

## **Pye Appoints Polsby 1989 Program Chair**

**P**resident-elect Lucian W. Pye, M.I.T., has appointed Nelson Polsby, University of California-Berkeley, 1989 program chair. The 1989 meetings will be held in Atlanta, at the Atlanta Hilton from August 31 to September 3. The annual meeting has not been held in Atlanta since 1935 when 315 attended a program organized by APSA President Francis W. Coker and Program Chair James Hart.

Anticipating over 3,600 attendees in Atlanta in 1989, Pye and Polsby have already taken major steps toward planning the meeting, including encouraging Organized Sections to get directly involved in planning the APSA program. Polsby has invited each Organized Section to assume responsibility for panels in appropriate sections of the official program. Although several organized Sections have already responded favorably to the offer, some may wish to continue scheduling separate sets of panels.

There are several significant historical events around which special interest panels may be organized in '89. The program will celebrate the bicentennial of the Bill of Rights, as well as the 25th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Indeed the theme of the 1989 meeting is likely to be "Civil Rights in America." The program may also acknowledge with clusters of panels the bicentennial of the U.S. Congress, the bicentennial of the French revolution and the 400th anniversary of Thomas Hobbes' birth.



NELSON W. POLSBY  
1989 Program Chair

## **1987 Referendum on Constitutional Amendment**

**T**he 1987 Elections Committee, composed of Mitchell F. Rice (chair), Louisiana State University; Robert H. Bates, Duke University; and Margaret E. Scranton, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, have certified the results of the 1987 referendum on a constitutional amendment to modify the procedures by which dues can be changed. The constitutional amendment pro-

posed by the Council of APSA put the authority to adjust dues in the hands of the elected officers and Council so that if the Association began experiencing deficits, the Council, which meets twice a year, could act quickly to adjust dues if necessary. Under current rules, it can take an entire year to approve a change in dues, and once it is approved another year is required under APSA's quarterly billing system to implement and receive the income from dues increases.

The results are as follows:

*Constitutional Amendment for  
Modification of Procedures  
for Dues Changes*

In Favor of the Amendment	1,805
Against the Amendment	1,623
Invalid Ballots	63

The amended Section I of Article III now reads:

Any person sharing the object of the Association may become a member upon payment of annual dues. All classes of dues, including life membership and reduced annual dues for retired members and students, shall be set by the Council.

The rate of return and distribution of votes is quite similar to the outcome of the 1980 dues increase referendum. At that time, 1,527 voted in favor of a dues increase, 1,257 opposed an increase, and 223 abstained.

## Section on Political Organizations and Parties Elects Officers

The APSA Organized Section on Political Organizations and Parties elected the following officers at its September 4, 1987, business meeting. Frank Sorauf, University of Minnesota, is president. The secretary and program chair for the next two years is Alan Gitelson (1987-88), Loyola University of Chicago, and James L. Gibson (1988-89), University of Houston. Members of the executive committee are: Peggy Conway, University of Maryland; Anne Costain, University of Colorado; William Crotty, Northwestern University; Lorn Foster, Pomona College; Kay Lawson, San Francisco State University; Sarah Morehouse, University of Connecticut; Dianne Pinderhughes, University of Illinois; Gerald Schlesinger, Michigan State University; and Jack Walker, University of Michigan.