

ARKANSAS POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Room 900-300 Spring Building

Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

NEWS - LETTER

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39 ATTEND
CONWAY
MEETING

Thirty-nine people attended the organizational meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association at SCA March 1 and 2. The group elected Dr. Robert McChesney of SCA as the organization's first president. McChesney issued the call for the meeting and served as the host. Other officers elected were Dr. Peter Kidman of ASU, vice president, and Walter Nunn of UALR, secretary-treasurer. The APSA designated three committees to help get the organization started. The Nominating Committee was formed in advance of the meeting. The committees are:

Constitutional Committee

Dr. Tae Nam (UAPB)-chairman
Dr. Cal Ledbetter (UALR)
Dr. Raphael Lewis (Philander
Smith)
Simms McClintock (SCA)
Bob Meriwether (Hendrix)

Program Committee

Dr. Joel Anderson (UALR)-
chairman
Kenneth Bailey (UAF)
Dr. Bill Burns (ASU)
Dr. Charles Dunn (UAM)
Elizabeth Hodge (OBU)

Curriculum Committee

Dr. Tom Bellows (UAF)-chairman
members to be appointed
by Bellows, McChesney
and Meriwether

Nominating Committee

Bob Meriwether (Hendrix)-
chairman
Dr. Tom Bellows (UAF)
Dr. Peter Kidman (ASU)
Dr. Tae Nam (UAPB)
Bill Nolan (Southern State)

Anyone who wishes to join a committee may do so by notifying the chairman.

The terms of the Officers and committee members will expire July 1, 1975. The president was authorized to appoint additional committees and fill vacancies as needed.

The APSA set dues at \$5.00 for regular memberships and \$1.00 for students.

The group decided to hold its next meeting in Little Rock. The Program Committee will establish a date, location, and program for the meeting.

SPEAKERS
AT FIRST MEETING | Dr. Daniel Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University and author of a widely-used text on state and local government, gave a dinner speech the first night entitled "Political Science in Arkansas: Problems and Opportunities." Dr. Grant listed several possibilities for significant research in political science using Arkansas subjects.

After dinner the Institute of Politics in Arkansas hosted a cocktail hour for the group.

The following morning the members divided into two groups, which heard two papers each. They were:

"A Manifesto of the Black Student Activists in a Southern Black College Under the Integration Order" by Dr. Tae Nam of UAPB. Dr. Raphael Lewis of Philander Smith College moderated the discussion.

"Rebuilding Problems in a School District" by Dr. Afak Haydar of ASU. Dr. Jeddy LeVar of Henderson State College moderated the discussion.

"Executive-Legislative Relations in Foreign Policy: The Fulbright Prescriptions and a Lesson for Professor" by Dr. Joel Anderson of UALR. Dr. Maurice Rogers of ASU moderated the discussion.

"Recruitment and Role Perceptions of Political Party County Chairmen in Arkansas" by Dr. Charles Dunn of UAM. Ken Bailey of UAF moderated the discussion.

FIRST
POLITICAL
SCIENCE
DIRECTORY
COMPILED | The first known directory of political scientists in the state has been compiled by Dr. Peter Kidman of ASU. The directory lists 98 people, of whom 83 are faculty members of Arkansas colleges. The directory lists everyone alphabetically and also by school. The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville has the largest political science faculty with 15 members.

The directory carries each political scientist's address and the institution from which he obtained his last degree. Dr. Kidman distributed the directory free of charge to all persons attending the Conway organizational meeting; anyone wanting a copy may write him. He would also like to receive the name, address, degree, and institution of anyone who has been overlooked.

MEMBERSHIPS | Membership in the Arkansas Political Science
AVAILABLE | Association is \$1.00 for students and \$5.00 for
IN APSA | non-students. Please fill out the enclosed
_____ | membership registration form and send it with
your check to Walter Nunn, Arkansas Political Science Association,
300 Spring Building, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. Your member-
ship will be good until July, 1975. Anyone without a form
who wants to join may simply send his check, and his form will
be filled out at the office.