

# KENTUCKY POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

(Amended March, 2024)  
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**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.
- Treasurer. The Treasurer 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 Treasurer 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 Treasurer shall serve a five-year term of office, which may be renewed as appropriate.
- At-Large Executive Committee Members (2). The At-Large Executive Committee Members shall have relevant duties as assigned by the KPSA President and/or Executive Committee. The At-Large Executive Committee Members shall serve a one-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. The Commonwealth Review of Political Science (TCR).** The Association shall administer and support the publication of **The Commonwealth Review of Political Science** journal through the TCR Editorial Board.

The mission of this journal:

- Provide a venue for publication of outstanding student research (undergraduate and graduate) and draw from the ever stronger submissions to the student paper panels at KPSA
- Provide a venue for outstanding research from faculty presented at KPSA, helping build participation and interest in our annual conference
- Provide a venue for those doing research on Kentucky and/or Southern state politics and policy.
- Provide an outlet for pieces of original research that are not clearly able to track into standard publication outlets (often methodological and theoretical pieces).
- Provide, in sum, a publication venue for excellent work from all political science subfields for faculty and students

The TCR Editorial Board will consist of:

- Co-Editors (2-3). The Co-Editors shall oversee all functions of **The Commonwealth Review of Political Science** journal, including procedures and processes for accepting submissions, for peer review, and for publication. This includes presiding over TCR Editorial Board meetings, reporting updates to the KPSA Executive Committee, and delegating authority as necessary. Co-Editors shall serve a three-year term of office, which may be renewed as appropriate.
- KPSA Executive Committee Members. All elected members of the KPSA Executive Committee, as outlined in this Constitution, shall be eligible to serve as members of the TCR Editorial Board for the duration of their respective constitutional terms.
- Additional Members. The Co-Editors may recruit additional members to serve as part of the TCR Editorial Board as deemed necessary and appropriate. The TCR Editorial Board shall determine the terms, duties, and responsibilities of these additional members.

**VIX. Amendments.** Amendments to this Constitution shall be adopted by a majority of members present and voting at the annual meeting.