

women had 31.8% of the convention's female panel chairs, 29.1% of its paper givers, and 38.3% of its discussants. Women-chaired panels had 35.8% female paper givers and 35.5% female discussants. These constituted 35.5% of the women giving papers at the 1991 convention and 41.7% of the women serving as discussants.

The sections with the strongest female representation were those on Political Parties and Organizations; Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence; Public Policy; Women and Politics; Race, Gender, and Ethnicity; Politics and Life Sciences; Political Communication; and Transformational Politics.

The sections with the weakest female representation in 1991 were those on Formal Political Theory; Presidential Research; Political Behavior; Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations; Political Economy; Public Policy Section; Comparative Politics; Politics of Developing Areas; Politics and Society in Western Europe; Foreign Policy Analysis; Conflict Processes; Religion and Politics; and Science and Technology Studies.

Among the lopsidedly stag panels were those on Proportional Representation and Multiparty Politics; Rational Choice Theories of Coalition Building; Repeated Games: Applications in Political Science; Applications of Collective Choice Theory and Computer Networks; Dynamics of Elections and Public Opinion; Voters and Elections; Comparative Analysis of Congressional Oversight (Session 1); Presidents and Congress; The Causes and Political Consequences of the Decisions to Naturalize and to Vote; Globalism, Localism, and the Changing Order for Organized Labor in Western Europe; Issues in Regional Security; and Reconstructing Realpolitik.

Panels overwhelmingly female included (aside from those panels with a women's studies content) Interest Groups and the Public Policy Process and the Active Audience: New Directions in Research.

The evening plenary session on "America as a Model for the World?" was, as usual, an occasion for males to be in the spotlight.

Section News

Legislative Studies Section

In the course of 1990-91, the Legislative Studies Section extended its special members-only discount subscription services. Among the discounted subscriptions available are *Roll Call: The Newspaper of Congress*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, and *Congress and the Presidency*. Further discounted offerings include the Fenno Prize-winning studies, *The Transformation of the U.S. Senate*, *Critical Elections and Congressional Policy Making*, *The Personal Vote*, and the landmark *Handbook of Legislative Research*; special prices for CQ's *Guide to Congress*, third edition, *Vital Statistics on Congress: 1990*, *Vital Statistics on American Politics*, second edition, *Washington Information Directory: 1990-91*, *Politics in America: 1990* and CQ's new publications *First Among Equals*, *Leading Congress*, *Guide to the Presidency*, and *Guide to the U.S. Supreme Court*, second edition. Savings were further extended to include *The Almanac of American Politics: 1990*, and a selection of recent legislative studies published by Harvard University Press, The University of North Carolina Press, Stanford University Press, The Johns Hopkins University Press, The Institute of Governmental Studies, The University of Chicago Press, The University of Michigan Press, The Brookings Institution, and Yale University Press.

Computer Users Section

At the 1991 Annual Business Meeting, members voted to submit a mail ballot to the membership to change the Section's name to the "Computers and Multimedia Group." That issue will be put to a vote with the mailing of the next issue of the news-

letter. Members will also vote on the nomination of Anne Permaloff, Auburn University, for President-elect.

State Politics and Policy Section

The State Politics and Policy Section is establishing a data clearing house at Florida State University under Charles Barrilleaux. Furthermore, an electronic bulletin board will be created under the guidance of Dick Winters. A foundation to support the section's activities is currently being sought.

Political Communication

The Political Communication sections of APSA and the International Communication Association have agreed to cosponsor a journal beginning January 1993. The journal will be entitled *Political Communication*, published by Taylor & Francis. The Editor of the journal will be chosen alternatively by the ICA Section and the APSA section in a three-year rotation, with the first selection by ICA this fall. Nominations and self-nominations are being sought for the Section's Publications Committee which, among other policy making duties, will have the authority to name the next editor of the journal. Nominations should be sent to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Ellen Mickiewicz, Carter Center, Emory University.

A by-law change establishing a Membership Committee headed by the senior member-at-large of the Executive Committee was approved at the Annual Business Meeting. Nominations, self-nominations, and suggestions for the committee should be sent to David Paletz, Duke University. Moreover, the section established a new award, named for Murray Edelman, which will honor major achievement in political communication.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 1992 APSA AWARDS

Nominations are invited for the APSA awards to be presented at the 1992 annual meeting in Chicago. Dissertations must be nominated by departments and submitted by January 15, 1992. Books must be nominated by publishers and submitted by February 1, 1992. Members are invited to nominate individuals for the career awards. Further details may be obtained by contacting the national office.