

Association Relaunches APSANet

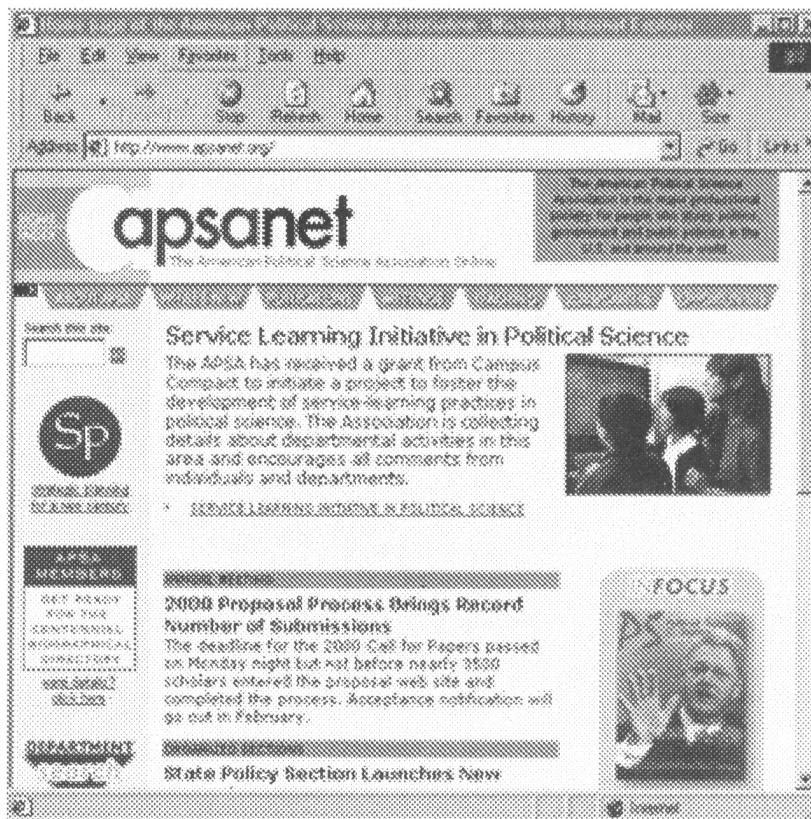
Working to increase its usability and the services provided, the Association launched the latest of version of APSANet at the 1999 Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

Now in its third generation, the APSA web site is designed to provide members and non-members with a range of information and services. At the heart of the redesign is the enhancement of site navigation, featuring a color coding system that cues users to their location within the site. The Association has also developed a system of tabs that allows users to move easily among any of the eight primary information areas. In addition, the site is now fitted with a powerful search engine that provides users with a fast and easy method to locate information by using keywords.

As return users to the site will see, much of the original information remains available. The site contains detailed material on all APSA programs, ranging from membership to minority programs to advertising. All of this information on APSA is conveniently located within the "About APSA" section.

Those individuals, departments, or institutions looking to join or renew their memberships will find newly designed forms for doing so. The secure forms allow for safe transmission of credit card numbers and feature auto totaling systems. The same system has been adapted for the new publications order form.

The "Annual Meeting" section is the principle resource for information on the APSA Annual Meeting. At this time, we are completing a successful Call for Papers process during which nearly 3500 individuals submitted proposal information online. In the coming months, details on the 2000 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, will be available.



Among the new features within APSANet are the "What's New" pages. This section is designed to provide users a quick reference to the current activities of the Association, its Organized Sections, and those of related organizations. Additionally, the section will highlight new research work being done in all fields of the discipline.

Of special interest to many visitors will be the new sections on "Jobs/Careers" and "Opportunities" in political science.

The Jobs/Careers pages will provide special features on the job search, preparing a *curriculum vitae*, and much more. In June the Association will again open E-Jobs, the online Placement Service, for use by job candidates and employers. Year-round job seekers can subscribe and browse through the online *Personnel Service Newsletter*, the most comprehensive listing of faculty positions in the United States. The Opportunities section is a destination for visitors in search of professional development opportunities and other research-oriented programs. This section includes the Association's listing of scholarly journals and features information on how to get published in political science.

Lastly, visitors will find an expanded version of *PSonline*, now featuring a members-only section. A limited number of articles from each issue will be available for public viewing, but the majority of articles will be available only to APSA members. In the coming months, the Association will add more back issues to the database.

As with any web site, the new APSANet is a work in progress. We are eager to hear from you regarding its ease of use and always welcome your suggestions. Comments should be directed to apsa@apsanet.org.