

Association News

Report of the Executive Director, 1985-86

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The Association continues to enjoy good health. Our financial condition remains strong, although the substantial surpluses that we enjoyed for five consecutive years are probably a thing of the past. (See Table 1.) At this writing, we expect that the 1985-86 fiscal year will end with a balanced budget, a condition likely to hold next year as well. This reflects the Council's policy of avoiding any increase in member dues or fees and of allocating additional funds for publications and programs.

In addition, the Association's other assets continue to increase in value. The Trust and Development Fund portfolio, which consists of equity-oriented mutual funds and bonds, is now worth \$1,600,000. Dividends and interest earned by the Fund constitute a growing part of the general operating income reported in Table 1. The Association's endowed program funds have a balance approaching \$300,000. And if the District of Columbia Tax Assessor has correctly gauged its market value, the APSA

building is now worth \$2,140,000. (The downside is that over the last two years our real estate taxes have increased from \$17,896 to \$43,442.)

Membership trends are equally robust. After a decade-long slide, membership in the Association appears to be on a steady climb upward. (See Table 2.) Individual membership has grown by over 1,000 since the beginning of 1982, although it remains well below the peak reached in the early 1970s.

One of the new developments within the Association partly responsible for this turnaround is the initiation of Organized Sections. During the past year, five new sections successfully petitioned the Council for recognition, bringing the total to fourteen (see Table 3). The sections have been increasingly active in publishing informative newsletters and sponsoring panels at the annual meeting.

Another sign of the Association's vigor is the high attendance and participation at recent annual meetings. The 1984 meeting in Washington, D.C. drew the largest attendance in fifteen years, while the 1985 New Orleans registration topped the previous (1973) New Orleans figure by more than 500. These figures reflect

TABLE 1
Budget Summary, 1979-1986

Year	Income	Expenditures	Surplus
1979-80	\$ 930,157	\$ 929,857	\$ 300
1980-81	1,007,675	977,328	30,347
1981-82	1,117,201	1,043,255	74,446
1982-83	1,202,078	1,094,415	107,663
1983-84	1,323,074	1,247,529	75,545
1984-85	1,413,077	1,353,334	54,738
1985-86*	1,500,000	1,475,000	25,000

*Projected.

TABLE 2
APSA Members, 1974-86

Year*	Regular	Associate	Student	Retired	Life	Family	Total Individual	Institutional
1974	7,793		4,006	217	101	137	12,254	3,504
1975	7,335		3,912	206	100	149	11,702	3,648
1976	7,428		3,603	245	96	134	11,506	3,588
1977	7,228		3,076	270	95	142	10,811	3,466
1978	7,094		2,655	301	97	154	10,301	3,338
1979	6,845		2,335	310	91	148	9,729	3,339
1980	6,592		2,159	344	91	135	9,321	3,337
1981	6,423		1,901	349	92	129	8,894	3,283
1982	5,838		1,984	388	97	134	8,441	3,156
1983	5,764		2,068	382	104	130	8,448	3,018
1984	5,891		2,511	378	111	151	9,042	3,059
1985	5,879	106	2,595	411	116	166	9,273	2,996
1986	6,009	145	2,589	432	117	173	9,465	3,046

* January of each year.

two factors: more political scientists attend the meeting and a higher proportion of attendees register. (The Council policy requiring all participants to pre-register has had a major effect on the latter.) The upcoming meeting in Washington, D.C., with 2200 participants on 500 panels, promises to follow the pattern of recent years.

The most tangible products of Association membership, the three quarterly publications, are all undergoing substantial changes. The March 1986 issue of the

American Political Science Review incorporates major changes in design and content initiated by Managing Editor Samuel Patterson. The *Review*, whose editorial offices recently moved from the University of Iowa to Ohio State University, has been given a substantial budget increase to accommodate larger issues and to support the editorial offices in Columbus and St. Louis (home of book review editor, Robert Salisbury). *PS*, the Association's journal of political ideas and news of the profession, was given additional funds by the Council for design changes to im-

TABLE 3
Organized Section Members, 1986

Organized Section	Number of Members
Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations	324
Law, Courts and Judicial Process	606
Legislative Studies	422
Policy Studies	665
Political Organizations and Parties	410
Public Administration	618
Conflict Processes	258
Representation and Electoral Systems	245
Presidency Research	257
Political Methodology*	—
Religion and Politics*	—
Politics and Life Sciences*	—
Urban Politics*	—
Applied Political Science*	—

* New.

prove its attractiveness and readability. Editor Catherine Rudder, who in recent years expanded *PS* to include substantive articles on politics, expects to implement these changes during the coming year. The Council also allocated funds for the *NEWS for Teachers of Political Science* to change the format from a newspaper to an 8½ x 11 self-cover magazine/newsletter.

The past year also witnessed significant developments in other Association programs and publications. The *Personnel Service Newsletter*, the central clearinghouse for jobs in political science, increased its frequency of publication from eleven to twelve issues per year. Two best-selling guides for undergraduates—*Careers and the Study of Political Science* and *Storming Washington*—were substantially revised and published as fourth and second editions, respectively. The Committee on Professional Ethics, Rights and Freedoms codified its principles and grievance procedures in a new *Guide to Professional Ethics in Political Science*. The Committee also issued a new advisory opinion on "External Review on Promotion and Tenure Decisions." Thanks to the initiative and energy of Program Chair Herbert Weisberg, a collection of 1983 annual meeting theme papers was published by Agathon Press as *Political Science: The Science of Politics*. And several years of hard work by the Publications Committee were rewarded with the publication of an *APSA Style Manual*. The Small Grants Program, a new Association-financed effort designed to provide small research grants to political scientists employed at institutions that do not grant a Ph.D., made its second round of awards and was given a budget increase by the Council. With funding provided by the Walter Shorenstein family, a Joan Shorenstein Barone Congressional Fellowship was created to support a broadcast journalist with the Association's long-running, highly successful Congressional Fellowship Program.

Other notable developments occurred in the sphere of Washington representation. The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA), of which APSA is a charter member and active participant,

TABLE 4
Annual Meeting Registration, 1967-85*

1967	2473	(Chicago)
1968	3723	(Washington, D.C.)
1969	4142	(New York)
1970	2397	(Los Angeles)
1971	2732	(Chicago)
1972	3380	(Washington, D.C.)
1973	2312	(New Orleans)
1974	2773	(Chicago)
1975	2478	(San Francisco)
1976	2295	(Chicago)
1977	2624	(Washington, D.C.)
1978	2373	(New York)
1979	2687	(Washington, D.C.)
1980	2745	(Washington, D.C.)
1981	2887	(New York)
1982	2205	(Denver)
1983	2859	(Chicago)
1984	3391	(Washington, D.C.)
1985	2842	(New Orleans)

*1972-85 figures include exhibitors registered at the meeting, since their fee for booth rental includes the cost of their registration.

pushed hard this year for increases in the NSF social science budget and, in spite of the constraints imposed by Gramm-Rudman, has achieved some measure of success. In July, COSSA will publish a *Guide to Federal Funding for Social Scientists*, which describes over 300 federal programs of interest to researchers in the social and behavioral sciences. The 512-page volume will be available to APSA members at a 25% discount. During the past year the Association also took a more active role in the National Humanities Alliance (NHA). We increased our level of financial support, provided office space for Executive Director Marsha Wice Adler, a political scientist and former Congressional Fellow, participated in an NHA symposium recognizing the 20th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and joined the Board of Directors. In order to press our interests on issues pertaining to freedom of information and government archives, the Association recently joined the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History.

New initiatives within the Association spring from many sources—committees, the Council, individual members, the

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staff. Perhaps the richest sources of innovation, however, are APSA presidents. The examples are legion. In 1976 James MacGregor Burns pushed for a major effort to initiate a thoughtful commemoration of the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. A decade later Project '87 is widely regarded as a major success, with \$4 million in foundation and government grants supporting a rich array of scholarly, educational, and public activities. In 1985 Richard F. Fenno, Jr. directed the Association's attention to the very serious problem of recruiting minorities into the profession. A year later we garnered \$150,000 from the Ford Foundation to sponsor summer institutes for black undergraduates. The 1986 and 1987 summer institutes, co-hosted by Southern University and Louisiana State University, will give us an opportunity to encourage 50 bright undergraduates to consider a career in political science. We hope to develop comparable institutes for other minority students.

Aaron Wildavsky has pursued an ambitious agenda during his presidency. First, he enlisted the support of past presidents and vice presidents in launching a major capital drive for the Association. The goal is to encourage a number of political scientists to provide bequests for specific and general Association endowments.

Second, he asked that the Association develop programs and services for retired political scientists. An Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of Retired Political Scientists has commissioned a survey to assess the needs of our retired colleagues and is preparing a plan of action for consideration by the Council. Third, Wildavsky has sought to increase the visibility and standing of public administration within the Association. As part of that effort, the APSA will co-publish with the American Society for Public Administration a book on *Public Administration: The State of the Discipline*. In a related activity, Herbert Kaufman will deliver the first John Gaus Lecture at the 1986 annual meeting. Finally, Wildavsky has worked to increase the Association's activities on behalf of political science teachers. Plans are underway to develop a collection of articles on teaching and to recognize excellence in teaching. These initiatives will occupy the attention of Association committees and staff well beyond his term as president.

By emphasizing new activities and changes in existing programs, this brief report does not do justice to the myriad of ongoing projects. Fortunately, these efforts are reported on regularly in the pages of *PS*. An index to those reports follows.

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