

APLS 1984 Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences was held on August 31, 1984 at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the convention of the American Political Science Association. Thomas C. Wiegele, executive director, presided.

The membership received financial and subscription reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984. The July 1, 1983 beginning balance was \$2,638.62. This, plus fiscal year 1984 income of \$3,806.60, less expenses of \$3,008.11, left an end balance of \$3,437.11.

Following the APLS financial report, Wiegele reported on APLS activities funded by the grant from the Lilly Endowment. The grant supports a graduate assistant who will gather materials and begin to assemble curriculum guides. This effort commenced August 15, 1984. The grant also supports various efforts involved in expanding the APLS membership over a 3-year period. In the first year, promotional literature was mailed to the following groups: 1) Libraries of institutions with graduate programs in political science; 2) Libraries of 4-year colleges; 3) Biology department chairs of 4-year colleges; 4) Contributors to relevant

journals, and; 5) Subscribers to relevant journals.

Final results from this first promotional effort will be reported in May 1985. A preliminary analysis shows that membership has increased 48.9% over August 1, 1984; 46% of this increase came as a direct result of the promotional campaign.

After the financial and subscription reports, the members heard a report by Fred Kort, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee (James F. Herndon and Thomas C. Wiegele were the additional members), on the Committee's August 29 meeting. Following discussion of the proposed changes in the bylaws, the members of the Association voted to accept revisions to Article II, sections 1 to 4 and the addition of Article VII to the APLS Constitution (see following). The Association is most appreciative of Professor Kort's leadership regarding these important changes.

Steering Committee Meeting

The annual meeting of the Steering Committee of APLS took place in Washington, D.C. on August 30, 1984. The Steering Committee has been renamed as the "Council of the Association."

Constitution of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences

Article I: Membership

Section 1: Members of the Association

Members of the Association consist of all persons who are interested in the study of politics in the context of the life sciences and who pay annual dues, as provided in this Article, Section 3.

Section 2: Meetings of Members

Annual meetings of the Association normally are held in conjunction with the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association. Announcements of the panels at the Annual Meetings are included in the printed program of the American Political Science Association.

Section 3: Annual Dues

Annual dues are established at the Annual Meeting of the Association. The amount of dues is recommended by the Council of the Association.

Article II: Officers

Section 1: Council of the Association

The Council is delegated to act for the Association during the interim between annual meetings. The Council consists of twelve members of the

Association, half of whom shall be elected every two years for four year terms. The Executive Director of the Association serves as an *ex officio* member of the Council. The Council selects for a period of two years a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and a Recording Secretary from its own membership. The Council also selects the Executive Director of the Association, the Editor of *Politics and the Life Sciences*, the Program Chairperson(s), and the Nominating Committee, which selects its own chairperson.

Section 2: Duties of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Recording Secretary of the Council

The Chairperson of the Council presides at meetings of the Council and at the Annual Meeting of the Association. The Vice-Chairperson presides in the absence of the Chairperson. The Recording Secretary keeps the minutes of the Council and of the Annual Meeting.

Section 3: Duties of the Executive Director

The Executive Director coordinates and implements the activities of the Association. The Executive Director is responsible for the financial affairs of the Association and renders a report on these affairs to the Council and to the Annual Meeting.

Section 4: Duties of the Program Chairperson(s)

It is the responsibility of the Program Chairperson(s) to organize and direct the annual program of the Association.

Section 5: Duties of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee nominates from the individual membership of the Association up to twice the number of members of the Council to be

elected. With the assistance of the Executive Director and within the month following the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall publish a listing of official nominees. A period of sixty days shall be allowed for nomination from the general membership. Any nomination from the general membership shall be accompanied by the signatures of ten percent of the general membership. At the close of the sixty day period, the Nominating Committee shall mail ballots listing all nominees to individual members of the Association. Ballots are returned to the Nominating Committee for counting and publishing results. Each individual member has as many votes as there are positions to be filled on the Council, and the nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected.

Article III: Scholarly Journal

The Association regards *Politics and the Life Sciences* as the medium of scholarly publication and of communications concerning professional activities of its members. It encourages its members to contribute and subscribe to *Politics and the Life Sciences* as the scholarly journal most oriented toward the substantive interests of the Association.

Article IV: Programs of the Association

The Association establishes panels, workshops, symposia, and social gatherings at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association and at regional and other professional meetings.

Article V: Amendments to the Constitution

All matters not treated in this Constitution are accommo-

dated at the Annual Meeting of the Association in accordance with Sturgis' Manual of Parliamentary Procedure.

Article VII: Transition Procedures

The Steering Committee that existed under the Constitution adopted in 1983 is empowered to perform the functions of the Council under Article II as amended until the first Council has been elected. At the first election under Article II as amended, the Association shall elect six persons for two year terms and six persons for four year terms.

Index Information

We are pleased to report that *Politics and the Life Sciences* is now indexed in *ABC POL SCI, Biology Digest, Current Contents: Social and Behavioral Sciences, International Political Science Abstracts,* and the *Social Sciences Citation Index*.

Possible APLS Affiliation

As a result of the business meeting of the Association in Washington, D.C. during the 1984 APSA Convention, William Kitchin, Roger Masters, and Glendon Schubert have been designated as a committee to study the question of whether and in what way APLS should become affiliated with other professional organizations. Involved are issues of professional norms, autonomy, dues, visibility, freedom, and equity. If you have data, opinions, and/or emotional reactions about these questions, please send them to Dr. William Kitchin, Department of Political Science, Loyola College, 4501 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21210.

APLS at APSA, 1985

The following is a tentative schedule of panels for the fifth annual meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences to be held in conjunction with the 1985 convention of the American Political Science Association, August 29 to September 1, 1985 in New Orleans.

Panel 1. Biology, Culture, and Constitution

Chair:

Thomas C. Wiegale
Northern Illinois University

Papers:

Bioconstitutional Politics: Towards an interdisciplinary Paradigm

Ira Carmen
University of Illinois

Rite, Rights, and Ritual: The Biology of Conflict Control

Richard Hartigan
Loyola University of Chicago

Are There "Laws" of Cultural Evolution?

Claude Phillips
Western Michigan University

Toward the Democratic Single System

Bruce Pollard
Sussex College of
Technology

Discussants:

To be announced

Panel 2. Emerging Issues In Biopolicy

Chair:

To be selected

Papers:

Engineering New Plants: The Role of Government

Odelia Funke
Environmental Protection
Agency

Castration, Rape Offenders, and the Conditions of Probation

William Green
Morehead State University

Discussants:

To be announced

Panel 3. Biobehavioral Research: Non Elite Behavior

Chair:

Meredith Watts
University of Wisconsin—
Milwaukee

Papers:

Center and Centrality in Political Perceptions and Behavior: The Biological Underpinnings

J.A. Laponce
The University of
British Columbia

The Primacy Principle and Political Specialization: An Endangered Species?

Albert Somit
Southern Illinois University

Biopolitics and the Political Participation of Older Americans

Steve Peterson
Alfred University

Discussants:

To be announced

Panel 4. Biobehavioral Research: Political Elites

Chair:

To be selected

Papers:

A Psychobiological Model for Remote Assessment of Political Leaders

William Kitchin
Loyola College in Maryland

Population and Elite Age Structure in Local Political Institutions

Thomas C. Wiegale
Northern Illinois University

James Schubert
Alfred University

Samuel Hines
College of Charleston

Discussants:

To be announced

Roundtable 1. Health Disabilities and Political Decision Making

Chair:

Robert S. Robins
Tulane University

Participants:

To be announced

All those interested in participating in roundtable or panel discussions are invited to contact Robert H. Blank, Political Science Department, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83843.

Additional APLS Meetings of Interest

Please note these important tentative meeting times on your calendar:

Meeting of the Council of the Association

Friday, August 30
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Cocktail Party ("Dutch Treat")

Friday, August 30
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

APLS Business Meeting

Saturday, August 31
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

American Society of Law and Medicine Conference

The American Society of Law and Medicine sponsored a conference on Recent Developments in Mental Health Law which was held in Los Angeles, October 10 to 11, 1984. The program included sessions on:

The Right to the Least Restrictive Treatment

Standards for Involuntary Hospitalization

Refusing Mental Health Treatment

Competence, Capacity and Consent

Psychiatric Liability

Electroshock Therapy
The Insanity Defense and Accountability in the Criminal Process

Common Wealth Award

The Common Wealth Award, which provides a monetary award to individuals or organizations that have distinguished themselves by their professional contributions, was presented to Matilda White Riley, President-elect of the American Sociological Association, during the 1984 ASA Annual Meeting in San Antonio. The award recognized her "long and distinguished career in sociology," said Hugh George, Executive Vice President of the Bank of Delaware, which administers the award, established by the late Ralph Hayes, a Coca-Cola Company executive and bank director.

George noted that Riley, Associate Director for Behavioral Sciences Research of the National Institute on Aging, "...is widely known for her work on age stratification, from the landmark publication of her three-volume work, *Aging and Society* to many recently published works on bi-

osocial perspectives and adult development and aging."

Agriculture and Human Values

Agriculture and Human Values is an interdisciplinary newsletter for educators, researchers, policy makers, and research managers who have an interest in understanding the implications of alternative agricultural policies and practices and in creating educational and scholarly junctures between liberal arts and agricultural disciplines. The editors encourage submission of essays, book reviews, announcements, course syllabi, and bibliographies. For more information contact Richard Haynes, Editor, Humanities and Agriculture Program, Center for Applied Philosophy and Ethics in the Professions, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611.

Meetings of Interest

Minority Biomedical Research Support (MRBS) Symposium
March 31-April 3, 1985
Miami, Florida

Society of Behavioral Medicine
March 27-30, 1985

New Orleans, Louisiana

New Managing Editor for PLS

We are pleased to announce that Patricia Finn-Morris is the new managing editor for *Politics and the Life Sciences*. After earning a B.A. degree in French language and literature, Pat acquired six years of experience in publishing and publication production, most recently with Arthur Andersen & Co.'s Professional Education Division. We are pleased to welcome Pat to the journal.

Adieu to Kathleen Shankman

Readers of *PLS* have long been familiar with the work of Kathleen Shankman who served for almost three years as the first managing editor of the journal. Kathleen has left for a part-time position which will allow her to complete her PhD in history at Northern Illinois University. Kathleen participated in the early planning and decision making for *PLS*, and we consider her a permanent friend of the journal. We wish her good fortune in her new endeavors.