

American Political Science Association Council Minutes, April 20, 1991 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Chicago, Illinois

Present:

Council, 1991: David Brady, William J. Daniels, Charles Bullock, Gregory Caldeira, Thomas Cronin, Jean Bethke Elshain, Rodolfo de la Garza, Virginia Gray, Ruth S. Jones, Nolan Jones, Kay Lawson, Michael Lipsky, Charles Lipson, Gerhard Loewenberg, Theodore J. Lowi, Ian Lustick, Sandy Maisel, Samuel Patterson, George Quester, Catherine Rudder, Judith Stiehm, James Q. Wilson.

Guests: Thomas E. Mann, David Mares.

APSA Staff: Michael Brintnall, Robert Hauck, Sheilah Mann, Rovilla McHenry, Maurice Woodard.

President Theodore Lowi called the meeting to order. Lowi proposed that the discussion of the publications committee mandate and the discussion on increasing participation in the Association be reserved until the end of the agenda. Hauck reported that the Council's discussion with Bingham Powell would be postponed until the August meeting.

1. The Council unanimously approved the minutes of the August 29, 1990 Council meeting.

2. The Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the Administrative Committee meeting on February 8, 1991. In doing so, the Council approved the following:

- a. The Association's Child Care Service will charge a preregistration fee of \$25.00 per family and an on-site registration fee of \$40.00. The Association will survey its child care users.
- b. The Development Committee will change its name to the Endowed Programs Committee.

3. Rudder and Hauck delivered the Executive Director's Report.

- a. Rudder reported that the MCI Communications Corporation had endowed the Congressional Fellowship Program in the amount of \$5 million. It was the sense of the meeting that there was

standing Council approval for initiatives to expand the endowment of the Association and special programs. If a gift involved naming or renaming a program, the issue is to be brought to the Council; if not, negotiations can be carried out by the Administrative Committee.

The Council expressed its unanimous satisfaction with the terms of the MCI grant and congratulated Rudder on her efforts to secure the funds.

- b. Rudder reported on the continued success of the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute. De la Garza and Lipsky urged that younger students (rising sophomores and juniors) be included in the summer institute program, so that students could be reached before they had already made their choice of major.

Lipsky suggested holding city-wide convocations for sophomores in connection with the Annual Meeting to introduce minority undergraduates to the profession. Minority graduate students would be an integral part of the convocation, serving as exemplars for the undergraduates.

- c. Hauck reported on the negotiation of annual meeting sites through 1996: Washington (1991), Chicago (1992), Washington (1993), New York (1994), Washington (1995), and San Francisco (1996).

There followed a discussion on the increasingly serious constraints on space for panels within a single convention hotel.

- d. Hauck reported on the publication of *Guide to Federal Funding for Social Scientists; The 1991-93 Directory of APSA Members; and Guide to Professional Ethics in Political Science* (2nd Edition).

4. The Council unanimously approved the proposed 1991-92 budget calling for \$2,230,450 in revenue and \$2,229,952 in expenditures.

- a. Brady reported that the Trust and Development Committee had adopted a "total return spending rule," i.e., spending will be based on the total return on investments rather than solely dividends and interest.

Rudder observed that the "total spending rule" would eventually require a technical change to the By-laws.

- b. Brady reported that the Trust and Development Committee would diversify its portfolio with international mutual funds. The Committee would take this action in full accord with the Council's 1985 resolution requiring a good faith effort to comply with the Sullivan principles regarding investment in South Africa.

The Council amended the 1985 resolution to state that preference shall be given to mutual funds receiving an Investor Responsibility Research Center (IRRC) recommendation. The Council authorized the Executive Director to subscribe to the IRRC.

5. Quester delivered a preliminary report on the 1991 Annual Meeting. He observed that the recession might increase the number of no-shows at the Annual Meeting; as a result, he has increased the number of participants on panels.

It was suggested that a form be distributed after the annual meeting asking section heads and panel chairs to identify no-shows. The information will then be shared with the next program chair.

6. Wilson introduced T. Mann as the 1992 program chair, and Mann put forward his selections for program section heads. The Council unanimously approved Mann's appointment and the composition of the 1992 Program Committee.

Mann reported that the 1992 program will be divided into 39 sections as in 1991, with the same names as the 1991 program committee. Of the 39 sections, 26 were derived from the APSA Organized Sections; 13 were organized by the program chair. The 1992 meeting will have no theme, but the Lasswell Symposium will focus on Europe in 1992.

7. The Council suggested that Quester and Mann might develop a statement for insertion in *PS* on the role of the Annual Meeting in an individual's professional and intellectual development. The statement would also highlight the rules governing participation and encourage junior professionals to actively participate in the annual event.

8. Pat Patterson delivered a preliminary report on the state of the *American Political Science Review*. He observed that the transition to the new editor, Bingham Powell, would take place in September, and that announcements to that effect were included in the March issue of the *APSR* and will be featured in the June issue of *PS*.

9. The report of the 1991 Nominating Committee was presented to the Council. Lucius J. Barker of Stanford University was nominated as President-Elect 1991-92. The slate will be presented to the membership at the 1991 Annual Meeting.

Lipson offered that the Council might consider changing the terms of Council members from the present two-year terms to three-year terms. He said the longer terms would allow the Council members to develop their own institutional memory to supplement the contributions of staff.

De la Garza questioned whether two Latinos might not have permanent seats on the Council.

10. The Council unanimously accepted the petition of the Caucus for a New Political Science to become the Association's 27th Organized Section.

11. Hauck reported on pending legislation to preserve the integrity of the *Foreign Relations of the United States* series. The pending legislation calls for two representatives of the permanent advisory committee to be designated by the Association.

12. The Council unanimously approved participation with other learned societies in an amicus curiae brief in the case of *Wright v. Warner Books*. The case deals with the fair use of unpublished copyrighted materials.

APSA Standing Committee Reports

13. The Committee on the Status of Latinos in the Profession.

- a. David Mares presented a proposal (with Samuel Kernell) calling for the creation of a summer institute in American Politics for Latinos to be held at the University of California, San Diego. The program would run for six weeks and offer three modules on American politics. The University of California, San Diego, consulting with the Committee on the Status of Latinos in the Profession, would assume responsibility for raising the necessary funds. There was no request for direct funding from the Association.
- b. The Council expressed its support for the Mares-Kernell proposal and encouraged them to seek the necessary funds to initiate the project.
- c. Lowi proposed, and the Council approved, that an ad hoc Task Force on Minority Recruitment be established to review all the Association's current and proposed projects in minority recruitment. The Task Force would be responsible for coordinating efforts and maximizing cooperation among projects. The Task Force will report back to the Council at its August meeting.

14. S. Mann reported on the success of the Bill of Rights project and of the Pew Foundation's interest in an international relations project. Teaching projects on Germany and Japan are either planned or have been funded. The Council suggested that a future area of program activity might be the Middle East.

- a. Mann received Council approval to seek financial support for a program on the 1800 Election to be modeled after Project '87.
- b. The Council approved of the creation of teaching awards for undergraduate and graduate teachers. The Council suggested that awards might also be given to distinguished mentors.
- c. Lowi will contact Robert Huckshorn, President of Pi Sigma Alpha, to see if the organization will join with the Association in supporting the teaching awards through cash grants.

15. Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession.

- a. Brintnall reported that 60 schools submitted names in the Minority Identification Project, from a list of 90 schools. Over 500 students' names were compiled and distributed among participating institutions. Council members endorsed Brintnall's continued efforts and suggested that the Association contact Graduate Admissions Officers to get their views on how best to promote minority identification and recruitment.
- b. Woodard reported on the 1991 fellowship recipients; the list of names will be published in the forthcoming issue of *PS*.

16. Publications Committee.

- a. The Council debated the Administrative Committee's recommendation that the Publications Committee be disbanded for lack of specific function. The members of the Publications Committee believe that there is a role for the Committee. A final decision was postponed until the August meeting.
- b. S. Mann distributed a draft proposal for a new rate structure for reprint permissions. One area of debate was whether the Association should give "blanket permission" to permit free photocopying for classroom use (as distinct from book publication of reprints). After comments, the Council referred the draft back to the Publications Committee for further consideration.

Discussion:

Participation in the Association

17. Lowi reported that the Administrative Committee observed that there was no need for organizational or procedural change to increase participation in the Association. K. Lawson asked that the Council do one of three things: (1) ask the Administrative Committee to reconsider its recommendation; (2) create an ad hoc group to consider increasing member participation; or (3) have the Council decide on ways at this meeting to increase member participation.

Other Council members responded that there was no evidence of member dissatisfaction with participation opportunities or levels; and that should dissatisfaction arise there already were procedures for allowing it to be expressed in elections, *PS*, meeting attendance, and section membership.

It was proposed that new Council members be given a briefing on the organization and programs of the Association, in addition to inviting them to observe the August meeting of the 1991 Council.

Lawson suggested that a page might be created in *PS* entitled "Inviting Your Participation in APSA" in which Council issues, presidential appointments, and other issues were briefly discussed. The Council invited Lawson to return with a specific proposal for the feature at the August meeting.

The Council voted (12 to 4) to accept the recommendation of the Administrative Committee.

18. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

APSA Publications List

PERIODICALS

The American Political Science Review. The leading quarterly journal of scholarly articles and book reviews in political science. Included in APSA membership. Back issues: \$20 per copy, add \$1.50 postage or \$3 overseas; \$80 per volume, add \$5 postage or \$10 overseas.

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