

has always had time and heart enough for everyone in his mighty orbit, including those from lesser constellations.

As a family man, he is a husband and father of two married children. He is a credit to his wonderful wife, Roberta, with whom he scuba-dived his way to co-authoring *Watching Fishes: Life and Behavior on Coral Reefs* (1985). And any man who would dedicate his American government textbook to his family, including their cat, understands civic virtue.

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A Letter to Members from the Executive Director

Dear Colleagues:

It is hard to imagine a more exciting time to be a political scientist. That our profession is brimming with intellectual fervor was apparent at APSA's 87th Annual Meeting held in Washington, D.C. August 29–September 1. This excitement is reflected in every part of the American Political Science Association.

APSA's Annual Meeting attendance this year reached a historic high at 5,100 attendees—exceeding the boom days of the late sixties and early seventies. Numerous people stopped me in the hallways at the Hilton to say what a terrific meeting they were having. The panel sessions were at overflow capacity, and people typically stayed until the panels were over.

The book exhibit was the largest ever, not to mention the largest political science exhibit in the world. The Placement Service was bursting at the seams, and the numbers of employers and job seekers were approaching records as well.

Organized Sections have been formed in most subfields of the discipline, and they have brought new organizational vitality to APSA with

specialized newsletters, an electronic book review, awards for scholarship, and a great variety of panel offerings at the Annual Meeting.

Pi Sigma Alpha has begun an annual lecture at our meeting—rekindling an APSA tradition of years past of featuring a leading public official at our conference. This year Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney delivered a major policy address to an overflow audience of 750 people. And the excellent plenary session on “America As a Model for the World?” is featured in this issue of *PS: Political Science & Politics*, along with the John Gaus Lecture of Norton Long, the Gaus Award winner, who made an eloquent plea for ethical concerns in our scholarship.

Ted Lowi's lively Presidential Address is likely to be discussed for years to come. It will be printed in the March issue of the *American Political Science Review*, the first issue of the new Managing Editor Bingham Powell, a scholar of comparative politics, who is succeeding Samuel C. Patterson in that position. Powell has assembled a new Editorial Board for the *Review* and has named Melissa Collie of the University of Texas as Book Review Editor. Collie follows Helen Ingram in that position. Both Patterson and Ingram were honored by the Council for the superb jobs they have done.

Editor Patterson's final report appears in this issue of *PS* and is notable in several regards. First, the *APSR* is clearly the premier journal in the profession, a judgment based on both the number of times articles in the *APSR* are cited and on their staying power. Second, fields are underrepresented in the *APSR* primarily because scholars in those fields submit articles at a lower rate than political scientists in other fields do. The acceptance rate is consistent across fields, a point Patterson has continued to make during his years as editor.

Thanks to the work of Helen Ingram, Robert Salisbury, and their predecessors, the Book Review section of the *APSR* is second to none and is simply indispensable to any serious scholar of political science. Book Review Editor Collie has been given more space, and she welcomes suggestions for review essays, review-

ers and books.

Also honored at the Annual Meeting was APSA's 1952-53 President, Pendleton Herring, who has contributed over the years several dozen political prints to the Association. The Council officially named the collection the “Pendleton Herring Print Collection.” President Herring, in turn, presented to President Lowi yet another gift for the national office, a striking lithograph of George Caleb Bingham's “Canvassing for A Vote.” When you are in Washington, please come by 1527 New Hampshire Avenue to see this exhibit.

As you may know, the Council meets the day before the Annual Meeting begins. After a presentation by Mark Blasius, Co-Chair of the Gay and Lesbian Caucus, and by Ken Sherrill, also of the Caucus, the Council discussed at length whether to establish a Committee on the Status of Lesbians and Gays in the Profession. The Council agreed to do so in principle and authorized incoming President James Q. Wilson to name a Task Force to establish a charter for such a committee. That group is to report back to the Council at its April 11 meeting in Chicago. If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to write me or Mike Brintnall, who will be staffing that committee, at the national office.

Two other notable actions at the Council meeting were (1) The acceptance of a newly codified *Guide to Professional Ethics in Political Science* that will be distributed to all political science departments in the U.S. and to senior graduate students. The yeoman's work entailed by this recodification was performed by Lawrence J. R. Herson (Chair), Gayle Binion, John C. Wahlke, Nancy H. Zingale, and Mike Brintnall (staff), to whom we all owe a great deal of thanks. (2) A suggestion that I communicate with you via *PS* more frequently than my September *PS* annual report. The purpose of this idea is to let members know what is brewing in the Council, at the national office, and in the Association generally. Hence, this letter to you.

APSA has scored some wonderful successes this past year, including:

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- a \$5 million endowment of the Congressional Fellowship Program by MCI Communications Corporation,
- the funding of a variety of programs on the Bill of Rights for high schools,
- the reinstatement of a "rotator" position at the National Science Foundation for the Political Science Program so that there is an active scholar helping to administer that program,
- the creation of a new course syllabi project so that members, especially new assistant professors, will have access to model syllabi to help structure their courses,
- the publication of the first volume of an oral history of the profession by the University of Kentucky Press, a volume edited by Michael Baer, Malcolm Jewell and Lee Sigelman and jointly funded by APSA's Kirkpatrick Fund and Council and by Pi Sigma Alpha,
- the full implementation of the Minority Identification Project to encourage our best minority undergraduates to go to attend Ph.D. programs in political science,
- the first short course offered in the new Leading Scholar Series for graduate students, inaugurated this year by Aaron Wildavsky,
- the publication of two other valuable volumes, *A Guide to Federal Funding in the Social Sciences* and an up-to-date *Membership Directory*,
- the increase to 90 journals and magazines available to APSA members in the Discount Journal Brochure.

And we are on the verge of getting the diplomatic history series of the State Department a little less politicized and back on track.

Now, what's brewing? President-Elect Lucius Barker has begun to think about his committee assignments for next year. Here are the committees on which there are vacancies:

The Nominating Committee
The Trust and Development Board of Trustees
The Committee on Departmental Services
The Editorial Board of *PS*
The Editorial Board of *The Political Science Teacher*

The Committee on Publications
The Committee on Education
The Kirkpatrick Fund Board of Trustees
The Committee on International Political Science
The Committee on Professional Ethics, Rights and Freedoms
The Research Support Committee
The Status Committees: on Blacks, on Latinos, and on Women
The Endowed Programs Committee
The Award Committees:

Dissertation Awards: Gabriel A. Almond Award, William Anderson Award, Edward S. Corwin Award, Harold D. Lasswell Award, Helen Dwight Reid Award, E. E. Schattschneider Award, Leo Strauss Award, Leonard D. White Award

Paper and Book Awards: Franklin L. Burdette Pi Sigma Alpha Award, Heinz Eulau Award, Ralph J. Bunche Award, Gladys M. Kammerer Award, Victoria Schuck Award, Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award

Career Awards: Carey McWilliams Award, Hubert H. Humphrey Award, John Gaus Lecturer, Benjamin E. Lippincott Award, James Madison Award

Also, as you will see in another part of this issue of *PS*, this year's Nominating Committee will be meeting in February. If you have suggestions, please write Chair Joseph Cooper at 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

We are also working on finding appropriate sites for future Annual Meetings. Deputy Director Robert Hauck is heading this effort. There are very few hotels that can accommodate us anymore. We have been reluctant to move to an impersonal convention center, but we may have to do so.

And we have all of our on-going programs and publications. Here's a partial list:

The American Political Science Review
PS: Political Science & Politics and
The Political Science Teacher
The Personnel Service Newsletter
The APSA Annual Meeting
The APSA Small Research Grant Program
The Minority Graduate Fellowship Program
The Congressional Fellowship Program
The International Exchange Program (with the Chinese, Soviet, Hungarian, and Japanese Political Science Associations)

The International Travel Grant Program
The Minority Identification Project
The Credential Referral Service
Dissertation, Book and Career Awards
The Departmental Services Program
The Departmental Services Program for High Schools and for Two-Year Institutions
The Data Collection Program
The Directories of APSA: *The Biographical Directory*, *The Guide to Graduate Study in Political Science*, *The Directory of Undergraduate Political Science Faculty*, *The Directory of Membership*
The Annual Placement Report
The Publications Program
Project '87

As you can see, there is a tremendous amount of activity at APSA. It is initiated and sustained by APSA members. A combination of the Annual Meeting, the Organized Sections, APSA publications, and the committees provide multiple opportunities to participate in the Association and to have an impact on the profession. If you would like some help in finding a way to participate in APSA, please give me a call or drop me a note. I would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,
Catherine E. Rudder
Executive Director

Looking for Something or Some One at the APSA?

All APSA activities and special projects are governed by a standing committee of the Association. A professional staff member is assigned to each committee to facilitate its work. To help you identify the staff and areas of responsibility we are publishing the following list, and encourage you to contact the appropriate person or persons with your questions and interests:

Full-time Professional Staff

Catherine Rudder, Executive Director
Council and Administrative Committee
Trust and Development Committee
Nominating Committee
Awards Committee
Congressional Fellowship Program
Ralph Bunche Summer Institute

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