1999 Annual Meeting Papers Now Available Online

All 1999 Annual Meeting authors were invited to submit their papers to PROceedings: Political Research Online (http://pro.harvard.edu), the online collection of APSA Annual Meeting papers. More than 1,000 authors accepted the invitation.

When the 1999 version of PROceedings opened in mid-August, more than 400 papers were available. As papers were submitted, the web site was updated, and more than 1,000 papers are now available. The paper submission site opened on July 1 and closed on September 5, the last day of the Annual Meeting. Authors were encouraged to submit their papers to PROceedings in advance of the meeting. The 1999 papers, which can be searched by title, author, or keyword, will remain online through August 2000, when the 2000 papers will be made available.

PROceedings, which is supported by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is a collaborative effort of APSA and Harvard University Library under the direction of William J. Ball of The College of New Jersey. The project aims to continue the Annual Meetings beyond its setting, to disseminate political science research more broadly and directly, to encourage the instructional use of recent research, and to facilitate individual and library access to the Annual Meeting papers. Take the opportunity to view the PROceedings site. If you have any questions or comments about the PROceedings project, please write to proceedings@apsanet.org.

Annual Meeting Placement Service Unveils Online System

Seeking to improve the way qualified applicants are matched with open positions in political science, APSA introduced E-Jobs, the electronic placement service, before the 1999 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. The new online systems allowed candidates and employers to register online and subsequently enabled candidates to review job openings and employers to search the pool of applicants before traveling to Atlanta. A primary goal of the system was to alleviate the rush atmosphere of the Placement Service over the first two days.

Candidates and employers enthusiastically embraced the new system. Nearly 900 job seekers registered online--a record for placement registration. Similarly, 98 employers submitted jobs online before the August deadline, allowing applicants to review nearly 150 job openings throughout the summer.

Assessments of the system were positive. Early access to job listings allowed candidates more time to review openings and they especially enjoyed the opportunity they had to email departmental contacts and propose interview times in Atlanta. Employers praised the system's flexibility in allowing them to search across the database and locate candidates of interest.

Once in Atlanta, candidates and employers continued to have access to the database through onsite computers. In addition, 10 binders containing paper copies of all materials from the database were made available for review. In future years, the Association will seek to increase the number of computer terminals available while moving away from production of the binders.

Acting on suggestions from users, the Association is developing an improved system for the 2000 meeting in Washington. Candidates and employers interested in using the system should follow news in the *Personnel Service Newsletter* and check the Association's web site (www.apsanet.org) for details.