

writing. Those who are responsible for the excellence of the *Review* need to monitor their performance in order to perfect good judgment, insure fairness, uphold high standards of professionalism, and produce a quarterly journal of exceptional merit. Such monitoring helps to correct mistakes and make improvements.

Publishing four issues of the *Review* each year is an important responsibility. In the hands of scholars, each issue of the *Review* should be attractive, stimulating, interesting, and as readable as possible within the parameters of technical necessity, and the language of art and science. But the process of editing a journal involves more than merely selecting papers to publish, and then seeing the journal issues through to publication. The vast majority of communications between editor and scholar involve manuscript rejection. The editor conducts a "seminar by mail" for those who submit papers, providing authors—most of whom will not be published—constructive and useful critiques of their work. The "seminar by mail" should contribute to improving the quality of research and theory, and assist authors in strengthening their work so that it can be resubmitted to the *Review* or submitted elsewhere. Our analysis of the experience of rejected authors gives us some purchase on the effectiveness of this process.

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Rudder on Sabbatical Leave; Hauck Serving as Acting Director

Catherine E. Rudder, Executive Director of the Association, will be on sabbatical leave from APSA for the 1990-91 academic year. Rudder will serve as a Public Policy Fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University as a participant in their National Fellows program during her leave. She will return to her work at the APSA National Office in the summer of 1991. *PS* wishes Cathy well during her well-deserved leave.

Robert J-P. Hauck will serve as Acting Director of the Association during Rudder's absence. Hauck is Associate Director of the APSA, and has been with the national office since 1982. He assumed his responsibilities as Associate Director and as Editor of *PS* in 1987.

New Professional Staff Join APSA

Michael Brintnall, formerly Vice President for Academic Affairs at Mount Vernon College, has joined the APSA office as Staff Associate. Brintnall holds a Ph.D. from MIT, has taught at Brown University, and has worked as a policy analyst for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in addition to his teaching and administration at Mount Vernon. Among other duties, Brintnall will support the Minority Identification Project and work with Organized Sections, and he has a special interest in enhancing ways the Association can support applied political scientists working outside of academic settings.

Frank Scioli, Program Director, Political and Policy Sciences at the National Science Foundation, is presently taking his sabbatical leave at the APSA for the year beginning

September 1. Scioli holds a Ph.D. from Florida State University. Scioli has taught at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle, and at Drew University. He joined NSF in 1975. Among other duties, Scioli will staff the Research Support committee while he is at APSA.

Group Disability Income Plan Now Available to APSA Members

The American Political Science Association has announced the availability of the Group Disability Income Plan during this Special Enrollment Period. This low-cost Plan is only one of the many benefits available through your APSA membership.

All APSA members and/or their spouses may apply if they are under age 60, have been actively working full-time (at least 30 hours per week) for the past 90 days, and have not been hospitalized in the past six months.

Members will receive a monthly benefit of \$1,000 every month for up to five full years when disabled by a covered accident and up to one full year when disabled by a covered illness. Payments start on the 31st day of disability to tie-in with any sick leave pay that might be received from an employer.

This coverage pays in addition to any other insurance, including Social Security, Worker's Compensation and any other group plans, as long as total benefits do not exceed 70% of your monthly salary, exclusive of bonuses and overtime pay.

If for any reason the member is not completely satisfied with their policy, it may be returned within 30 days for a complete refund.

The APSA Group Disability Income Plan is extremely economical due to the mass-purchasing power of the APSA membership. *And*, according to IRS ruling, all benefits are totally free from taxation.

You will be receiving complete information regarding the APSA Group Disability Income Plan through the mail. If you have any questions, please contact the Insurance Administrator: Albert H.

Wohlers & Co., APSA Group Insurance Plans, 1440 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068-1400. Or call toll-free 1-800-323-2106; in Illinois call: 1-708-803-3100.

New Catastrophe Major Medical Insurance Plan Now Available to APSA Members

The American Political Science Association is pleased to announce a new Catastrophe Major Medical Insurance Plan, underwritten by Insurance Company of North America, a CIGNA Company. The previously sponsored Catastrophe Plan was cancelled when the underwriter made the decision to withdraw from this type of market. All members insured in the previous Plan will be transferred into the new Plan and will receive details in the mail.

The new APSA Catastrophe Plan is designed to help pay those catastrophic bills associated with a serious illness or accident. These costs are often far beyond the benefits provided by the average hospitalization or major medical insurance policy. Rising hospital and nursing home costs, escalating doctor's fees, expensive medicine, home health care costs, specialized surgical procedures and new equipment can push expenses far over the limit basic insurance was ever designed to handle.

The new APSA \$1,000,000 Catastrophe Major Medical Insurance Plan takes over when basic health insurance (especially Medicare) runs short, as supplemental coverage. For this reason the Plan includes a \$35,000 deductible (or the amount paid by your basic health insurance if higher) for each covered illness or accident. This is important in keeping costs as economical as possible. When a covered illness or accident strikes, members have two full years to satisfy the deductible. Once this deductible is reached, the Catastrophe Major Medical Insurance Plan takes over and covers up to 100% of the Plan's eligible expenses up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 in benefits for up to three full years from the date the first expense is incurred.

The new Catastrophe Major Medical Insurance Plan provides a number of important benefits each designed to provide coverage for the extraordinary expenses not covered by your present hospitalization, major medical insurance, Blue Cross/Blue Shield or even Medicare. These benefits include Nursing Home and Home Health Care Benefits. Should any insured member be confined in a nursing home for custodial or convalescent care, this Plan will pay expenses for room and board, general nursing services and supplies up to \$300 per week—up to three full years.

This Plan also pays the reasonable and customary charges for covered home health care treatment up to 100 visits in any one calendar year.

For more complete information on the new APSA Catastrophe Major Medical Insurance plan please contact: Albert H. Wohlers & Co., Administrator, APSA Group Insurance Plans, 1440 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068-1400.

Call For Papers: 1991 Annual Meeting

APSA President-elect Theodore J. Lowi, Cornell University, has appointed George H. Quester, University of Maryland, 1991 program chair. The 1991 meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. at the Washington Hilton and Towers from August 29 to September 1.

Lowi and Quester have worked together to make sure the overall Program Committee has a certain profile. Specifically, the important criteria include comprehensive coverage of fields, representation of a variety of kinds of institutions throughout all regions of the country, demographic diversity, and inclusion of diverse methodologies and approaches. The program should accommodate the cutting edge of the discipline as well as its mainstream. There should be many entrances to participate on panels, but not so much so that the Program is unmanageable, incoherent, or unwieldy.

Lowi and Quester adopted a "rule of three" to select the 1991 Program

Section Heads. Each Organized Section was asked to nominate three candidates to be Section Head for that Organized Section's field. The Program chair then selected one of the three nominees to be on the 1991 Program Committee, taking into account the criteria described above.

In addition, Lowi and Quester have named other members to the Program Committee to handle parts of the Program not covered by the Organized Sections.

In the 1991 Call For Papers below, the Program section heads appointed through the "rule of three" are indicated with an asterisk (*).

The APSA Council has decided to adopt the "rule of three" method for the next three years, during which it will be closely evaluated.

Policies and Deadlines

Paper proposals and offers to appear as discussants or panel chairpersons must be submitted as early as possible. The deadline for receipt of submissions is December 1, 1990. Proposals for whole panels are welcome, but persons with suggestions for panels should get their requests in early.

Please write directly to the appropriate section Program Committee and/or Organized Section chairperson(s) listed below. More general inquiries or suggestions may be addressed to: George H. Quester, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742-8221, (703) 534-1396 (H), (301) 405-4146 (O); Convention Coordinator, APSA, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 483-2512.

Prospective participants should be aware of two APSA Council policies:

(1) Acceptance of a proposal by the Program Committee obligates you to preregister (with appropriate fee) prior to June 1, 1991. If you fail to preregister, you will not be listed in the full program.

(2) Participants may appear on two (but no more than two) panels in any capacity—chairing a panel, acting as discussant or presenting a paper. This rule applies to APSA Program Committee panels or APSA Organized Section Panels, and Unaffiliated Group panels.