

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of

THE SOUTHWESTERN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

I, the undersigned natural person of the age eighteen (18) years or more, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporations Act, do hereby adopt the Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation.

ARTICLE ONE

Name

The name of the Corporation is the Southwestern Political Science Association.

ARTICLE TWO

Nonprofit Corporation

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation.

ARTICLE THREE

Duration

The period of the Corporation's duration is perpetual.

ARTICLE FOUR

Purposes

Section 4.01 The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, literary and educational purposes as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 4.02 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation:

a. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director of the Corporation, officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes); and no director, officer or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

b. The corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

c. Upon dissolution of the Corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed exclusively to charitable organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended.

d. The Corporation is organized pursuant to the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit and is organized for nonprofit purposes which are consistent with the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended.

ARTICLE FIVE

Initial Registration Office and Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 1004 George Bush Drive, Room 2119, College Station, TX 77843-4348, and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is Patricia A. Hurley.

ARTICLE SIX

Directors

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is five (5), and the names and addresses of those people who are to serve as the initial Directors are:

President: Robert Stein
Office of the Dean, School of Social Sciences
Rice University
P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251

President-Elect: James F. Sheffield, Jr.
Department of Political Science
Wichita State University
Wichita, KS 67260-0017

Vice President and Program Chair: Christopher Wlezien
Department of Political Science
University of Houston
Houston, TX 77204-3474

Vice President-Elect (program chair for 1999 meeting): Richard Herrera
Department of Political Science
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85287-2001

Secretary-Treasurer: Harold F. Bass, Jr.
Department of Political Science
Ouachita Baptist University
Arkadelphia, AR 71998-0001

ARTICLE SEVEN

Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Each Director and each officer or former Director or officer may be indemnified and may be advanced reasonable expenses by the Corporation against liabilities imposed upon him or her and expenses reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with any claim against him or her, or any action, suit or proceeding to which he or she may be a party by reason of his or her being, or having been, such Director or officer and against such sum as independent counsel selected by the Directors shall deem reasonable payment made in settlement of any such claim, action, suit or proceeding primarily with the view of avoiding expenses of litigation; provided, however, that no Director or officer shall be indemnified (a) with respect to matters as to which he or she shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in performance or duty, (b) with respect to any matters which shall be settled by the payment of sums which independent counsel selected by the Directors shall not deem reasonable payment made primarily with a view to avoiding expense of litigation, or with respect to matters for which such indemnification would be against public policy. Such rights of indemnification shall be in addition to any other rights to which Directors or officers may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, corporate resolution, vote of Directors or otherwise. The Corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain at its cost and expense insurance on behalf of such persons to the fullest extent permitted by this Article and applicable state law.

ARTICLE EIGHT
Limitation On Scope of Liability

No Director shall be liable to the Corporation for monetary damages for an act or omission in the Director's capacity as a Director of the Corporation, except and only for the following:

- a. A breach of the Director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation;
- b. An act or omission not in good faith by the Director or an act or omission that involves the intentional misconduct or knowing violation of the law by the Director;
- c. A transaction from which the Director gained any improper benefit whether or not such benefit resulted from an action taken within the scope of the Director's office; or
- d. An act or omission by the Directors for which liability is expressly provided for by statute.

ARTICLE NINE
Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator is:

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Address</i> |
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| Patricia A. Hurley | Department of Political Science Academic Building West, Room 2119 1004 George Bush Drive Texas A&M University College Station, TX 77843-4348 |

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, this ____ day of _____, 1997.
