

CONSTITUTION OF THE
PACIFIC NORTHWEST POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
As Amended at the Annual Membership Meeting
Coeur D'Alene, Idaho
October 15, 2005

Article 1 NAME

This Association shall be known as the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association.

Article 2 OBJECT

It shall be the purpose of this Association to encourage the study and effective teaching of Political Science in this region; to promote closer relations between academic political scientists and public officials; and to achieve greater utilization of political scientists as experts in the field of government.

The Association will not assume a partisan position upon any question of practical politics, nor commit its members to any position thereupon.

Article 3 MEMBERSHIP

Any person may become an annual member of this Association upon payment of the annual dues.

Article 4 OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, and an immediate Past President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and an Executive Council consisting ex-officio of the officers above mentioned and six elected members.

The President and President-elect shall serve one year. Following the annual business meeting of the Association, the President-Elect automatically shall become President. A President-Elect shall be elected annually. The six elected members of the Executive Council shall serve for three years, and shall be divided into three groups of two each, the terms of members of one such group expiring each year. The elective officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the Association present at the annual business meeting, quorum of ten members being present.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Council for a specified term of office not to exceed three years.

Article 5 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The President of the Association shall preside at all business meetings of the Association and of the Executive Council. Except as may otherwise be provided, he or she shall appoint all committees of the Association, and shall perform such other duties as the Executive Council may assign to him or her. In his or her absence, his or her duties shall devolve on the President-Elect.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the records of the Association, shall receive and have custody of the funds of the Association, subject to the rules of the Executive Council, and shall perform such other duties as the Executive Council may assign.

The Executive Council shall have charge of the general interests of the Association, shall call regular and special meetings of the Association, appropriate money, create committees with appropriate powers, and in general possess the governing power in the Association, except as otherwise specifically provided in the Constitution. The Executive Council shall have the power to fill vacancies in its membership, to set the time and place of the annual meeting, to provide for the auditing of the accounts of the Association, and to provide for the issue of any publications by the Association.

The Executive Council may contract with an Executive Director to perform such organizational functions as are needed. The Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Executive Council. Compensation for the Executive Director is to be approved at the annual business meeting.

Article 6 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution shall be proposed by the Executive Council and adopted by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the Association.

Five members of the Association may propose amendments to this Constitution. Such proposed amendments shall be referred to the Executive Council for consideration, and by them referred to the Association for its action thereon at the next annual business meeting with such recommendations as the Council may see fit.