

Personnel Service Newsletter Goes Online

Taking advantage of the growing availability of web access to APSA members, the *Personnel Service Newsletter* will be available online beginning in June. *PSNOnline* will be accessible via the Association's web site in a fully searchable format to both individual subscribers and departments who are members of the Departmental Services Program. Access to the online *Newsletter* will be controlled by a username and password system defined to subscribers in the June issue of the *Newsletter*.

In planning over the past seven months, the pilot project has unfolded in two stages. Beginning in February, employers were asked to submit job announcements via a special online form. The material submitted via this form and then stored in a searchable online database, became the basis of both the electronic and paper versions of the *Newsletter* in March, April, and May. The second stage—the actual testing of the online *Newsletter*—began in early May with a selected test group that included individual subscribers, department chairs, Association officers, and members of the APSA Council.

The advantages of the online *Newsletter* are as great to departments as to the individual subscriber. The web-based *Newsletter* will provide greater flexibility by allowing for later deadlines, quicker production, and more timely availability of job listings. Further, job postings submitted via the web appear exactly as submitted, as they have not been rekeyed, but rather transferred electronically between the submission form and the published *Newsletter*.

During the pilot stage of this project, the online and paper editions of the *Newsletter* will continue to be available on the same day, allowing those who do not have access to the web notification of job openings at approximately the same time as online users. In the future, the Association will move to have the online version of the *Newsletter* updated on a weekly or bimonthly basis. Subsequently, subscribers may choose to have access to only the electronic *Newsletter*.

PSNOnline is made available in

part by the assistance of H-Net, the Humanities and Social Sciences Online Network, located at Michigan State University.

For further information on the *Newsletter* and online developments, visit the Association's web site at www.apsanet.org or email psn@apsanet.org.

PROceedings Demonstration at Annual Meeting

APSA invites meeting participants to view a demonstration of PROceedings: Political Research Online, the Association's online collection of Annual Meeting papers, at the 1998 conference. The PROceedings web site (pro.harvard.edu), developed and maintained by William J. Ball of The College of New Jersey, will be on display in the Panel Paper Room in the Boston Marroitt-Copley Place throughout the Boston meeting.

PROceedings, a joint project of APSA and the Harvard University Library, debuted at the 1997 meeting in Washington, DC. Currently, the site, which has been active since last September, features 131 papers from the 1997 meeting. Visitors to the site can search for papers by author, title, or keyword, and download their selections in PDF using the Adobe Acrobat Reader (available free at www.adobe.com). The 1997 papers will be available until August 14, 1998, when they will be replaced by the 1998 papers. Papers for the 1998 meeting will be available starting August 17, and the contents of the site will be updated frequently between August 17 and September 3.

The Association has invited all 1998 paper authors to submit papers for posting to the PROceedings site. If you have not received an invitation to post your Annual Meeting paper, please contact the PROceedings project team, in care of Theresa Gubicza, at proceedings@apsanet.org. Authors can submit papers via a web form, email, or disk to Bill Ball, Department of Political Science, The College of New Jersey, Hillwood Lakes CN 4700, Trenton,

NJ 08650-4700; Email: ball@tcnj.edu; <http://pro.harvard.edu>.

APSA to Sponsor Research Support Poster Session

As part of its 94th Annual Meeting, APSA will sponsor a poster session designed to bring political scientists and program representatives from major funding institutions together to discuss research support. The 1998 session follows a successful session at the 1997 meeting, the first of its kind offered by the APSA.

Many of the institutions that participated in the 1997 Research Support Poster Session will return in 1998, including the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities. APSA has invited a number of new institutions to participate as well, including the Nonprofit Sector Research Fund. The complete listing of participating institutions and representatives will appear in the Annual Meeting Final Program.

Kenneth Kolson, deputy director of the Division of Research & Education at the National Endowment for the Humanities, will be available September 3–6 for private consultation about the NEH review process. To schedule a meeting time, contact him at KKolson@neh.gov.

Everyone coming to the meeting is encouraged to attend this poster session and take advantage of the opportunity to speak one-on-one with representatives of funding organizations and institutions. Topics addressed will include identifying promising funding opportunities, fulfilling application requirements, and rising to the top in the competitive proposal process.

For more information about the Research Support Poster Session, please contact Theresa Gubicza, tgubicza@apsanet.org.

Travel Grants for 1998 Annual Meeting

In 1998 the Association will again offer a limited number of travel grants for advanced graduate students attending the APSA Annual Meeting in Boston. Funded through