

in the discipline. Attendees spend one hour and forty-five minutes (the same amount of time they would spend in a panel session) circulating among booths where presenters display key graphics and text relevant to their research project. The presenters and attendees are encouraged to discuss the research findings and plan future projects.

The RBSI students spent a total of three and a half days at the Annual Meeting with Maurice Woodward, APSA Director of Minority Affairs, serving as their host. In addition to presenting their posters, the students attended university-sponsored receptions where they were invited to discuss plans for graduate study one-on-one with faculty and other students. They were encouraged to meet other African American scholars at a special reception sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession, to visit the book exhibit, and to attend numerous academic panels. The students also attended the Award Winning Breakfast—a session of small group discussions among students and distinguished senior political scientists.

### Hallet Award Donated to Centennial Campaign in Gosnell's Name

After naming the late Harold Gosnell the recipient of its 1997 George Hallet Award, the executive committee of the Organized Section on Representation and Electoral Systems announced that it will be donating the monetary portion of the award to APSA's Centennial Campaign. Funds collected during the five-year Centennial Campaign, which will be launched officially during the 1998 Annual Meeting in Boston, will be used to develop and support new and expanded teaching, training, and research opportunities for political scientists. To receive more information about the Centennial Campaign and its mission and goals, please write to Centennial Campaign, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036, or send email to [future@apsanet.org](mailto:future@apsanet.org).

### New APSA Officers and Council Elected

At the close of the 93rd Annual Meeting in Washington, the slate of officers and council members put forward by the APSA Nominating Committee was unanimously accepted. The 1997–98 officers are:

**President:** M. Kent Jennings, University of California, Santa Barbara

**President-Elect:** Matthew Holden, University of Virginia

**Vice Presidents:** Rodolfo O. De La Garza, University of Texas at Austin; Jennifer Hochschild, Princeton University; Robert D. Putnam, Harvard University

**Secretary:** Toni-Michelle Travis, George Mason University

**Treasurer:** Timothy Cook, Williams College

The newly elected members of the Council, APSA's governing body, are:

Jane Bayes, California State University, Northridge

Gary W. Cox, University of California, San Diego

Charles D. Hadley, University of New Orleans

Kristen R. Monroe, University of California, Irvine

Pippa Norris, Harvard University

Beth A. Simmons, University of California, Berkeley

Joan C. Tronto, Hunter College, CUNY

Michael Wallerstein, Northwestern University

Council members will serve through 1999.

### Finifter Renewed, Other APSA Council Actions

The Council of the Association met on August 27, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel as part of the 1997 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Council members took the following important actions:

- Approved the renewal of a second three-year term for *American Political Science Review* Editor Ada Finifter.
- Recommended APSA endorsement of the Woodrow Wilson

Center in response to Martha Kumar's report that a House subcommittee recommended appropriation reductions in the Smithsonian's Woodrow Wilson Center budget that would amount to a virtual shutdown of the Center.

- Recommended that steps be taken to insure APSA representation on appropriate National Archives and Records Administration and other governmental boards.
- Allocated to the Committee on International Programs \$5,000 to start an Initiative and Exchanges Fund and another \$5,000 to continue institutional membership/journal donations to foreign institutions; the Council also endorsed general guidelines for journal donations.
- Approved a joint Exchange Service between APSA and the European Consortium for Political Research as a pilot project and endorsed a web-based approach to it. The exchange project will facilitate temporary placements of European political scientists in the U.S. and vice versa.
- Approved the proposed budget for FY 97–98, which projects a 6% increase in both income and expenditures
- Adopted changes in the wording of the Association's anti-discrimination and affirmative action statements, proposed jointly by the Ethics Committee and the Committee on the Status of Lesbians



Ada Finifter

**Annual Meeting Perspectives**  
**Participation by Women in the 1997 APSA Meeting**  
 Martin Gruber, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

CHAIRPERSONS			
Year	Total	Women	%
1971	154	12	7.8
1981	137	16	11.7
1991	439	107	24.4
1992	463	106	22.9
1993	452	115	25.4
1994	509	164	32.2
1995	480	134	27.9
1996	517	136	26.3
1997	503	143	28.4
PAPERGIVERS			
1971	552	43	7.8
1981	520	98	18.8
1991	1940	512	26.4
1992	1986	445	22.5
1993	2053	525	25.6
1994	2200	576	26.2
1995	2160	598	27.7
1996	2414	781	32.4
1997	2419	669	27.7
DISCUSSANTS			
1971	184	13	7.1
1981	161	28	17.4
1991	455	120	26.4
1992	568	118	20.8
1993	521	152	29.2
1994	594	157	26.4
1995	583	157	26.9
1996	574	142	24.7
1997	575	161	28.0

Where women head divisions or panels, there is a greater likelihood of other women being selected for program contributions. This year (and last) we had a male and a female cochairing the Program Committee. In 1997, 19 of the 51 division persons were women (37.3%) (cf. 1995: 38.8%; 1996: 30.6%). The divisions they headed had women as 35.4% (86 of 243) of the chairpersons, 32.1% (362 of 1127) of the papergivers, and 31.4% (86 of 274) of the discussants (cf. 1995 = 30.7%, 34.2%, 31.0%; 1996: 26.1%, 35.1%, 29.8%).

The convention divisions led by women had 60.1% of the convention's female panel chairs, 54.0% of the papergivers, and 53.4% of its discussants (cf. 1995: 44.0%, 48.0%, 42.0%; 1996: 40.4%, 48.1%, 50.7%). Women-chaired panels had 37.7% female paper givers and 43.0% female discussants (cf. 1995: 41.0, 42.5%; 1996: 38.7%, 33.9%). These constituted 38.0% of the women giving papers at the 1997 convention and 40.4% of the women serving as discussants (cf. 1995: 49.8%, 43.3%; 1996: 30.9%, 30.3%).

The divisions with the strongest female representation were those on Normative Political Theory\*, Foundations of Political Theory\*, Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations\*, Women and Politics\*, Politics of Communist and Former Communist Countries, Ecological and Transformational Politics, Political Psychology\*, and Race, Ethnicity and Politics\*. (\* = headed by women)

The divisions with the weakest female representation in 1997 were those on New Institutions for a New Century\*, Political Thought and Philosophy: Historical Approaches, Formal Political Theory, Elections and Voting Behavior\*, International Security, International Security and Arms Control\*, International Political Economy\*, Representation and Electoral Systems, Conflict Processes, Religion and Politics, Computers and Multimedia, and Teaching and Learning Political Science.

Among the predominantly female panels were those on Bringing the Emotions Back In, Theoretical Disputes, Feminist Analyses\*, Military Productions\*, Women and Legislative Representation\*, Women's Attitudes and Attitudes Toward Women\*, Reframing Perspectives on Abortion, Politics and Law\*, Gendered Voting Behavior in the 1996 Elections\*, Women and Politics After Institutions Fall: Postcommunism\*, Women and Institution Building: Moving Toward Democracy?\*, Girls! Girls! Girls! Russian Women's Movement Organizing in the 1990s\*, Gender Gap and the 1996 Elections\*; Women as Action, Congress as Institution\*, The Concept of Gender: Research Implications for Political Science\*, Women's Empowerment Through Gendered Institutions: Cross-Level Comparisons and Contrasts from the Developing World\*, Roundtable on Restructuring Foreign Policy Organizations for a New Century: Unplugging the Cold War Machine\*, and Crafting New Institutions: Women and Politics in the Next Century\*.

and Gays in the Profession, to include self-identification of sexual orientation and approved a second proposal of the Ethics Committee, involving changes in the Ethics guidelines to clarify the procedures of the Ethics Committee.

- Authorized Kent Jennings to create an ad hoc task force to review APSA's First Year Minority Ph.D. Fellowship and other minority programs.
- Endorsed the guidelines proposed by the Committee on Organized Sections regarding independent statements or actions by Organized Sections.

Complete minutes of the August 27 meeting will appear in "The Gazette" of the March 1998 issue of *PS*.

**Council Revises Association's Equal Employment Practices and Opportunities Guidelines**

The APSA Council adopted revisions to the Association's Employment Practices and Opportunities Guidelines and clarified the Ethics Committee's individual grievance procedures at its August 27 meeting.

New employment guidelines were submitted to the Council by the Association's Ethics Committee and endorsed by the Committee on the Status of Lesbians and Gays in the Profession. The new statement adds age to the prohibited categories of employment discrimination and includes the provision of domestic partner benefits among the conditions of employment which should be free of discrimination. As adopted, the new section reads:

*The guiding principle is that employment decisions should be based on only those criteria that relate directly to professional competence.*

*It is Association policy that educational institutions not discriminate in any condition of employment (including the provision of domestic partner benefits) on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status, physical handicap, disability, or religion except in those cases in which federal law allows religious preferences in hiring.*