

Report of the Executive Director

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The American Political Science Association under the leadership of President Charles O. Jones has experienced another successful, challenging year.

Our vital signs are strong with renewed membership growth in the professional ranks (Table 1), record attendance at our Annual Meeting in Washington (Table 2), a budget in balance (Table 3), thriving Organized Sections (Table 4), and growing assets to ensure a strong future (Table 5). Activity in APSA's committees, Organized Sections, and the national office has been, if not frenetic, close to it. People frequently ask me in what season is there a lull at APSA. The answer is, only at the Christmas break and not for long even then.

Our Association has become both larger in scale and increasingly complex in recent years. Individual membership, for example, has grown by 22% during the past five years. Organized Sections are now a major part of the organization, with all of the challenges and opportunities that the incorporation of 32 new entities involves, such as greatly widening the occasions for participation, leadership and recognition within APSA. Sections, to give only one example, now offer 39 awards for scholarly achievement.

The Annual Meeting is larger and more elaborate. Twenty-five percent more people attended the 1993 Annual Meeting, for instance, than in 1988 (both Washington years). As the meeting grows, so does the number of panels offered, rising to 600 for this year's New York gathering—providing expanded, but not unlimited, opportunities to participate on panels and roundtables. This number compares to the American Economic Association's offering of 125 panels (with a membership 50% larger than ours) and the American Historical Association's 140 panels (with a somewhat larger number of members). The

meeting itself increasingly reaches out to foreign scholars, graduate students, and award-winning teachers of political science, in addition to its regular function of holding scholarly panels.

The 1994 Program Committee now consists of 49 political scientists representing 46 program divisions. Program Chair Paul Allen Beck recently reported that his committee reviewed 373 whole panel proposals and another 3,000 individual proposals to present papers (for an approximate total of over 4,000 paper proposals). One-third of these proposals were multiply submitted to more than one division head. Even though the APSA offers comparatively many more opportunities to participate than most of our counterparts do, only 40% of the offers to present papers can be accepted. [This is the first time that we have had these figures, thanks to the excellent work of Professor Beck and his committee.]

These developments have re-

sulted in considerable complexity in creating the Program and in scheduling panels both from a substantive and administrative standpoint. Our growth also reflects a thriving discipline and individual members willing to take on the arduous, but intellectually challenging, task of serving on the Program Committee.

Our programs and services have multiplied too. This year alone APSA, via its Council, committees, members and staff, has:

- Reestablished and fully replenished the fund for the Charles E. Merriam Award, thanks to the efforts of Gabriel Almond, Lucian Pye, and scores of others.
- Founded a fully endowed, triennial Ithiel de Sola Pool Lecture-ship and Award.
- Begun a campaign to endow fully the Victoria Schuck Award for the best book on women and politics.
- Selected a new Managing Editor, Ada W. Finifter, of the *American*

TABLE 1
APSA Members, 1974-94

Year ^a	Regular	Associate	Student	Retired	Life	Family	Total Individual	Institutional
1974	7,793		4,006	217	101	137	12,254	3,504
1975	7,335		3,912	206	100	149	11,702	3,648
1976	7,428		3,603	245	96	134	11,506	3,588
1977	7,228		3,076	270	95	142	10,811	3,466
1978	7,094		2,655	301	97	154	10,301	3,338
1979	6,845		2,335	310	91	148	9,729	3,339
1980	6,592		2,159	344	91	135	9,321	3,337
1981	6,423		1,901	349	92	129	8,894	3,283
1982	5,838		1,984	388	97	134	8,441	3,156
1983	5,764		2,068	382	104	130	8,448	3,018
1984	5,891		2,511	378	111	151	9,042	3,059
1985	5,879	106	2,595	411	116	166	9,273	2,996
1986	6,009	145	2,589	432	117	173	9,465	3,046
1987	5,913	154	2,775	439	127	202	9,610	3,109
1988	6,171	173	2,728	450	129	186	9,837	2,975
1989	6,445	249	3,054	489	166	192	10,595	2,948
1990	6,708	258	3,436	488	163	180	11,233	3,004
1991	6,967	266	3,656	519	160	199	11,767	2,890
1992	7,046	279	3,740	557	159	182	11,963	3,057
1993	7,061	291	3,979	573	157	194	12,255	2,887
1994	7,505	343	4,121	593	159	195	12,933	2,908

^a January of each year.

TABLE 2
Annual Meeting Registration,
1968–93

1968	3723	(Washington, D.C.)
1969	4142	(New York)
1970	2397	(Los Angeles)
1971	2732	(Chicago)
1972	3380	(Washington, D.C.)
1973	2312	(New Orleans)
1974	2773	(Chicago)
1975	2478	(San Francisco)
1976	2295	(Chicago)
1977	2624	(Washington, D.C.)
1978	2373	(New York)
1979	2687	(Washington, D.C.)
1980	2745	(Washington, D.C.)
1981	2887	(New York)
1982	2205	(Denver)
1983	2859	(Chicago)
1984	3391	(Washington, D.C.)
1985	2842	(New Orleans)
1986	3602	(Washington, D.C.)
1987	3524	(Chicago)
1988	4161	(Washington, D.C.)
1989	3496	(Atlanta)
1990	4505	(San Francisco)
1991	5179	(Washington, D.C.)
1992	4998	(Chicago)
1993	5635	(Washington, D.C.)

Note: 1972–93 figures include exhibitors registered at the meeting, since their fee for booth rental includes the cost of their registration.

Political Science Review, to succeed G. Bingham Powell, Jr. who himself has dealt with increasing specialization of the discipline by an innovative use of his Editorial Board.

- Conducted and analyzed seven surveys of members and departments on matters of importance to the profession, including our annual Department Survey, two surveys about the status of gay men and lesbians in the profession, a study of community college faculty, two inquiries on the Annual Meeting, and an extensive tracking of the panel paper room at the Annual Meeting.
- Created two specialized newsletters—one for leaders of Organized Sections and one for department chairs.
- Instituted a program to recognize the outstanding teachers in our discipline (and there are a great many).
- Established a graduate fellowship for Native Americans.
- Written a short guide for member participation (distributed in membership renewal packets).

- Put in place a book and journal donation program for Eastern Europe and Asia, to complement the existing Sub-Saharan African project.
- Concluded an agreement with the American Society for International Law to create a third interdisciplinary membership for our members.
- Provided a new service for Annual Meeting paper givers to have their papers reproduced and shipped relatively inexpensively and conveniently.
- Established Graduate Student Travel Grants to enable graduate students to come to the Annual Meeting and expanded resources for foreign scholars and students to attend as well.
- Initiated a three-year program to encourage community college faculty to attend APSA's Annual Meeting.
- Begun an annual conference for political science chairs preceding APSA's Annual Meeting.
- Created, thanks to the yeoman's effort of William Ball at Trenton State, an APSA gopher on the internet.
- Established a new guideline for departments on informing job applicants that positions have been filled.
- Conducted, with the American University, Summer Institutes in 1993 and 1994 on the American Political System for Foreign Educators, funded by the USIA.
- Hosted journalists, faculty and

students from Bolivia, Argentina, and the Netherlands for programs at APSA offices.

- Held an interactive, six-part video series between U.S. political scientists and a group of graduate students at Moscow State University and other area institutions, in conjunction with the USIA.
- Published a Directory of Members that is our best yet, with e-mail addresses and detailed field indexes.
- Sponsored a teacher training institute at the University of Tulsa, with funding from the National Endowment of the Humanities.
- Made the APSA national office fully handicapped-accessible.
- Created a new summer APSA internship competition for participants in the Minority Identification Program with Tara L. Leaman of Cornell University as our first Minority ID Summer Intern, and;
- Begun participating in the internship program of the public school system of the District of Columbia with Marquita T. Hunter of Eastern High School as our first participant this spring (and we have now recruited her as a summer intern as well).

These constitute only the highlights of the year. We, of course, continue to carry out the ongoing work of the Association, including the Congressional Fellowship Program, the Small Grant Research Program, the Departmental Services Program, our multitude of publications, our extensive awards program, our activities in representing the profession, and all the mundane, yet vital, tasks that sustain the Association.

Our work is accomplished through the formal and informal participation of hundreds of APSA members, including 26 Council members and officers, 49 Program Committee members, 92 standing committee members, 165 members of award committees, 42 ad hoc and advisory committee members, eight representatives to affiliated organizations, 41 *APSR* and *PS* editors and editorial board members, scores of article and book

TABLE 3
Budget Summary, 1980–94

Year	Income	Expenditures	Surplus
1980–81	\$1,007,675	\$ 977,328	\$ 30,347
1981–82	1,117,201	1,043,255	74,446
1982–83	1,202,078	1,094,415	107,653
1983–84	1,323,074	1,247,529	75,545
1984–85	1,415,077	1,353,334	54,738
1985–86	1,505,224	1,453,248	51,976
1986–87	1,585,000	1,500,000	85,307
1987–88	1,637,637	1,563,252	74,385
1988–89	1,847,151	1,731,248	115,903
1989–90	1,891,773	1,871,302	20,471
1990–91	2,158,118	2,133,524	24,594
1991–92	2,256,647	2,199,632	74,804
1992–93	2,290,313	2,202,419	87,894
1993–94*	2,530,205	2,441,145	89,060

* Projected

TABLE 4
Organized Section Members, 1994

Organized SECTION	Number of Members*
1 Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations	342
2 Law and Courts	712
3 Legislative Studies	621
4 Public Policy	780
5 Political Organizations and Parties	511
6 Public Administration	657
7 Conflict Processes	275
8 Representation and Electoral Systems	348
9 Presidency Research	347
10 Political Methodology	517
11 Religion and Politics	347
12 Politics and Life Sciences	106
13 Urban Politics	431
14 Applied Political Science	109
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29 Internships and Experiential Education	165
30 Politics and Literature	184
31 Public Opinion and Foreign Policy	155
32 Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior	309

* As of June 14, 1994

reviewers, and 278 officers and board members of Organized Sections. APSA is truly a self-governing, cooperative organization composed of scholars working to accomplish as a group goals that cannot be achieved through isolated, even heroic, efforts of individuals.

Obviously, our challenges are many. The Council and its committees are grappling with a series of fundamental questions, and their responses are setting the course for our future as an organization and as a discipline.

The Ethics Committee, for example, finds itself involved in increasingly difficult cases where the need to uphold ethical standards throughout the profession collides with our organizational capacity to do so. The Publications Committee must divine the future of electronic publishing and APSA's appropriate place within it. The Board of Trustees of the Trust and Development Fund, having overseen the tripling

of APSA's assets, is making decisions that will determine the financial health of the Association for generations to come. The Committee on Organized Sections must find the proper balance between organizational coherence and group autonomy.

The Annual Meeting Program Chairs are handed a task that, it is becoming increasingly apparent, leaves them with too few degrees of freedom. In particular, they must rely on Organized Sections to fill over 70% of the committee positions, while simultaneously achieving a diverse, innovative, and comprehensive committee overall. This is no small task. It may require further adjustments in our selection procedures.

Perhaps there is no more pressing problem than the need to attract African Americans, Latinos and other underrepresented minorities to the profession, a task to which APSA has been dedicated for over two decades. We have had

some conspicuous success with the Minority Fellowship Program, the Minority Identification Project, and the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute. The first two of these programs operate primarily as identification and recruitment mechanisms to which graduate programs have enthusiastically responded and for which no external funds are required.

The Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, on the other hand, needs a major sponsor. Over the past nine years, we have raised over \$600,000 from generous funders like the Ford Foundation, the Coca-Cola Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Education, in addition to substantial in-kind contributions from participating schools in Baton Rouge and Atlanta and from APSA. This year we fell short of the resources necessary to operate the Institute but hope to hold it next year. We have, however, a longer-run challenge of how to sustain this program every year. Many dedicated people in the profession are pondering this problem, but we are far from a solution.

In sum, APSA is a healthy, vigorous, growing and increasingly complex organization. In confronting the challenges and in carrying on the everyday work of the Asso-

TABLE 5
Market Value of APSA Funds, 1982-94

Year*	Trust and Development Fund	Endowed Program Funds
1982	\$ 806,593	\$ 188,214
1983	1,080,985	149,682
1984	1,001,775	225,580
1985	1,450,032	264,149
1986	1,677,365	304,105
1987	1,811,794	362,174
1988	1,685,345	382,268
1989	1,643,552	394,837
1990	1,630,718	419,021
1991†	1,555,574	5,452,252
1992	1,905,090	6,188,105
1993	2,118,787	6,847,760
1994 (projected)	2,207,120	7,058,262

*June 30 of each year.

†Figures for 1991-1993 have been restated to reflect current accounting practice. The apparent drop in T & D market value in 1991 is due only to this reallocation across funds and does not represent a true decrease in value.

ciation—like selecting award winners, serving on editorial boards, or performing the unheralded role of special representative for the Ethics Committee—we are blessed with an engaged membership and an energetic staff, as well as thoughtful leadership on the part of our Council and committees.

Before closing, I would like to thank Melissa P. Collie of the University of Texas for the outstanding job she has done as Book Review Editor of the *APSR* for the past three years. She has ably presided over an expansion of the Book Re-

view and has kept the reviews timely and useful. Professor Collie will be succeeded by Mark Lichbach of the University of Colorado, beginning September 1.

Also deserving special recognition are the 1993 Annual Meeting Program Chairs Paula McClain and Peter Gourevitch, who—with their Program Committee—did a splendid job for the profession in their pioneering efforts to create poster sessions and Hyde Park debates and to offer a multitude of panels spanning the entire discipline.

To garner more information on

our activities this year, be sure to read the other articles in this issue's Association News and refer to the index of related articles at the end of this report. As you have thoughts about the issues raised here or about other aspects of APSA, please write, call (202-483-2512) or e-mail a message (incem025@sivm.si.edu). APSA officers and committee chairs would be glad to hear from you as well.

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