

Association News

Annual Meeting Visiting Foreign National Travel Grant Program

The Association has received grants from the Asia Foundation and the Institute of International Education to provide limited assistance to visiting foreign national political scientists and advanced graduate students currently in the United States wishing to attend the 1979 APSA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. For details on the two grant programs and application forms, write to the American Political Science Association, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

1979 Annual Business Meeting

1979 Rules for the Annual Business Meeting and Association Elections

The following rules proposed by the Association's Rules Committee were presented to the Council for approval at its April 27 meeting.

1. Annual Business Meeting: Attendance and Participation

The right "to attend and to participate in the Annual Business Meeting of the Association" is constitutionally accorded "all members, upon payment of such registration fees as the Council may approve." (Art. III, sec. 7)

1.1 Attendance at the Annual Business Meeting shall be restricted to members of the Association who have paid the approved registration fee and to registered representatives of the media. Participation in the Annual Business Meeting shall be restricted to members of the Association who have paid the approved registration fee.

1.2 Members upon registration shall be issued nontransferable badges readily distinguishable from badges issued nonmember registrants and representatives of the media.

1.3 The Registration Desk shall be open (in addition to the normal registration hours) at least during the first hour of the Annual Business Meeting or, if the Meeting is held in separate time periods, during the first hour of each such meeting.

1.4 A prospective candidate for elective office of the Association must become a dues-paying member upon filing for office.

1.5 One hundred members are necessary for a quorum (as required by Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution).

2. Conduct of the Annual Business Meeting

2.1 The agenda of each Annual Business meeting will be: nomination and election of officers, Constitutional amendments, resolutions, and other business.

2.2 The Council shall prepare the publish a full agenda for each Annual Business Meeting, including the texts of all proposed amendments and resolutions, with statements of the Council's recommendation on each, such full agenda to be made available to members at the beginning of the Annual Business Meeting.

2.3 On any proposed constitutional amendment or resolution, the first signer of a proposed amendment or resolution (or signer's designee) shall be recognized as the first speaker on that amendment or resolution and shall be allotted a maximum of five minutes.

2.4 In accordance with the Council's constitutional authority to make recommendations on all proposed amendments and resolutions (Art. VIII; Art. IX, sec. 1), the second speaker on any proposed constitutional amendment or resolution not sponsored by the Council shall be a member designated by the Council to present its views. That member shall also be allotted a maximum of five minutes.

2.5 Each speaker after the first two speakers specified in Rules 2.3 and 2.4 shall be allotted a maximum of three minutes. The President shall recognize alternately proponents and opponents of the proposed amendment or resolution being considered, so long as members of each group seek recognition, subject to the previous question being ordered.

2.6 The proposer of any amendment offered from the floor to a proposed amendment or resolution shall be recognized as the first speaker on that floor amendment, and shall be allotted a maximum of three minutes. Any amendment offered from the floor to a proposed amendment or resolution shall require a second. Each subsequent speaker on that floor amendment shall be allotted a maximum of three minutes. The President shall recognize alternately proponents and opponents of the floor amendment being considered, so long as members of each group seek recognition, subject to the previous question being ordered.

2.7 Debate on any proposed amendment or resolution or amendment from the floor shall close and a vote be taken when a member moves the previous question and a majority supports the motion.

2.8 Any amendment that fails to gain support of 40 percent of those members present and voting shall be defeated; any amendment sup-