

Membership Directory Questionnaires Sent

Questionnaires for an updated version of the *Membership Directory* were mailed in early July to all APSA members who were asked to return their corrected questionnaires by August 1. Members who have not received their questionnaire should write to the national office and request a copy of the questionnaire.

The updated version of the *Membership Directory* will be available in late 1982 or early 1983. It will be in the same format as the 1980 *Membership Directory*. Members may order the Directory now at a special pre-publication price of \$8 by checking the appropriate box at the end of the questionnaire and sending a check along with the completed questionnaire. After publication, the price will be \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

The *Membership Directory* is the single most important source of information on political scientists. It is widely used by journal editors, employers, association officers, foundation officials and many others.

1983 Program Committee Invites Proposals

"The Science of Politics" will be the theme of the 1983 Annual Meeting program, according to Herb Weisberg, chair of the 1983 Program Committee. "The goal is to assess the state of the scientific features of the discipline," Weisberg said in a June memorandum he prepared on the 1983 program.

He emphasized, however, that the study of politics "includes artistic and normative elements which should be included in all Annual Meetings of the Association," and that the 1983 theme is primarily meant to encourage the submission of several papers which will focus on the current state of the science of politics.

"Certainly there is no need for all panels or papers to emphasize the scientific approach or any single scientific approach," Weisberg added.

In addition to the sections and panels described below, Weisberg said the Program Committee would welcome proposals for panels and papers on the constitutional amendment process and the status of women under the law, especially "now that the fate of the Equal Rights Amendment is determined."

The 1983 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association will be held September 1-4 at the Palmer House in Chicago, Illinois.

Weisberg and the Program Committee prepared the following description of the 1983 program:

There will be "theme panels" again for 1983. The theme papers will consider the science of politics as applied to each section. These theme panels may summarize the "state of science" in the subfield, propose a formal model which accounts for politics in that subfield, discuss the status of the dominant theories in the subfield, provide an inventory of scientific propositions and results in the subfield, or challenge the application of scientific methods as applied to that subfield.

There is considerable continuity between the sections for the 1983 program and those for the 1982 program, but there is also some important innovation. The international relations area has been expanded to four separate sections in order to make the Annual Meetings more interesting and attractive to the international relations community. Jim Caporaso of the University of Denver, as associate program chairperson in the area of international relations, has set up these four new sections.

Additionally, a new section has been added in the political theory area, so there are now separate sections on political philosophy and on analytical philosophy and philosophy of social science. The theory area has been one of the largest at recent conventions, so it is appropriate to increase the number of theory sections.

The final new section is a public policy section under the comparative politics area, which is an appropriate recognition of the increased attention being paid to