

relative to the potential return. Following this strategy, the Fund has been successful in outperforming the market over the past several years.

Summary

The Association's financial situation is sound under the competent direction of Catherine Rudder. Although the immediate outlook does not suggest a continuance of the large surpluses of the past, careful financial management and aggressive pursuit of additional revenue sources should enable the Association to continue to build all of its valuable programs and services.

Council Appoints Committee to Study Organized Sections

Encouraged by the growth and vitality of Organized Sections, the Council acknowledged at its August 31 meeting the need to examine in some detail how Organized Sections fit into APSA, whether new Sections should be encouraged, and how Sections should fit into the Official Annual Meeting Program after 1989.

To oversee the study of Organized Sections, the Council created an ad hoc committee on Sections in APSA. The ad hoc committee will include Lucian Pye, Judith Shklar, and Kenneth Waltz as well as the members of the APSA Committee on Organized Sections. These include: Donald Kinder, Chair; Christopher H. Achen; and Richard Watson. The ad hoc committee members were mandated by the Council to consult widely with APSA members and leaders of the Organized Sections and to report back to the Council at its Spring 1989 meeting.

News About Sections

New Sections

The *Organized Section on Comparative Politics* was officially sanctioned by the Council at its meeting August 31. It is anticipated that the *Organized Section on International Security and Arms Control* will meet APSA's requirements for designation in the very near future. For information about these sections, contact the chairpersons indicated in the compiled list of section officers found in the *Gazette* in this *PS* issue. New membership forms, currently being printed, will include boxes to check for membership in these sections.

Political Methodology Section

The fifth annual meeting of the Political Methodology Section, held at UCLA July 14-16, was well attended. Twelve papers were presented.

The section is pleased to announce that a new journal, *Political Analysis*, will be published by the University of Michigan Press and will appear as an annual in the manner of *Sociological Methodology*. The journal will publish papers dealing broadly with methodology and modeling. Jim Stimson, University of Iowa, is the first editor; associate editors are Chris Achen, Nathaniel Beck, Stanley Feldman, and John Ferejohn. Manuscripts are now being accepted for review; contact Jim Stimson for information.

The new editor for the section's newsletter, published twice a year, is Gary King of Harvard University. In addition to general news, the newsletter will include features such as book reviews, software reviews, annotated bibliographies, and syllabi. Anyone wishing to submit material for the newsletter or having suggestions for its contents should get in touch with Gary King.

Computer Users Section

Recognized by the Council in April 1988, the Computer Users Section brings to-

gether political scientists interested in using computers for research and teaching as well as those interested in assessing the impact of computers on politics.

In its first official year as a section, the group offered two panels in the official program. Both included significant papers and were well attended.

Beginning in 1989 a newsletter will be published to help members share ideas and research interests. Editor Michael Vasu is soliciting submissions and ideas for permanent features. Suggestions for panel papers for the 1989 Annual Meeting may be sent to him, also. (Professor Vasu's address appears in this issue's compiled list of section officers.)

To get on the Computer Users Section mailing list, contact Stephen Frantzych, Department of Political Science, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402.

Poli-ware: The Political Science Software Development Project

The Poli-ware Software Development Project Committee met in July to begin the first round of reviews of software development projects. The committee members consist of Richard Brody, Stanford University; Herb Asher, Ohio State University; and Donna Bahry, New York University. The committee will evaluate the substantive merit of software submissions. Technical quality will be evaluated by Carl Grafton and Anne Permaloff of Auburn University.

The Poli-ware project will narrow the review of software development projects to exclude: (1) software only addressing methodological techniques; (2) software already widely commercially available; and (3) software associated with a particular textbook or commercial software package. In the first round of evaluations, the committee members will examine five submissions.

During the next round of reviews, the committee members encourage software

developers to submit programs for the following areas: the judiciary; congressional elections; the budget process; elections over time; comparative state policy-making; city or local elections; war games; international debt; comparative political violence; the welfare state; the growth of neoconservatism; national health care policy; environmental policy; energy policy; country-specific programs; and coalition formation in multi-party states. The Poli-ware program encourages the development of software in these areas at the introductory course level, though software for more advanced students will also be evaluated by the review committee.

Questions and submissions should be directed to Poli-ware APSA, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

Teachers Awarded the James Madison Fellowship

The 200th birthday of the United States Constitution, celebrated last September, ushered in an era of programs to enhance Americans' understanding of the fundamental principles of their government. Project '87 initiated the James Madison Fellowship Program to identify master teachers who can work for a vital commemoration of the Constitution's Bicentennial that informs their students, colleagues, and communities.

The James Madison Fellowship is awarded, on the basis of a national competition, to outstanding junior and senior high school teachers of history and government. Each James Madison Fellow receives an award of \$2,500, support to attend a summer conference on the United States Constitution, and funds for projects in their communities and their schools.

The James Madison Fellows have prepared for their projects by participating in a summer seminar devoted to the study of the U.S. Constitution and to strategies for engaging the public, their students, and