

American Political Science Association Council Meeting Minutes August 29, 1990 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. San Francisco, California

Present

Council, 1990: Christopher Achen, Robert H. Bates, David Brady, Charles Bullock, James Caporaso, Gregory Caldeira, Peter A. Gourevitch, Ted Robert Gurr, Ronald Kahn, Kay Lawson, Michael Lipsky, Theodore J. Lowi, Sandy Maisel, Jane Mansbridge, Barbara J. Nelson, Michael Preston, Donald Searing, Judith N. Shklar.

Council Members-Elect: William J. Daniels, Rudolfo de la Garza, Jean Bethke Elshtain, Virginia A. Gray, Ruth S. Jones, Nolan Jones, Charles Lipson, Gerhard Loewenberg, Ian Lustick, George Quester, James Q. Wilson.

Guests: Gayle Binion, Harold Jacobson, Mitchell Rice, John Wahlke, Raymond E. Wolfinger.

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

President Shklar called the meeting to order. She thanked Catherine Rudder and Rovilla McHenry for their preparation of the Council agenda and other work on behalf of the Council. Shklar proposed that, following the discussion of items on the agenda, there be an open discussion of issues raised about increasing members' participation in the governance of the Association.

1. The Council unanimously approved the minutes of the March 16, 1990 Council meeting.

2. The Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the Administrative Committee meeting of August 29. In doing so, Council members added recommendations regarding these items of business:

a. The Council accepted a proposed bequest to establish a legislative studies fellowship program. The Council concurred with the Administrative Committee in advising Rudder to request modification of the provisions regarding the return of royalty payments as proposed in the bequest.

b. The Council voted to amend the selection procedures of the James Madison Award as set forth by the Council in 1977 to bring them in conformity with the procedures governing other award committees which have the sole authority to designate a recipient.

c. The Council authorized the national office to alter administrative rules and to survey the child care service users so that demand and needs of parents can be anticipated better and to not exceed the Association's capacity to serve them. The Council advised extensive consultation with the Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession and the Women's Caucus before contemplating changes in the provision of child care at the APSA's Annual Meeting.

3. President Judith Shklar reported on her visits to regional political science association meetings and the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute. She noted that participation at the regional meetings is increasing, and she praised the administration and student involvement in the Summer Institute.

4. Catherine E. Rudder reported that APSA membership has risen by 13% this year.

5. Rudder introduced Michael Brintnall, who is joining the professional staff, and announced that Frank Scioli will spend his year, on leave from the National Science Foundation Political Science Program, at the Association.

6. President-Elect Theodore J. Lowi submitted his appointments to Association Committees. The Council approved the appointments unanimously, granting approval also for any changes that would need to be made subsequently.

7. President Shklar proposed the nomination of G. Bingham Powell, Jr., University of Rochester, following the recommendation of the Committee to select a new *APSR* Editor. The appointment is for three years and can be renewed for another three years. The Council approved the appointment unanimously and thanked the selection committee.

8. Reports on the program and special activities of the 1990 Annual Meeting:

a. Jane Mansbridge reported that the Program had been completed as projected with liaison between the Pro-

gram Committee and organized liaison sections.

b. APSA staff reported on special education offerings and additional participation of foreign scholars and students. Rudder pointed out that registration, the placement service, exhibits, and panel paper room were all ready to open. The Council asked that, in programs for foreign scholars, there be more efforts to recruit scholars and students from Latin America and Africa.

c. Lipsky called the Council's attention to the need for adequate support for foreign nationals in our graduate programs and to the obstacles they face both in returning to their countries and in the profession.

d. The Council adopted the agenda proposed for the 1990 APSA Business Meeting.

9. Theodore J. Lowi and George Quester reported on the 1991 program. Lists of sections were distributed. The "rule of three" to identify section chairs has been implemented.

10. Harold Jacobson reported on international programs. He announced that Carole Pateman will become the IPSA president. The Association needs to propose a representative for the IPSA Council. Three people should be nominated, with one person to serve on the Executive Committee. The APSA has proposed an IPSA workshop on Global Change to be held in conjunction with the 1992 Annual Meeting. The workshop would address environmental, science, and technological research issues.

11. The Council approved the proposal to change the name of the Committee on the Status of Chicanos to the Committee on the Status of Latinos.

12. John Wahlke presented the report of the Task Force on the Political Science Major. He asked the Council to examine the report's recommendations. Council members recommended revisions to identify the diversity in the profession as a challenge and opportunity and not as a problem, and to add gender to the recommendation that political science syllabi reflect cultural and ethnic diversity. The report will be published in the March 1991 (combined) issue of *PS: Political Science & Politics* and *The Political Science Teacher*. Comments from Council members are invited (by October 15). Theodore Lowi plans to comment. Judith Stiehm recommended distribution

of the report to the Political Science GRE Committee.

The Council unanimously approved a resolution to accept the report, on behalf of the profession, and to assure its distribution to political scientists to stimulate discussion, examination, and revision of the undergraduate major.

Sheilah Mann then reviewed other education programs and pointed to the initiation of "The Political Science Course Syllabi Collection Project."

13. The Council received the first report of the Development Committee and approved all of the Committee's proposals for APSA awards, new international initiatives, and a proposed funding strategy for the Congressional Fellowship Program. The Committee's recommendation regarding a study of awards of the organized sections might be handled, more appropriately, by the Committee on Organized Sections than by the Administrative Committee.

14. The Council approved the petition to establish an organized section on Transformational Politics.

15. Raymond E. Wolfinger reported on COSSA and NSF activities. Warren Miller is being nominated for the National Science Medal. Association letters of support are appropriate. NSF anticipates budget cuts in the political science program. President Bush has nominated Glenn Campbell for an appointment to the NSF Board. Campbell has proposed halting funding for the social sciences. Consequently, Wolfinger asked if APSA would take a position regarding this appointment and consider lobbying against Campbell. Wolfinger also asked the Council about a position regarding the proposal to establish a separate directorate for the social sciences, i.e., removing the social sciences from their current placement in the directorate for Biological and Behavioral Sciences. Finally, the National Elections Study, which accounts for 25% of the NSF budget for political science, may be incorporated into a mass data program with the General Social Survey. Such a transfer may jeopardize the disciplinary base and vitality of the NES.

The Council responded to each of these issues. Members approved a resolution to recommend the creation of a separate social science directorate and to coordinate action in support of this resolution through COSSA. The Council expressed concern about the Campbell appointment and suggested that APSA cooperate with COSSA to reach members of the Senate Committee and assure that Campbell is questioned about his lack of regard for the social sciences. If need be, APSA could also express its opposition to the appointment. The council also expressed

disapproval of a proposal to transfer the NES Study. Council members are asked to urge their universities to join COSSA.

16. Gayle Binion reported on the initiation of the Ad Hoc Committee to revise the charter of the Committee on Professional Ethics. The Council approved changes proposed by the Committee on Professional Ethics, Rights and Freedoms to consolidate existing language in Section 4 of the Guidelines on Employment Opportunities. The first paragraph of the section would now read: "*Equal Employment Opportunities*. It is Association policy that educational institutions not discriminate among job candidates on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, physical handicap, disability, or religion (except in those cases in which federal laws allow religious preference in hiring)." The third paragraph would be deleted.

The Council asked the Committee to redraft proposed language regarding discrimination against job candidates on the basis of "other criteria not directly related to their professional activities."

17. Robert J-P. Hauck presented the report of the Research Support Committee. The Council approved the Committee's requests for resolutions on:

- a. the need to revise the Copyright Act of 1979, and
- b. preserving the integrity of the *Foreign Relations of the United States* Documentary History volumes.

Resolution of the Need for Revision to the Copyright Act of 1979
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Whereas, the canons of scholarly research require responsible biographers and political scientists to draw upon and quote from unpublished primary source materials; and

Whereas, political science research would be seriously impaired by the prohibition of citing quotations from primary sources; and

Whereas, in some cases only a person's actual words can convey the essence of an historical event; and

Whereas, recent rulings of the U.S. Second Circuit Court have had a chilling effect on political science research, making it legally dangerous to quote even the smallest amount of unpublished materials without obtaining authorized use or consent; and

Whereas, a "fair use" doctrine for unpublished materials is needed to balance the protection of authors' copyright and the encouragement of scholarly research; and

Whereas, Representative Robert Kastner and Senator Paul Simon have introduced legislation that would clarify the "fair use" of quotations of unpublished materials;

Resolved, The American Political Science Association urges Congress to move promptly to hold hearings on S.2370 and H.R.4263 and to enact these bills which will eliminate the distinction between published and unpublished works regarding the fair use of quotations.

Resolution on Integrity of the Foreign Relations of the United States Documentary History Volumes

Whereas, the *Foreign Relations of the United States*, has been published by the Department of State since 1861 and serves as a record of American foreign relations, as faithful as possible, given legitimate security concerns; and

Whereas, the documentary series, now numbering over 300 volumes, has been a cornerstone of scholarly research and writing in American foreign relations; and

Whereas, until recently the scholarly community has expressed strong confidence in the editorial integrity of the series which provided both detailed coverage of major issues and guidance for locating unpublished State Department documents; and

Whereas, the integrity of the *Foreign Relations of the United States* series is now threatened by changes during the last decade in the editorial review process for handling sensitive materials; and

Whereas, recent volumes of the *Foreign Relations of the United States*, published more than thirty years following the historical events described, contain an appalling increase in the amount of incomplete and deleted documents, which the State Department's Historical Documents Review Division and other government agencies have excised from the volumes; and

Whereas, recent *Foreign Relations* volumes with significant increase in deletions and omission create an incompleteness that in itself is a distortion; and

Whereas, the Department of State itself in carrying out the foreign policy of the United States needs a full and accurate record of its past programs and decisions on which its own offices can rely; and

Whereas, our democratic government rests on informal public debate and deliberations by policymakers based on access to the fullest possible records of the past and on an accurate presentation of our history; and

Whereas, various agencies of the United States government are urging foreign governments to open their archival records, it is essential that the United States follow a standard worthy of emulation; and

Whereas, the role of the State Department's Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, made up of the representatives of the American Political Science Association, the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the American Society of International Law, and the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, is now threatened as they are no longer informed participants in the review process and are no longer in a position to attest to the integrity of the series;

Resolved, the American Political Science Association urges Secretary of State James Baker to take necessary steps to restore the integrity of the *Foreign Relations of the United States* by establishing a procedure by which the Advisory Committee, who have "secret" clearances, may review the necessary materials in order to make informed judgments on the integrity of the series.

Hauck also reported on the APSA's 1990 competition for small grants.

18. Catherine E. Rudder reported on how the Association has been expanding its programs to recruit minority political scientists. The long established program to identify Black fellows drew 87 applicants this past year. Twenty-five fellows were selected. The Ralph Bunche Summer Institute moved to Atlanta where it was conducted very well. In addition, Louisiana State University hosted a special reunion of Bunche alumni. There is interest, particularly on the part of Arizona State University, in developing a comparable institute for Latino students. There is considerable participation in the minority identification project, instituted this past year. In addition, the Association is developing a new special masters degree program to recruit and train minority students. Council members asked the Association to explore:

- a. opportunities of direct funding to the declining pool of black professors, and
- b. increasing the number of minority graduate students receiving support by stretching the available funds.

19. David Brady reported on the Association's budget for 1989-90 and the budget estimated for 1990-91. The Council approved the budgets unanimously. The Council also received the Audit Report and the report on the status of the Trust and Development Fund.

The Council agreed to an increase in the Annual Meeting registration fees, effective in 1991, noting that inflation has eroded the value of the fee since it was set five years ago and that APSA registration will still be lower than that of most other social science associations. The new fee structure will be:

	Pre-Registration	Registration
Student Member	\$20.00	\$25.00
Regular Member	\$45.00	\$60.00
Non-Member	\$75.00	\$95.00

20. The Council received a report on the APSA and Pi Sigma Alpha Oral History Project, supported by a three-year authorization from APSA. The Council agreed the annual contribution would be \$5,000 with half of the APSA funds coming from the Kirkpatrick Fund.

21. Catherine E. Rudder alerted the Council to possible restrictions on grant content in the reauthorizing statute for the National Endowment for the Humanities. Such restrictions, which would be comparable to those imposed on the National Endowment for the Arts, could well impede faculty acceptance of NEH support.

22. Catherine E. Rudder discussed the report of the Coalition for the Advancement of Foreign Languages and International Studies (CAFLIS). Concerns were expressed about the procedure for the preparation of the Council's report and the language adopted to signify Association endorsement. Nonetheless, Council members approved continuing APSA membership in CAFLIS.

23. Samuel Patterson could not attend the Council meeting to report on the *APSR*. Council members agreed to invite Bingham Powell, the newly appointed editor, to the spring 1991 Council meeting to discuss issues regarding access to publication in the *Review* by research subfields that have been underrepresented, e.g., comparative politics, women and politics.

24. The Council reviewed and approved the Administrative Committee's response to a request from the Gay and Lesbian Caucus regarding the selection of sites for future annual meetings. The Council adopted a nonbinding resolution calling for the APSA national office to make a good faith effort to locate the convention in cities without statutes that are hostile or restrictive to Gays. The objective is to secure the comfort of all

members who attend an Annual Meeting.

25. Theodore Lowi announced that the next Council meeting will be on Saturday, April 20, in Chicago, in conjunction with the Midwest PSA Annual Meeting.

26. The Council completed discussion of issues on its agenda and turned to the proposals raised in letters from Mansbridge and Lawson regarding members' assessment of the APSA and increasing their involvement in its activities and policies. Suggestions were made to use *PS* to discuss issues that do not go to the Council and to distribute a questionnaire to evaluate the Annual Meeting. Council members differed on whether to actively encourage controversy as a means of engaging members, i.e., to establish contested elections for officers. Theodore Lowi pointed out that the Association should support members' pursuit of their research and professional commitments at their universities and colleges; and that members should be encouraged to nominate themselves for roles in the Association. Sandy Maisel noted that the search for conflict, when none exists, is an artifice. Crawford Young expressed support for contested elections. Kay Lawson maintained that many political scientists may be alienated and feel left out of the activities of the Association. The Council agreed to decide, at its next meeting, whether there should be a committee to examine the question of membership participation.

27. The Council went into Executive Session.

Committees of the American Political Science Association

I. CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

Administrative Committee

The Administrative Committee consists of the president, president-elect, treasurer and four other Council members whose main duties include preparing agendas for Council meetings and annual business meetings and acting on behalf of the Council to dispose of policy issues deemed of insufficient weight to require decisions by the Council.

David Brady, Stanford University
 William J. Daniels, Rochester Institute of Technology
 Jean Bethke Elstain, Vanderbilt University
 Virginia H. Gray, University of Minnesota
 Theodore J. Lowi, Cornell University