

2007 Annual Business Meeting
DRAFT Minutes
Saturday, September 1, 2007 6:00PM
Grand Ballroom B– Hyatt Regency
Chicago, Illinois

I. Welcome

President Robert Axelrod welcomed APSA members to the 2007 Annual Business Meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:15PM. He reported that a quorum of over one hundred members was present.

II. Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions.

President Axelrod reported there were no constitutional amendments or resolutions proposed at this time.

III. Nominating Committee's 2006-2007 Slate

Jennifer Hochschild, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of Council nominees. She reported that the committee received over a 100 names suggested by the membership, and made the following report:

APSA Nominating Committee 2007
Statement of Jennifer Hochschild, Committee Chair

“The 2007 APSA Nominating Committee consisted of Charles Beitz (Princeton University), John Carey (Dartmouth College), Frances Hagopian (Notre Dame), Desirée Pedescleaux (Spelman College), Laura Stoker (UC Berkeley), and myself as chair. My colleagues on the committee were a serious, public-spirited group with wide knowledge of the substantive and methodological variation within political science, a taste for quality and diversity, and a good sense of humor. It was both educational and pleasant to work with them.

The work of the Nominating Committee begins with receiving recommendations from the membership of the Association for officers and council members. We found those names and their accompanying information and testimonials to be very helpful, and we warmly thank everyone for contributing them. The Committee supplemented these names by drawing on our own knowledge of scholars in various subfields of political science, by working with the APSA staff to identify persons with particular skills or positions that would be beneficial to the Association, and by considering all those suggested for any office in the previous four years.

The Committee met in Washington D.C. on February 16 and 17, working with these lists as well as the Association's extensive data base, which permitted us to identify additional candidates or obtain further information on nominees as the meeting proceeded. In accord with APSA by-laws, we gave “due regard to diversity, geographical distribution, fields of professional interest, type of institution, and academic/nonacademic employment status” in our nominations for officers and

Council positions. We interpreted these by-laws to call for two characteristics: high quality contributions by the candidate to one or more of the dimensions of our discipline, such as scholarship, teaching, or service; and balance among the array of candidates along multiple dimensions. In seeking to develop a slate, we considered balance both on this year's list and with recent or continuing Association officers and Council members. We were also guided by Council resolutions encouraging nominating committees, wherever possible, to avoid selecting a nominee for President of the same gender for more than two consecutive years.

The Committee believes that the resulting slate satisfies our two goals. Nominees all have a strong record of scholarly accomplishment, teaching, and service to their home institutions and the Association, and a demonstrated capacity to work effectively with others. Together, they represent a variety of subfield specializations, substantive interests, and methodological approaches. They provide representation to public and private universities, Ph.D. and non-Ph.D. granting institutions, the United States and other nations. They are diverse racially and ethnically. We hope that members of the APSA concur in our judgment, and vote enthusiastically for these candidates.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, we thank Michael Brintnall and Lauren Tighe for their expert assistance and good cheer; they made our task enjoyable as well as possible."

She then presented the following slate of nominees:

President-Elect

Peter Katzenstein, Cornell University

Vice President:

Valerie Martinez-Ebers, Texas Christian University

Susan Stokes, Yale University

Dennis F. Thompson, Harvard University

Secretary

Cathy J. Cohen, University of Chicago

Council

Wendy Brown, University of California, Berkeley

Wendy K. Tam Cho, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

H N Hirsch, Oberlin College

John Ishiyama, Truman State University

Nonna Mayer, Centre de Recherches Politiques de Sciences Po (CEVIPOF)

Thomas Pangle, University of Texas, Austin

Dan Reiter, Emory University

Leonard Wantchekon, New York University

IV. **Certification of Nominees by the Election Committee.**

The Chair of the Elections Committee, Bryan D. Jones, was called upon to certify an additional nominee for Council submitted by petition from the APSA

membership. The candidate was Catherine Zuckert of the University of Notre Dame and the election agent was Gregory J. Kasza. At least ten valid signatures endorsing this candidate had been received and were certified.

President Axelrod stated that with nine nominees for eight seats on the council, APSA would conduct an all-member electronic ballot to begin 30 days following the business meeting for position of Council member, under the supervision of the Council Committee on Elections..

In the case of the offices of President-elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, there were no persons nominated from the membership. President Axelrod called for a vote of acclamation, and they were elected unanimously.

V. **Budget Summary**

Treasurer Tony Affigne provided the 2007 APSA Budget Summary and stated the Association was in solid financial shape. The total value, as of June 30, 2006, of the Trust and Development fund was \$12.54 million and the CFP fund portfolio was \$14.14 million. For the operating year ending June 2007, revenues totaled \$5.05 million from operations and expenses were \$4.54 million with excess in revenue over expenses at \$507,421.

VI. **Other Business**

President Axelrod asked if there was any new business to discuss. He recognized Richard Stren, President of the Urban Politics Section, and Janice Bockmeyer, who presented the following resolution prepared by the APSA Urban Politics Section.

At its business meeting on August 30, 2007, the Urban Politics Section resolved to “categorically reject the use by governments or their agents of scholarly concepts, writing, or field research contacts as the basis upon which to monitor, detain or incarcerate social science scholars and researchers. It condemns the use of social science scholarship, concepts, and research contacts to generate criminal suspicion or accusation as a gross violation of the principle of academic freedom and the integrity of scientific practice.”

The Urban Politics Section calls upon the APSA as a whole to support this resolution drawn up in response to the arrest of one social scientist and the charging of another, for use that was made of their written work by others who committed so-called terrorist acts.

We would like to explain this issue to the meeting and ask for APSA support, following similar action by the American Sociological Association and others.

President Axelrod responded that according to APSA Business Meeting Rules, resolutions must be submitted one month prior to the Business Meeting, to allow time for the Council to comment on them, and thus no action could be taken at this meeting. He said however that the matter could be referred to APSA’s Committee on Professional Ethics, Rights and Freedoms for a recommendation on whether the APSA president should send a letter in the name of the Council.

With no additional new business, President Axelrod adjourned the meeting at 6:45PM by passing the gavel to his successor, Dianne Pinderhughes, who graciously accepted the office of president, effective at the close of the annual meeting.