

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA
POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I: Name

1. The name of this organization shall be the Florida Political Science Association.

ARTICLE II: Object

1. It shall be the purpose of this Association to encourage the study, writing, and teaching of Political Science in the State of Florida, to encourage community service by political scientists, and to promote the interest of the profession in the community-at-large.

ARTICLE III: Membership

1. Any person interested in the study, writing, and teaching of Political Science may become a member of the Association upon payment of annual dues.
2. The amount of the dues may be changed by majority vote of those members present at the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE IV: Officers

1. The executive officers of the Association shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer.
2. A Council vested with the affairs of the Association, shall consist of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and nine additional members elected by the membership. Nominations for the Council will seek to achieve representation from among colleges and universities in the State of Florida. (Amendment, March 16, 2013) The outgoing President of the Association shall serve as a member of the Council ex officio.

ARTICLE V: Selection of Officers

1. The President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and the Members of the Council shall be elected by a majority vote of those members present and voting at annual meetings. Terms of the President and Vice-President shall be for one year. Effective as of the election of Officers at the annual meeting in 1981, the term of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be for two years. The terms of the Council Members shall be for three years. (Amendment, April 19, 1980)

2. There shall be a Council of nine members. No more than six of the nine council members shall be from either four year colleges and universities on the one hand, or two year and state colleges on the other. (Amendment, March 16, 2013) In 1982, those three council members elected with the highest number of votes shall serve for three years: those three receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve for two years; and the next three elected shall serve for one year. Thereafter, three members of the council shall be elected annually unless there is need to fill vacancies in which case election to fill vacancies will be added. (Amendment, April 19, 1980)
3. The President shall appoint a nominating committee representing state colleges, four-year colleges, and universities of not less than three members not less than thirty days prior to each annual business meeting. (Amendment, March 16, 2013) The nominating committee shall present nominations for officers at the annual business meeting.
4. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.
5. When a member of the council has not participated in council activities, nor notified the President of inability to participate, for a period of at least one year, the council shall have the power to declare the seat vacant. (Amendment, May 6, 1977)
6. When a council seat is vacated, either by declaration of the council as provided in section 5 or by resignation of a council member, the council may appoint a successor to serve until the next annual meeting of the association. (Amendment, May 13, 1978)

ARTICLE VI: Duties of Officers

1. The President shall be the executive head of the Association and shall preside at meetings of the Council. The President shall appoint all committees of the Association with the approval of the Council and shall perform such other duties as the Council may assign. In the President's absence the duties shall devolve upon the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President or the Secretary-Treasurer.
2. The First Vice-President shall serve as program chairman for the annual meeting.
3. The Secretary-Treasurer, acting under the direction of the President, shall maintain the records of the Association and shall collect and disburse money of the Association. The position of Secretary-Treasurer would be divided into two positions - Secretary and Treasurer - effective immediately after the meeting on March 17, 2012. (Amendment, March 22, 2011)

4. An executive Committee composed of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall conduct the business of the Association between meetings of the Association's Council.

ARTICLE VII: Meetings

1. The Association shall hold an annual business meeting and such other general business of conference meetings as the Council may cause to be announced.
2. Announcement of the time and place of such general business meetings as provided above shall be mailed to all members at least ten days prior thereto with a notation as to the nature of the business to be transacted.
3. Business of the Council shall be transacted at a meeting or by mail. The Council shall meet on call by the President or any five of its members.
4. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in the Council.
5. Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: Adoption of this constitution and amendments

1. This constitution shall be in effect from and after its adoption at a meeting to which shall be invited all individuals interested in the study, writing, and teaching of Political Science in the State of Florida.
2. At the time of the adoption of this constitution officers shall be elected to serve the Association until the next annual business meeting of the Association.
3. The constitution may be amended by a majority vote of members present at any annual meeting of the Association upon recommendation of the Council or upon petition of ten members, provided the notice of the meeting at which the vote shall be taken contains the text of the proposed amendment and the provisions which it is intended to amend.