

be added to the first-preference votes cast for the remaining nominees. If any of these nominees now has a total vote of at least fifty (50) percent of the valid votes cast, that nominee shall be elected. If a winner is not yet determined as a result of this second additional count (as might be the case when there are more than four nominees), a similar procedure shall be followed with respect to the ballots cast for the nominee with the third fewest votes, and, if necessary, with respect to ballots cast for the nominee with the fourth fewest votes and, if necessary, successively with respect to ballots cast for any other nominee ranking as the lowest remaining below the first two. Any questions that might arise about the count, including how to handle ties, shall be resolved according to the procedures followed in elections (as of 1975 and 1977) for the Australian House of Representatives.

Proposed Resolutions

The following proposed resolutions for the 1979 Annual Business Meeting were submitted by Willard Tice:

Resolution Establishing a Quota System for APSA Nominations

Be it resolved by the American Political Science Association in its Annual Business Meeting that the Nominations Committee shall henceforth be directed to secure a fair proportion of members on the National Council based on the geographic, sex, ethnic and institutional backgrounds of the membership of the Association and to insure that the Council is representative in this manner, the Nominations Committee is directed to base its nominations on such a quota system.

Resolution Creating a Committee on the Status of Native Americans in the Profession

Be it resolved by the American Political Science Association in its Annual Business Meeting that the National Council of the Association be directed to create a Committee on the Status of Native Americans in the Profession and further, that it be directed to appoint a chairperson and members and to provide the committee with such assistance as it may request and be within its authority to grant.

Constitution of the American Political Science Association

Article I: Name

This Association shall be known as The American Political Science Association.

Article II

1. It shall be the purpose of this Association to encourage the study of Political Science, including Political Theory, Political Institutions, Politics, Public Law, Public Administration and International Relations.

2. The Association as such is non-partisan. It will not support political parties or candidates. It will not commit its members on questions of public policy nor take positions not immediately concerned with its direct purpose as stated above. But the Association nonetheless actively encourages in its membership and its journals, research in and concern for significant contemporary political and social problems and policies, however controversial; and subject to partisan discourse in the community at large these may be. The Association shall not be debarred from adopting resolutions or taking such other action as it deems appropriate in support of academic freedom and of freedom of expression by and within the Association, the political science profession, and the university, when in its judgment such freedom has been clearly and seriously violated or is clearly and seriously threatened.

Article III: Membership

1. **Annual Members.** Any person sharing the objects of this Association may become a member upon payment of annual dues. All classes of dues, including life membership and reduced annual dues for retired members and students shall be set by the Council provided that no change in dues shall go into effect unless ratified by a mail referendum of the membership.

2. **Life Members.** Any person paying dues of a life member in a lump sum, or in installments spread over not more than ten years, shall become a Life Member of this Association and thereafter be exempt from further dues.

3. **Student Members.** Any graduate or undergraduate student registered in a college or university may become a Student Member of the Association upon payment of dues and may remain such while he or she is so registered, but for no more than five years, by paying annual dues.

4. **Family Members.** Another person in the family of a member may become a Family Member upon payment of dues, and may remain such as long as there is another Association member in the family, by paying annual dues.

5. **Retired Members.** Any member who has been a member for twenty-five years prior to retirement shall be entitled, on retirement, to continue membership at the retired members dues rate.

6. **Institutional and Library Memberships.** The dues and privileges of Institutional and Library Members shall be fixed by the Council but dues may not be less than those for Annual Members.