

40 Years of the Philippine Political Science Association: Historical Notes

Established on December 5, 1962, the Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) marks its 40th anniversary this year. The first set of officers, all political science professors at the University of the Philippines, included the following:

President	Remigio E. Agpalo
Vice-President	Pedro L. Baldoria
Executive Secretary	Emerenciana Y. Arcellana
Treasurer	Avelina S. Salacup
Auditor	Alejandro M. Fernandez
Legal Officer	Quirino D. Carpio
Chair, Board of Editors (PPSJ)	Rex Drilon

In 1966, Dr. Pedro L. Baldoria, then chair of the Political Science Department, took over as president when Dr. Agpalo, the founding president, accepted a position as Visiting Professor at the University of Hawaii and Senior Specialist at the East-West Center. However, with the death of Dr. Baldoria, the PPSA became inactive.

In 1973, the PPSA was reactivated and in the following year the maiden issue of the *Philippine Political Science Journal* (PPSJ) was published (June 1974). This first issue focused on the theme "Political Science in the Philippines." Dr. Loretta Makasiar Sicat served as the first editor and chair of the editorial board of the PPSJ and the other members of the board were: Roman Dubsky, Gabriel V. Iglesias, Estrella D. Solidum, Eva M.D. Ventura, and Wilfrido V. Villacorta.

The PPSA became a member of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) in 1978.

The presidents of the PPSA from the early 1980's to the present include the following:

Dr. Loretta Makasiar Sicat (1981-1985)
Dr. Carolina G. Hernandez (1985-1989)
Prof. Carmencita T. Aguilar (1989-1995)
Prof. Felipe B. Miranda (1995-1999)
Prof. Malaya C. Ronas (1999-2001)
Prof. Ronald D. Holmes (2001-2003)