

relationship between APSA publications and an associate membership category. Mann mentioned that the *NEWS* may experiment with a journal format similar to *PS*. Rudder informed the Council that the Committee has discussed developing an in-house publishing capacity for various APSA journals, and agreed that it merits further investigation.

WETA/Telecourse

Sheilah Mann, the staff member working with the WETA/Telecourse project, distributed a list of the topics of the units, the project consultants, and the Advisory Committee members. She reported on the favorable response to a one-hour pilot, and outlined plans for the 13-hour telecourse program, including the preparation of student guides and instructor's units. The Telecourse, made possible by a grant from the Annenberg Fund, provides a unique opportunity for APSA scholars to become involved in a very different type of project. However, Mann noted that a considerable amount of time is spent resolving the conflicts between good television and accurate scholarship. Television production values and visual needs are often at variance with scholarly requirements. She commended the efforts of Linda Winslow, the WETA project director, to work with APSA staff to satisfy both values.

Project '87

Sheilah Mann, the Project Director for Project '87, reviewed the background of the joint APSA/AHA sponsored Project and the grants received to date. She reported on ongoing activities and future plans, including the preparation of four proposals to the National Endowment for the Humanities. She also pointed out that liaison activities between history and political science requires quite a bit of time to accommodate the differences between the two disciplines. Murphy requested that Mann keep the newly-authorized NEH liaison committee informed on the four NEH proposals.

Riker adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

APSA Committee Appointments

The Council approved the following committee nominations of William Riker, APSA President.

Administrative Committee

Twiley Barker
Philip E. Converse (ex-officio)
M. Margaret Conway
Ole R. Holsti
William Riker (ex-officio)
Allen Schick (ex-officio)
Barbara Sinclair

Rules Committee

Gerald H. Kramer, Chair
Judith N. Shklar
Susan Welch

Elections Committee

Roberta Sigel, Chair
Walter Murphy
Michael Walzer

APSR Search Committee

William Riker, Chair
Philip Converse
Dina Zinnes
Harold Jacobson
Barbara Sinclair
Sidney Tarrow
Michael Walzer

NEH Liaison Committee

Walter Murphy, Chair
Other members to be announced.

Editor's Note: The current affiliation for Professor Irvin Brown, listed in the winter issue of PS as a member of the Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession, is Atlanta University.

Publications Committee

Interim Report to the Council

The Publications Committee met on Friday, January 28th, in Washington, D.C. It reviewed the experiment of publishing articles analyzing contemporary issues of politics and policy in *PS*. The Committee believes that the analysis section which the editor has developed is an attractive addition to *PS*, filling many of the needs which the Association might expect to serve by publishing a separate journal of political analysis. The Committee has surveyed the prospects of launching such a separate journal, and has concluded that very substantial outside support would be required. The possibility of receiving external support, free of unacceptable external control, appears remote. Meanwhile, the editor of *PS* believes that she can sustain the section on political analysis, if she had some addi-

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tional staff assistance, notably a part-time copy-editor and a part-time proofreader, to free her for the tasks of planning this section, obtaining appropriate contributors, and assuring its timely publication.

The Committee recommends to the Council that it provide the support which the editor needs to continue this experiment. Establishment of a small, part-time editorial staff in the Washington office has the additional advantage of providing that office with experience in the management of a portion of the publication process. Eventually this might lead to the creation of a publishing consortium which could serve other Association journals including the *APSR*. Meanwhile, the Committee urges the editor of the *NEWS* to consider adopting the same format as *PS*, and to consider using the same publishing services.

The connection between regular APSA membership and subscription to the *APSR*, which the constitution prescribes, sustains the *Review* as the central journal of the profession. If, in the future, the new "sections" of the Association develop their own specialized journals, it is conceivable that members of the APSA may want to have the option of subscribing to these journals as an alternative to the *APSR*. The Publications Committee will therefore keep this issue on its agenda, and reconsider it from time to time.

While the Committee remains convinced that regular membership in the Association should not at this time be separated from subscription to its principal publications, it has no objection to providing individuals who do not hold advanced degrees in political science with the opportunity to attend the meetings of the APSA at the registration fee available to members, and to giving them the right to join the new "sections" and the option of subscribing to any of the Association's publications at a suitable subscription price. The Committee therefore has no objection if the Council were to create a category of "APSA Associate" which would be available to individuals who are not professional political scientists.

The Committee looks forward to the appearance of the volume on this "State of the Discipline" resulting from panels at the 1982 meetings. It recommends that the Council evaluate the experiment of publishing such a volume before undertaking this enterprise again, and specifically suggests that it would be premature to sponsor another such volume in the meantime.

The Committee reviewed the results of the survey of the APSA membership and finds no clear evidence that a "repackaging" of the Association's publications could attract back

to membership those who have left the Association in the last decade. Significant differences in attitudes toward the Association's publications between members and those who have left the Association is evident only with respect to the *APSR*; those who have allowed their membership to lapse find its research articles less useful than those who continue as members.

It seems likely to the Committee that the relative disinterest in the *APSR* among non-members expresses their despair at the segmentation of the discipline which the *Review* necessarily reflects. If this segmentation leads to the establishment of a set of strong "sections" and of correspondingly specialized journals, the *Review* might in the future play a different role as the general journal of the profession. Alternatively, the editorship of the *Review* might eventually be placed in the hands of a group of specialists, each clearly responsible for the publication of research in one sub-field of the discipline, explicitly establishing the *Review* as a collection of specialized sections.

Neither development is impossible but neither will necessarily increase the Association's membership. Either development could lead to reopening the question of the tie between membership and subscription to the *APSR*. Meanwhile, the Committee believes that the Association should be open to various responses to the increasing specialization in the profession, and to the implications of each response for the pattern of its publications. This stance, combined with the maintenance and further improvement of the Association's general purpose publications, seems to the Committee to provide the best prospect of serving the profession, maintaining its membership, attracting those just entering the profession, and reviving the interest of some of those who have left the APSA.

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Editor's note: This report is the second report of the Publications Committee to the Council. The first report was presented at the September 1, 1982, Council meeting in Denver.