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### **1972 Rules for the Annual Meeting and Association Elections**

On May 23, 1972, the Association's Council approved the following rules proposed by the Rules Committee to govern the conduct of the Association's 1972 Annual Business Meeting and election.

All 1972 changes in or additions to the rules are italicized.

#### **1. Annual Business Meeting: Attendance and Participation**

The right "to attend and to participate in the Annual Business Meeting of the Association" is constitutionally accorded "all members, upon payment of such registration fee as the Council may approve." (Art. III, sec. 7)

1.1 Attendance at the Annual Business Meeting shall be restricted to members of the Association who have paid the approved registration fee and to registered representatives of the media. Participation in the Annual Business Meeting shall be restricted to members of the Association who have paid the approved registration fee.

1.2 Members upon registration shall be issued nontransferable badges readily distinguishable from badges issued nonmember registrants and representatives of the media.

1.3 The Registration Desk shall be open (in addition to the normal registration hours) at least during the first hour of the Annual Business Meeting or, if the Meeting is held in separate time periods, during the first hour of each such Meeting.

1.4 *A prospective candidate for elective office of the Association must become a dues-paying member upon filing for office.*

#### **2. Conduct of the Annual Business Meeting**

2.1 The agenda of each Annual Business Meeting shall include proposed constitutional amendments,

nomination and election of officers, resolutions, and other business.

2.2 The Council shall prepare and publish a full agenda for each Annual Business Meeting, including the texts of all proposed amendments and resolutions, with statements of the Council's recommendation on each, such full agenda to be made available to members at the beginning of the Annual Business Meeting.

2.3 On any proposed constitutional amendment or resolution, the first signer of a proposed amendment or resolution (or his designee) shall be recognized as the first speaker on that amendment or resolution and shall be allotted a maximum of five minutes.

2.4 In accordance with the Council's constitutional authority to make recommendations on all proposed amendments and resolutions (Art. VIII; Art. IX, sec. 1), the second speaker on any proposed constitutional amendment or resolution not sponsored by the Council shall be a member designated by the Council to present its views. That member shall also be allotted a maximum of five minutes.

2.5 Each speaker after the first two speakers specified in Rules 2.3 and 2.4 shall be allotted a maximum of three minutes. The President shall recognize alternately proponents and opponents of the proposed amendment or resolution being considered, so long as members of each group seek recognition, subject to the previous question being ordered.

2.6 The proposer of any amendment offered from the floor to a proposed amendment or resolution shall be recognized as the first speaker on that floor amendment, and shall be allotted a maximum of three minutes. Each subsequent speaker on that floor amendment shall be allotted a maximum of three minutes. The President shall recognize alternately proponents and opponents of the floor amendment being considered, so long as members of each group seek recognition, subject to the previous question being ordered.

2.7 Debate on any proposed amendment or resolution or amendment from the floor shall close and a vote be taken when a member moves the previous question and a majority supports the motion.

2.8 Any amendment that fails to gain support of 40% of those members present and voting shall be defeated; any amendment supported by at least 40% of those members present and voting shall be referred to the full membership by mail ballot. (Art. IX, Sec. 2) Any resolution that fails to gain the support of one-third of those members present and voting shall be defeated; any resolution supported by more than one-third but less than two-thirds of those members present and voting shall be referred to the full membership by mail ballot; any resolution supported by at least two-thirds of those members present and voting shall be passed. (Art. VIII)

2.9 In accordance with the mail ballot requirements specified in Sec. 2.8, a motion to table, postpone, or defer an amendment must be supported by at least 60% of the members present and voting to pass. A motion to table, postpone, or defer a resolution must be supported by at least two-thirds of the members present and voting to pass. If an amendment has been tabled, it may be lifted from the table if at least one-third of the members present and voting cast votes to do so.

2.10 In order that the members may have the materials available for study prior to the Annual Meeting, reports of officers and committees of the Association shall be published and distributed to members prior to the Annual Meeting. Copies of such reports shall be received by the Executive Director no later than June 15.

2.11 Normally no oral reports of officers and committees of the Association shall be presented at the Annual Business Meeting, *except* for the report of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, a Budget summary by the Treasurer, and the certification of candidates by the Election Committee. However, an opportunity for members to question and discuss the written reports shall be provided.

2.12 Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, By-Laws, and these Rules of Procedure, the Annual Business Meeting shall be governed by the rules set forth in the most recent edition of Sarah Corbin Robert (ed.), *Robert's Rules of Order* (Glenview, Ill.: Scott, Foresman and Co.)

### 3. Proposal of Resolutions and Constitutional Amendments

The present Constitution provides, "Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the

Council or by fifty (50) members of the Association. The Council shall transmit all proposed amendments to the next Annual Business Meeting and may make recommendations on those amendments originating outside the Council." (Art. IX, sec. 1)

"The Council shall have any proposed amendment printed in an official publication of the Association prior to the next Annual Business Meeting. The Council shall then place the proposed amendment on the agenda of the Business Meeting. The Business Meeting may accept or reject the proposed amendment with or without further amendments to it. Within thirty (30) days the Executive Director shall submit amendments supported by at least forty percent of those members present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting to the entire membership for vote by mail ballot. Ballots must be returned within thirty (30) days to be counted. A proposed amendment will be ratified if approved by a majority of those voting. An amendment shall take effect immediately upon ratification unless the amendment itself provides otherwise." (Art. IX, sec. 2)

A resolution may be proposed by the Council under its general responsibilities and the constitutional mandate to "give its recommendations upon all questions (except the election of officers) to be presented to the Annual Business Meeting." (Art. VII, sec. 2) The Constitution contemplates the initiation of resolutions by others than the Council but is silent upon the specifics of such initiation. (Art. VIII) Accordingly, a resolution may be proposed by a single member of the Association.

The Constitution requires that every resolution and proposed constitutional amendment (unless initiated by the Council itself) shall be referred to the Council for consideration and recommendation before submission to the Association at its Annual Business Meeting, and that every thus-referred resolution and proposed amendment, regardless of Council recommendation on it, shall be submitted by the Council to the Association for action at its Annual Business Meeting. (Arts. VIII and IX)

To implement these Constitutional requirements, the Rules Committee proposes the following rules:

3.1 No resolution or proposed constitutional amendment shall be considered by the Council or transmitted to the Annual Business Meeting unless it bears the personal signatures of the fifty proposers in the case of a constitutional

amendment or at least one proposer in the case of a resolution. In the former case any of the proposers may authorize their identification as proposers by a signed communication to the Executive Director specifically indicating the proposed amendment they support.

3.2 *In publishing a proposed constitutional amendment, only the constitutionally required number of signatures in the sequence originally presented will normally be listed.*

3.3 The Constitution stipulates that "the Council shall have any proposed [constitutional] amendment printed in an official publication of the Association prior to the next Annual Business Meeting." (Art. IX, sec. 2) To implement this requirement, all proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be published in the Summer issue of *PS*. The texts and the signatures or authorizations of the sponsors of any such amendment shall therefore be received by the Executive Director no later than June 1.

3.4 The Constitution stipulates that "all resolutions shall be referred to the Council for its recommendations before submission of the vote of the Association at its Annual Business Meeting." (Art. VIII) The By-laws require that all material to be considered by the Council must be in the hands of the Council members fourteen days prior to the Council meeting. To implement these provisions, all resolutions (except those proposed by the Council) shall be received by the Executive Director no later than *August 1*. However, to encourage full discussion and consideration by the membership as well as the Council, proposers of resolutions are urged to deliver them to the Executive Director by June 15 so that they may be published in the Summer issue of *PS*.

#### **4. Nominations and Elections of Officers**

To implement the procedures for making nominations for elected officers and for conducting contested elections by mail ballot for the entire membership (Art. V), the following rules shall be followed:

4.1 Each notification of proposed additional nominations (whether for a slate of nominees for all offices, for a set of nominees for certain offices, or for a nominee for one office) shall be valid only if it carries the personal signatures of at least ten members *on the official forms which shall be made available by the Association. There shall also be available candidate consent forms as provided*

*below. Such documents shall also include a signed assent to the candidacy by the proposed nominee or an attestation by the election agent that the nominee has agreed to the candidacy. In the event of attestation by the agent, the candidacy shall be deemed valid only upon receipt of a letter mailed to the Chairman of the Election Committee in care of the Association headquarters and postmarked within 7 days of the close of the Annual Meeting.*

4.2 The Chairman of the Election Committee shall receive at the Association's Washington offices, or after September 2, 1972 at the Association's Annual Meeting office in the headquarters hotel, all nominations and any individual certifications by members of authority for the inclusion of their names on an original nominating document. In accordance with Article V, section 2 of the Constitution, all such nominations and certifications must be received at least 24 hours before the session of the Annual Business Meeting at which the nomination and election of officers is scheduled to take place.

4.3 *The official nominating document shall identify the individual who will act as Election Agent for the candidate or candidacy. The Agent shall be responsible for the requirements for valid nomination and the responsibilities listed in section 4.1.*

4.4 Well in advance of the Annual Business Meeting the President shall appoint three members to serve as the Committee on Elections, and shall designate one member as Chairman. *The Chairman of the Committee shall be a member of the Council. Notification to the Chairman of the Committee on Elections shall be deemed to be the notification to the Secretary as required by Article V of the Constitution.* The Committee on Elections shall implement the Constitution's requirements and the Council's rules in the preparation and mailing of the ballots and the information supplements to be mailed with the ballots both for election of officers, and for referenda on proposed amendments to the Constitution, or resolutions. *In so doing, it acts as Agent of the Council which retains primary responsibility for conduct of elections.*

4.5 *At the session of the Annual Business Meeting at which nominations are made, the Chairman of the Election Committee shall certify the candidacies properly qualified. The Chairman of the Election Committee shall also separately list candidates qualified pending receipt of written consent. The Chairman of the Election Committee shall also*

announce the names of the designated election agents. A complete list of such certifications shall also be given or sent to each election agent and candidate and posted at the official Association Meeting office in the headquarters hotel.

4.6 A request to withdraw from nomination previously assented to by the candidate must be made by the candidate by registered mail post-marked within 7 days of the end of the Annual Meeting and sent to the Chairman of the Election Committee in care of the Association.

The election agent may inform the chairman of the Election Committee in care of the Association if a substitution has been agreed to by 6 or more members of the nominating group. If such notification is received within 14 days of the close of the Business Meeting, the substitute nomination shall appear upon the ballot. Official assent by the candidate must be received within 15 days of the close of the Business Meeting. In the case of withdrawals of persons named by the Association's Nominating Committee, a substitute nomination will be accepted within a like period if made with a consent of a majority of Committee members. The Chairman of the Association's Nominating Committee shall be the Election Agent for its nominees.

The Chairman of the Election Committee shall mail promptly to all candidates and agents notice of any withdrawals and substitutions of candidates.

4.7 In the event of death, a nominating group shall be permitted to substitute candidates until the time of the printing of the ballot subject to requirements above.

4.8 If two or more persons are nominated for any Association office and a mail ballot is thereby necessitated, each candidate shall be permitted a statement of no more than 100 words for the description of the candidate's professional career and accomplishments and 300 words for a statement of views. Sponsoring groups shall also be permitted a statement of position of no more than 500 words filed by the agent. Candidates and agents should be encouraged to file such materials with the original nominating petition. Statements will also be accepted if postmarked within 14 days of the close of the Annual Meeting, as will modifications of statements filed earlier. Printer's copy of the ballots shall be circulated by registered air mail to each candidate and to each election agent. Challenges must be filed by telephone or telegram immediately upon receipt.

4.9 In preparing the ballots, the Committee on Elections shall make sure that:

- (1) Each office or set of offices is listed on the ballot separately, in an "office-group" ballot form.
- (2) The candidates in each office group are listed in alphabetical order of their surnames.
- (3) Under each candidate's name appears:
  - (a) His current institutional affiliation; and
  - (b) The names of the persons, group, or groups nominating him.

4.10 The Committee on Elections shall, within the time limits stipulated by the Constitution (Art. V, sec. 1), fix the date on which the ballots will be mailed out and the date by which they must be returned.

4.11 The ballots will be mailed to all members of the Association in good standing as of the close of business on the last working day prior to the mailing date.

4.12 The Committee on Elections shall also implement the Council's rules in preparing the mail ballot on referenda and constitutional amendments. The Committee on Elections shall make sure that:

- (1) The referendum ballot contains, or is accompanied by
  - (a) The complete text of the amendments or constitution, as the case may be, on which the membership is being asked to vote by mail ballot.
  - (b) The complete text of any resolution on which the membership is being asked to vote by mail ballot.
- (2) The referendum ballot or ballots is accompanied by a statement of views including:
  - (a) A statement giving the position of the Council on each proposed amendment or resolution;
  - (b) A statement supporting each proposed amendment or resolution by the principal proposer or his designee; and
  - (c) In those cases where there is manifest opposition to an amendment or resolution, a critical statement by a leading opponent or his designee.
- (3) The Committee on Elections shall set maximum word limits for the statements.

4.13 The Association shall prepare a pamphlet or leaflet which shall include constitutional provisions and rules with respect to elections. It shall make these available to anyone requesting petitions and to groups who nominated candidates the

previous year. The Election Committee may publish a brief statement on election rules in the summer issue of *PS* covering major elements of election practices in the Association. The Election Committee may schedule a meeting early in each convention to acquaint members with election procedures.

4.14 Mailing address labels of the APSA may be purchased at cost from the Association by any nominating group.

4.15 Notice of challenges shall be sent to all election agents and candidates.

### **5. Council Meetings: Observers**

5.1 Meetings of the Council shall be open to attendance by members of the Association.

5.2 Members attending Council meetings under Rule 5.1 are entitled to observe, but not participate in the Council's discussions.

### **6. Calendar of Deadlines**

Thursday, June 1, 5:00 p.m. Constitutional Amendments

All proposed constitutional amendments together with the required fifty signatures shall be filed with the Executive Director.

Thursday, June 15, 5:00 p.m. Officers and Committee Reports

Reports of officers and committees must be filed with the Executive Director.

If proposers of resolutions file them with the Executive Director by June 15, they will be published in the summer *PS*.

Tuesday, August 1, 5:00 p.m. Resolutions

All proposed resolutions must be filed with the Executive Director.

Tuesday, September 5, 4:00 p.m. Nominations

All nominations together with the required ten signatures shall be filed with the Chairman of the Election Committee in care of the Association.

### **1972 Annual Business Meeting**

Wednesday, September 6\*

4:00-7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Business Meeting Order of Business

\* If necessary, a second Business Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 7.

On open forum with candidates for APSA offices will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 7.

I. Amendments to Constitution

II. Nomination of Officers

III. Resolutions

IV. Certification of nominees by the Election Committee

### **APSA Constitution**

#### **Constitution of the American Political Science Association\***

##### **Article I: Name**

This Association shall be known as The American Political Science Association.

##### **Article II: Objects**

1. It shall be the purpose of this Association to encourage the study of Political Science, including Political Theory, Political Institutions, Politics, Public Law, Public Administration and International Relations.

2. The Association as such is non-partisan. It will not support political parties or candidates. It will not commit its members on questions of public policy nor take positions not immediately concerned with its direct purpose as stated above. But the Association nonetheless actively encourages in its membership and its journals, research in and concern for significant contemporary political and social problems and policies, however controversial and subject to partisan discourse in the community at large these may be. The Association shall not be debarred from adopting resolutions or taking such other action as it deems appropriate in support of academic freedom and of freedom of expression by and within the Association, the political science profession, and the university, when in its judgment such freedom has been clearly and seriously violated or is clearly and seriously threatened.

##### **Article III: Membership**

1. *Annual Members.* Any person sharing the objects of this Association may become a member upon payment of annual dues. All classes of dues, including life membership and reduced annual dues for retired members and students shall be set by the Council provided that no change in dues shall go into effect unless ratified by a mail referendum of the membership.

2. *Life Members.* Any person paying dues of a life member in a lump sum, or in installments spread over not more than ten years, shall become a

\* Includes amendments adopted by 1970 and 1971 APSA balloting.