
University of Mannheim

Steven Peterson
Alfred University

James Schubert
Alfred University

Albert Somit
Southern Illinois University

Manfred E. Streit
University of Mannheim

Wolfgang Tönniesman
University of Düsseldorf

For further information on politics and the life sciences panels at the Midwest Political Science Association Convention, contact Kent Layne Oots, Department of Political Science, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia 30322.

IPSA Research Committee on Biology and Politics

The first meeting of the IPSA Research Committee on Biology and Politics was held at the Pecice Palace, Warsaw, Poland, June 14-19, 1987. The purpose of the meeting was twofold: first, to familiarize Polish social scientists with recent research in biopolitics; second, to plan the panel sessions to be sponsored by the Committee at the forthcoming 1988 IPSA Congress.

The second meeting of the committee was held in Deidesheim, West Germany, June 21-24, 1987. This conference was organized by Rudolf Wildenmann, director of the Research Institute for Societal Developments, University of Mannheim, West Germany. The meeting enable representatives of the Research Committee on Biology and Politics to explore common research interests and concerns with the staff of the Research Institute for Societal Developments. One immediate outcome of this second meeting will be a research project dealing with the implications of human genetic legacy for democratic government.

ISPP Erik Erikson Award

The Erik Erikson Award is presented by the International Society of Political Psychology for outstanding work by a scholar who is in the early stages of his or her professional career. Those who are not more than five years past their terminal degree at the time of application are eligible

for this award. Work that may be submitted includes a completed Ph.D. dissertation, a published book or monograph, or an ambitious analytic article (or series of articles on the same topic), that have been published or accepted for publication. The topic can be in any area of the study of political psychology. Topics are not limited to any particular theoretical or methodological approach, or to any disciplinary or geographical area.

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