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## NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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### APLS Council Meeting, 1988

#### Minutes of the September 1, 1988 Council Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences and the APSA Organized Section on Politics and the Life Sciences, Washington, D.C.

Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson, James Schubert, at 12:30 p.m. Attending were: Denise Baer, Carol Barner-Barry, Joseph Losco, Roger Masters, Steven Peterson, Claude Phillips, Glendon Schubert, Albert Somit, Meredith Watts, Elliott White, and Thomas C. Wiegele

1. The minutes of the Council meeting of September 3, 1987 were approved.
2. Claude Phillips, 1988 Program Chair, reported on his efforts in scheduling APSA panels at the 1988 meetings. Denise Baer reported that an increased number of panels would be allocated to APLS for the 1989 meetings and that announcements and a call for papers are to be included in two issues of PS. She also indicated that cosponsorship of panels with other organized APSA groups would increase panel opportunities for APLS. The Council voted to follow the procedure of circulating notices for future programs among Council members before forwarding them to the APSA program chair.
3. Joseph Losco was elected program vice-chair for the 1989 meetings. The vice-chair becomes the program chair for the following year to manage the 1990 program.
4. In order to fill vacancies of Council members whose terms are expiring (Carol Barner-Barry, Roger Masters, Glendon Schubert, Albert Somit, Meredith Watts, Elliott White), a nominating committee was selected. James Schubert will contact Odelia Funke, Fred Kort, and Jean Laponce to determine if they will serve. The alternate is

Claude Phillips. Odelia Funke is to serve as chair. Fred Kort is the alternate chair.

5. Thomas Wiegele presented the Association's financial report. Printing costs had increased while other expenses and income figures remained fairly steady with the exception of a drop in promotional activities as a result of the termination of Lilly Foundation funding. Journal subscriptions among students were down. There was a general discussion of ways to increase subscriptions among this group.

6. Thomas Wiegele proposed the relocation of the journal of *Politics and the Life Sciences* by July 1, 1990 with the final issue published at Northern Illinois University in August 1990. The Council approved a call for proposals to relocate journal activities. The Council will review the proposals and make recommendations to the membership.

7. James Schubert reported little success in securing funding for a summer institute in biopolitics, although there appears to be interest (especially from abroad) for attending summer workshops. Efforts to repackage a workshop and resubmit it to funders will continue.

8. Steven Peterson reviewed the report from the subcommittee for nomination and election of new officers. As revised, the procedure calls for the outgoing chair to serve as head of a three person nominating committee. The chair names one member from the general membership of APLS. The Council selects the other member from the Council membership. The committee then nominates up to twice the number of officers for election (a maximum of six) from among the membership of the Council. Nominations are solicited through the Association's journal and submitted with signatures of at least 10 percent of the membership of APLS. Elections, implemented by the nominating committee, are by plurality vote with results announced at the annual business meeting by the chair.

9. Elections to the nominating committee were conducted. Steven Peterson was selected from among the Council

membership and Gary Johnson was selected as a second member from among the general membership. James Schubert will head the committee.

10. Elliott White reported that there will be no graduate paper award this year because only one paper was submitted, and its quality did not warrant recognition. The Council agreed to include a statement on future contest announcements indicating that the Association retains the option of not making an award.

### New Business

11. There was a discussion of the decline in the number of members in the Organized PLS Section affiliation with the APSA. James Schubert indicated that an average number of 100 must be maintained to continue organized status with APSA, and the entertained suggestions about increasing the number of members. It was agreed that the chair will send some sort of reminder to APLS members to check the appropriate organized section box on APSA membership renewals.

12. Thomas Wiegele reported on the upcoming meeting of the International Social Science Council in Barcelona. Roger Masters suggested that a European member of APLS might be asked to attend should Wiegele be unable to do so.

13. Roger Masters announced a panel on the convergence of evolutionary theory, economics, and political science at the AAAS meetings in San Francisco.

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### APLS Business Meeting, 1988

#### Minutes of the September 2, 1988 Business Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences and the APSA Organized Section on Politics and the Life Sciences, Washington, D.C.

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2. Elliott White asked for volunteers to organize panels or sections for meetings held by other professional associations whose interests parallel those of APLS. State political science associations were mentioned as a particular target for this effort.

3. The chair summarized the previous day's meeting of the APLS Council.

a. The selection of the APLS panel chair for the APSA meeting was discussed. This past year, the vice-chair of last year's panel automatically became the chair for the current year. It was moved that this ad hoc procedure be formally adopted. Motion passed.

b. Joseph Losco was selected to serve as vice-chair for the 1989 APLS organized section. Denise Baer is chair. Losco will automatically become chair for the 1990 program.

c. It was agreed to select a committee, as required by the constitution, to nominate individuals to replace the six members of the Council whose terms have expired. The nominees will be voted on by the APLS membership.

4. James Schubert reported that in 1989 all APSA organized sections will be integrated into the regular program. All sections will thus have the same number of panels. The change in allocations is

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6. The APLS Graduate Student Paper Award was presented to Arthur Joyce of Rutgers University. The paper will be published as an article in the February 1989 issue of *Politics and the Life Sciences*.

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(1988). Only one submission was received, and it did not meet the standards for the award. The previous year, 12 papers were submitted. Possible reasons for the decline in submissions were discussed.

### New Business

9. To remain an organized section of the APSA, APLS must have at least 100 members. At its peak, APLS registered 150 members. According to the APSA, the two following years saw totals of 94 and 75. APLS will need to address this shortfall, particularly in light of the new section rules for the 1989 APSA program. The APSA will provide the Council with a current list of registered members. Several comments and suggestions were offered:

a. Add a reminder to the APLS membership renewal form underlining the importance of joining the APSA section.

b. The APSA will be informed of the incorrect listing for APLS on the APSA form.

c. It was noted that late registrants might not be included in the APSA totals. It was further noted that many APLS members belong to other disciplines and are therefore not part of the APSA enrollment.

d. Additional membership benefits might encourage enrollment. The publication of a newsletter, which would serve a different function than the journal, was suggested.

e. Enrollment information could be sent by the section chair to all panel members.

f. Were the APSA mailing to include an individualized reminder of the previous year's registration, it might encourage members to re-register.

g. Family memberships were suggested as a short-term solution.

10. The Council is working on an award program for books. The book review editor for the *American Political Science Review* has asked for information to help in reviewing books.

11. A motion was passed to approve the proposed process for selecting the annual chair for the APSA organized section and APLS officers. The Council recommended a two-stage process:

a. The outgoing chair will head a three-person nominating committee, the other two members to be selected from the APLS membership. They will nominate twice the number of vacancies.

b. The results will be decided by plurality vote and will be announced at the next APLS business meeting.

12. The Council asked the chair to name a three-person nominating committee to offer candidates to fill the Council seats that will be vacant. Names of nominees will be circulated to APLS members for a vote.

Odelia Funke  
Recording Secretary

### APLS Elects New Officers

Odelia Funke was elected Chairperson of APLS at the annual meeting in August 1989. Steven Peterson is the new Vice Chairperson and Joseph Losco the incoming Secretary. Losco was also elected the 1990 Program Chairperson. Kent L. Oots is the Program Vice Chairperson.

Thanks are due Denise Baer, Program Chairperson, and Joseph Losco, Vice Chairperson, for their work on the 1989 program.

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## OTHER NEWS

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### The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

A European organization which has done a considerable amount of work on biotechnology development should be of interest to many *PLS* readers. The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions provides authoritative information to assist the European Community in continually improving its living and working conditions. The Foundation is comprised of a variety of representatives of governments, employers, and trade unions. Its members are appointed by the Council of Ministers, and its chairman and vice-chairmen are elected annually.

In light of the Single European Act, the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions has begun a four-year rolling program to take advantage of this opportunity to improve living and working conditions in Europe. The program is in effect from 1989 to 1992.

In connection with its 1985 program, the Foundation set out to study the impact of biotechnology on living and working conditions. As a result, the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions has published a series of research reports concerning the