

Article IX: Amendments

1. 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.

2. 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 shall be ratified if approved by a majority of those voting. An amendment shall take effect immediately upon ratification unless the amendment itself provides otherwise.

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A meeting of the Council was held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C., January 5, 1978.

Present: Marguerite Ross Barnett, Richard A. Brody, Leon D. Epstein, Doris A. Graber, Erwin C. Hargrove, Robert T. Holt, Charles O. Jones, Joyce K. Kallgren, Evron M. Kirkpatrick, Sanford A. Lakoff, Charles E. Lindblom, David Mayhew, Sarah M. Morehouse, Elinor Ostrom, Robert D. Putnam, Randall B. Ripley, Alan Rosenthal, Ellis Sandoz, Donald E. Stokes, Clement E. Vose, John C. Wahlke, James Q. Wilson, Dina A. Zinnes, Betty H. Zisk.

Certification of Election Results

The Election Committee certified to the Council the results of the 1977 mail ballot election. (The election results are printed in the Winter 1978 *PS*.)

Committee Appointments

President Wahlke presented the Council with his nominations for appointments to Association committees. Brody moved to accept the appointments with the understanding that President Wahlke was authorized to make appointments to replace any persons unable to serve on committees. The motion was approved without objection. (All Association committees, including President Wahlke's appointments, are listed in the Spring 1978 *PS*.)

Project 87

Kenneth Prewitt reported to the Council on Project 87, An Interdisciplinary Study of the Constitution, the design for which was developed by the Joint Committee for the Bicentennial Era of the American Historical Association and the APSA. (A copy of the design is attached to the record copy of these minutes.) Following extensive discussion of the proposal, Jones moved that the proposal from the Joint APSA-AHA Committee on Project 87 be approved, and that

(1) The Association create a Committee on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, composed of six members, five to be appointed by the President with the approval of the Council, and the Executive Director of APSA ex officio. The five members appointed by the President will serve staggered terms of three years. Initially, one will be appointed for one year, two for two years, and two for three years.

(2) The members of this Committee will serve as members of the Joint APSA-AHA Committee on Project 87. The Joint Committee is charged with the responsibilities set forth in the Project 87 proposal. The President, with approval of the Council, will appoint an additional member of the Joint Committee to serve as Co-Chairman of the Joint Committee for the period 1978-1980.

(3) The Association is authorized to make applications, jointly with AHA, for and receive and disburse the grants of money described in the Project proposal (phase 1) and the budget therein and, upon receipt of funding, to carry out the activities proposed.

The motion was approved without objection.

Holt moved that it is the sense of the APSA Council that proposals for conducting conferences under Project 87, including specification of theme and selection of site, will be received by the Joint Committee, that these proposals will be competitively reviewed and that the Joint Committee will finance those that prove meritorious within its budgetary restraints. The motion failed by a show of hands vote: 4 approved, 11 opposed.

Mayhew moved a vote of appreciation to Kenneth Prewitt for his work in the preparation of the proposal for Project 87. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Program Committee Report

Elinor Ostrom, Chairperson of the 1978 Program Committee, reported to the Council on the plans of the Committee and requested authorization to use Program Committee funds to bring two or three foreign visitors to speak at Plenary Sessions.

Following considerable discussion, Sandoz moved that owing to the failure of the Council to advise the Program Committee of the rules prohibiting travel expenses and honoraria, the Council reaffirms its policy prohibiting travel

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expenses and honoraria for participants in Annual Meetings but does authorize the 1978 Program Committee to expend out of its regular budgetary allocation money to pay travel and incidental expenses for panelists who have been invited to participate in the plenary sessions, if this is necessary. The motion was approved without objection; three members of the Council abstained from voting.

Report of the Committee on Educational Policy and Programs

President Wahlke reported to the Council on the status and activities of the Committee on Educational Policy and Programs. (A copy of the report is attached to the record copy of these minutes.)

Ethnic and Cultural Pluralism Award

The Council reviewed a memorandum from Matthew Holden, Jr., on the implementation of the Ethnic and Cultural Pluralism Award (a revised version of which is printed in the Winter 1978 issue of *PS*) and discussed the need for financial support for the award.

Committee on Professional Development

Jack Walker, Chairperson of the Committee on Professional Development, had been scheduled to appear before the Council and report on the work of his Committee. The Council, however, completed its work on the first day of the meeting and requested that Professor Walker report to the May meeting of the Council rather than the January meeting.

Randall B. Ripley, Secretary

Project '87

Project '87, the examination of the United States constitutional system sponsored jointly by the American Historical Association and the American Political Science Association, reports progress on its grants and fellowship competitions, discloses plans for its inaugural conference, and announces the appointment of a new Project Director and a shift of its administrative headquarters.

The Project's first competition for grants and fellowships closed June 1. Altogether, 69 applications were received, including 40 from political scientists, 19 from historians, 9 from members of law school faculties, and one from an educator. In dollar amounts, the requests ranged from lows of a few hundred dollars for secretarial and research assistance, to highs of \$30-40,000 for budgets that included a salary component. Some of the boldest applications, in terms both of project substance and dollar amounts, came from law school faculty members.

The applications will be reviewed this summer by a screening committee, and awards announced in August. A second round of competition will be held in the fall, with an October 1 deadline. Once again, awards will be offered in three categories: grants under \$5,000, grants over \$5,000, and fellowships-in-residence at The Brookings Institution. Further information may be obtained from the Project Director, at the address below.

Project '87 will be launched publicly at a conference in Philadelphia, September 22-23, 1978, at Independence National Historical Park, the site of the framing of the Constitution in 1787. The theme of the conference will be "The Strategy of the American Constitutional System." It will deal generally with the relationship between the character and values of the American republic and the governing institutions created by the Constitution. Commissioned papers will explore the way in which constitutional prescriptions embodied the values of the founding generation, the extent to which current governmental and political processes reflect the values of modern Americans, and the degree of continuity from the founding period to the present.

Among the principal speakers will be Professors C. Herman Pritchett, A. E. Dick Howard, and Gerald Gunther, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, and Judge A. Leon Higginbotham.

As of July 1, 1978, the Directorship of Project '87 will be assumed by Francis Rosenberger, who is retiring as Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. On the same date, the Project will move into its new headquarters at The Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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