

# KENTUCKY POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

(Amended March, 2006)  
(Revised March, 2001)

**I. Purposes.** The purposes of the Kentucky Political Science Association are as follows:

- To advance knowledge and understanding of political science in Kentucky.
- To strengthen the political science profession in Kentucky and to improve communications among both teachers and practitioners in the profession.
- To sponsor an annual meeting of those interested in political science.

**II. Membership.** Membership in the Association is open to the following persons:

- Teachers of political science in Kentucky colleges and universities.
- Students of political science in Kentucky colleges and universities.
- All others who are interested in political science and who show an interest in participating in meetings and activities of the Association.

**III. Dues.** The annual dues for the first category of members -- colleges and university teachers -- shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Dues payment shall not be required of students and others who take part in Association activities. The annual dues will normally be collected at the time of registration by those attending the annual meeting, but teachers desiring to become dues-paying members may forward dues to the Executive Secretary without attending the meeting. Voting in business meetings will be limited to dues-paying members.

**IV. Officers.** The following officers shall be chosen, and shall constitute the Executive Committee:

- **President.** The President shall preside at the meetings and shall assume responsibility for planning the annual meeting, delegating authority where necessary. The President shall be responsible for other activities of the Association and for appointing committees to assist in the work. The President's term of office shall expire at the end of the annual meeting.
- **Past President.** Upon completion of the President's term of office, the President shall assume the office of Past President, which term shall expire at the end of the subsequent annual meeting.
- **President-Elect.** The President-Elect shall be chosen at the annual business meeting, and shall become President at the close of the subsequent annual meeting.

- **Executive Secretary.** The Executive Secretary shall prepare minutes of the annual business meeting, keep a permanent record of such meetings, keep financial records, receive dues and other monies, pay bills, and act as a custodian for all official documents and membership rolls. The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining all bank accounts and for reporting financial transactions and status to the membership. The Executive Secretary shall serve a five-year term of office, which may be renewed as appropriate.
- **Associate Executive Secretary.** The Associate Executive Secretary shall assist the Executive Secretary in the performance of the above duties, and shall have all the powers pertaining to that office, including serving as a financial account signatory. The Associate Executive Secretary shall assume the office of Executive Secretary upon that officer's resignation, dismissal or inability to hold office, or upon expiration of term in case no Executive Secretary shall have been elected. The Associate Executive Secretary shall serve a five-year term of office, which may be renewed as appropriate.

**V. Selection of Officers.** The Executive Committee shall serve as a nominating committee for all officers, and shall recommend candidates for election at the annual business meeting. A majority vote of the membership present at the meeting shall be required for all elections.

**VI. Annual Meeting.** The Association shall hold an annual meeting, at a site to be determined by the membership unless the members delegate the selection to the Executive Committee. The annual business meeting will be held at this time.

**VII. By-Laws.** The Association shall establish By-Laws, governing the operations of the annual meeting and business meeting, awards and certifications, dues and other matters not appropriate for Constitutional consideration. All By-Laws shall be approved by a majority of the membership present at the annual business meeting.

**VIII. Amendments.** Amendments to this Constitution shall be adopted by a majority of members present and voting at the annual meeting after members have been notified of the proposed amendments prior to the meeting.