

Report: APLS Council Meeting, 1987

The following are the minutes of the Council Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences and the APSA Organized Section on Politics and the Life Sciences, September 3, 1987, Chicago.

Agenda Items

1. The minutes of the Council meeting of August 28, 1986 were approved.

2. Robert Blank reported on the first graduate student paper competition. The winner was Arthur Joyce of Rutgers University for his paper entitled: "The Nuclear Arms Race: An Evolutionary Perspective." The second annual competition was announced and plans for publicizing the award in various professional publications were discussed.

Glendon Schubert was nominated to join the evaluation committee for the graduate student paper competition. The nomination was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

3. Thomas Wiegele, Executive Director, reported on the December 1986 meeting of the International Social Science Council at which the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences was unanimously approved as an associate member.

4. Denise Baer was nominated as vice-chair for the 1988

APLS program at the American Political Science Association meetings. The nomination was seconded and unanimously approved. The vice-chair becomes the program chair in the following year to manage the 1989 APLS program.

5. James Schubert presented a progress report on the proposal for summer workshops/seminars in biopolitics. Tentative dates were discussed; J. Schubert will continue discussions with Wiegele and others to determine whether the project is feasible for summer, 1988.

6. Roger Masters reported that plans for a Dartmouth conference on ethology and politics were currently "on hold."

7. Wiegele provided the Association financial report. The Lilly grant has expired, and the promotional activities it supported will cease.

8. The desirability of maintaining a balance between biobehavioral and biopolitical orientations on the APLS program was discussed.

9. Elliott White reported on APLS representatives in state/regional associations. Fred Kort serves in the Northeast, Jack O'Neill at the Western, and Kent Oots for the Midwest. An individual is being sought for the Southern Political Science Association.

10. A request by Hiram Caton that APLS publish his bibliography was declined.

11. Election of officers for 1987-89 was discussed. The bylaws of the Association do not specify Council election procedures. It was agreed to conduct elections by nomination within the Council for 1987-89, and that the new officers would constitute a subcommittee to draft procedures for the Council to consider at its next meeting.

Glendon Schubert urged rotation of officers among Council members.

Nomination for officers were taken and paper balloting held. James Schubert was elected chair, Carol Barner-Barry was elected vice-chair, and Odelia Funke was elected as recording secretary.

New Business

12. Vincent Falger's letter expressing regrets about not being able to attend the 1987 meetings was conveyed to the Council.

13. It was proposed that APLS investigate the possibility of having a table/display for the Association at the 1988 APSA meeting in Washington, D. C. Odelia Funke will investigate.

M. Watts
Recording Secretary

Report: APLS Business Meeting, 1987

The following are the minutes of the Business Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences and the APSA Organized Section on Politics and the Life Sciences, September 4, 1987, Chicago.

1. The minutes of August 28, 1986 were approved.

2. Chair Albert Somit reported on the election of Council officers from the September 3, 1986 meetings. Serving for two-year terms 1987-89 will be: James Schubert, chair; Carol Barner-Barry, vice-chair; Odelia Funke, recording secretary.

The new officers will appoint a subcommittee to study procedures for subsequent elections.

3. Thomas Wiegele provided the Association's financial report.

4. The balance between biobehavior and biopolitics orientations on APLS programs was discussed.

5. It was announced that APLS panel members are eligible to make submissions for the Pi Sigma Alpha award for best convention paper.

Under 1988 APSA rules the total number of panels offered will be reduced about one-fifth from the approximately 600 offered in 1987. This suggests six or seven panels for APLS. APLS program participants are restricted to two panel appearances and the program and panel chairs are asked to observe this policy.

6. The APLS award for the best graduate student paper in biopolitics was presented to Arthur Joyce of Rutgers University.

New Business

7. Somit discussed the IPSA Congress which will overlap next year with the APSA meetings in Washington, D. C.

The Research Committee on Biology and Politics will present panels on biopolitics and gender (M. Watts, chair), AIDS (R. Blank, chair), and research in progress (A. Somit, chair).

8. Roger Masters reported on the work of the Gruter Institute and suggested that interested members contact him for further information.

9. Somit reported on the IPSA Biopolitics meeting in Warsaw in June 1987, sponsored in Poland by Jerzy Wiatr. There was a subsequent meeting on "Legitimizing Democracy" hosted by Rudolf Wildemann in Germany (attended by Funke, LaPonce, Masters, Peterson, Schubert, and Somit, among others from Europe).

10. The Association expressed its appreciation to John Wahlke for his role in the development of biopolitics, and wished him well in his coming retirement.

M. Watts
Recording Secretary

Research in Biopolitics

JAI Press has begun a new annual publication series, *Research in Biopolitics*. The series will publish both short and book-length manuscripts on the relationship between biology and politics. Editors for the series are Albert Somit and Steven A. Peterson.

Subjects that are eligible for this series include (but are not limited to) biobehavioral approaches to the study of politics, biotechnology, biology and public policy, and biologically derived research tech-

niques. Empirical studies are especially welcome.

Manuscripts or prospectuses should be sent to either Albert Somit, Distinguished Service Professor, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901, or; Steven A. Peterson, Division of Social Sciences, Alfred University, Alfred, New York 14802.

Biotechnologies Project

The Biotechnologies Project sponsored by the Centre for Applied Studies in International Negotiations (CASIN) is composed of three major sections.

The first section is a review of biotechnology programs sponsored by international organizations. Along with a history of these programs, this section identifies contact persons and provides a list of publications and meetings.

The second section reviews major non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and lists staff, contact persons, and selected networks of organizations.

The final section offers an annotated bibliography of the biotechnology literature published by NGOs and individuals. Major university programs are also listed.

For further information, write to the Centre for Applied Studies in International Negotiations, 11a, avenue de la Paix, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland.

Conference on Politics and Human Nature

The Tutzing Academy for Political Education, located near Munich, Federal Republic of Germany, will hold a conference on "Politics and Human Nature: Biocultural Ap-

proaches" July 17-20, 1989. The conference will be conducted in German. Further information can be obtained by writing to Prof. Dr. Heiner Flohr, Universität Düsseldorf, Sozialwissenschaftliches Institut, Politikwissenschaft 1, Universitätsstrasse 1, 4000 Düsseldorf 1, FRG.