

APSA/JPSA Exchange Reaches 7th Year

In a continuing effort to increase interaction between APSA members and Japanese political scientists, the APSA invited two members of the Japanese Political Science Association to participate in the 1996 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Fumio Iida of Kobe University, presented a paper entitled "Liberalism in a Communal Society: In Search of Political Equality in Post-War Japan," and Ikuo Kabishima, from the University of Tsukuba, offered "Political Changes and Shifts in Japanese Voters' Attitudes." The APSA was also happy to welcome JPSA President Takeshi Sasaki, University of Tokyo, and Aiji Tanaka of Aoyama Gakuin University.

In early October, APSA members Herb Weisberg, Ohio State University and Clyde Wilcox, Georgetown University traveled to Sapporo, Japan at the invitation of the JPSA as APSA representatives to the 1996 JPSA meetings.

Since 1980 the APSA and JPSA have exchanged delegations to the annual meeting of each, helping en-

hance the exchange of research and methods, and bridge the distance between colleagues.

Bunche Fellows Attend Annual Meeting

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For graduating students facing the most pivotal decisions of their undergraduate careers, information is an invaluable resource. When this year's Ralph Bunche fellows attended APSA's Annual Meeting, they used the four day experience as a means of gathering even more facts and perspectives on graduate school and the field of political science.

Six of the ten Ralph Bunche fellows converged on San Francisco for an eagerly awaited reunion and the chance to gain an insider's view of the profession. Like the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, the Annual Meeting was a unique opportunity for an undergraduate. However, in a way the Institute could not, the Annual Meeting exposed the fellows

to the community of scholars who shape political science.

At the Annual Meeting the fellows made use of a number of sources unavailable in campus libraries. The Panel Paper Room placed the latest literature in the field within arm's reach. The research of several featured panelists will aid several of the fellows in completing their theses.

Bunche fellows met face-to-face with authors they have studied in the classroom. One highlight was the "Breakfast With Champions" where noted professionals like Lucius Barker (also a speaker at the Institute) and Richard Fenno discussed their careers and offered suggestions for research and graduate school study. Such mentoring discussions proved both enlightening and surprisingly entertaining.

The fellows, all rising seniors, also benefitted from contact with students currently enrolled in graduate schools who offered advice about preparing for graduate school mentally and financially.

Even in the midst of several pre-planned receptions and panel sessions, the fellows found time to

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search for information in surrounding areas. Without neglecting sight-seeing opportunities like Chinatown and the Golden Gate Bridge, they visited Stanford University and the University of California at Berkeley. At least two of the fellows intend to apply to these institutions for graduate study.

With all of these activities, the APSA Annual Meeting provided the ideal capstone to the five weeks of study at the University of Virginia. The fellows attending were: Ann-Marie Beckford, Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus; Heather Dash, University of Washington; Jason Johnson, University of Virginia; Herlande Rosemond, Bowdoin College; Derrick Sanders, Lincoln University; and Tharius Sumter, Oglethorpe University.

APSA Council Actions

The APSA Council Meeting was held on August 28, 1996, at the San Francisco Hilton & Towers. A wide range of issues was discussed and a number of actions were taken at this Council meeting. The followings are the highlights of this Council Meeting.

Responding to a letter from Ben Marquez on behalf of the Committee on the Status of Latinos in the Profession, the Council decided to increase the number of Latino Fellowships from one to two and will regularly review the minority fellowships as circumstances are likely to change in the current legal environment.

Recognizing the extensive contributions of Walter E. Beach to APSA, the National Capital Area Political Science Association, the Southern Political Science Association,

and the Women's Caucus, the Council named the APSA's archive at Mount Vernon College as Walter E. Beach Archive.

In order to broaden existing language about the employment issue and incorporate explicit statements about discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation with respect to all aspects of employment, the Council approved the recommendation of the Committee on Professional Ethics, Rights, and Freedoms that Section F of the APSA's Ethics Guide be retitled as "Personnel Issues" generally and the old language which referred exclusively to hiring practices be altered to refer to "any conditions of employment" (with "against job candidates" struck and "in any condition of employment" added).

Elinor Ostrom's proposal to create a Task Force of the American Political Science Association on Civic Education for the New Century was approved by the Council.

The three core strategies and materials for the Centennial Campaign including the Campaign Statement, the establishment of the Goodnow Award, and an endowment spending rate of 5% were approved, as were APSA's alliance with H-Net, its revised budget for FY96-97, and the allocation of \$30,000 of the FYI 1996 budget surplus to the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute with the remaining amount of the surplus to the Second Century Fund.

In addition, the Council approved the increased program committee budget (from \$5,000 to \$12,500), the centralization of proposals process, and a proposed non-refund policy of preregistration fee for the 1997 Annual Meeting.

Member Contributions Boost Dissertation Award Endowments

At the last Council Meeting on August 28, 1996, Sheila Mann gave an update on APSA's fund raising for dissertation awards. She reported that among the four dissertation awards which did not have the required endowment (\$500 cash prize) in 1995, the Corwin Award, the Almond Award, and the Anderson

award had now met the requirement—thanks to the special efforts and contributions of Sam Krislov, Arend Lijphart, and Walter E. Beach. The endowment for the E.E. Schattschneider Award is still some \$1,900 less than the requirement, although significant progress had been made since 1995. The campaign for the contributions to the Schattschneider endowment will continue in order to meet the requirement in 1997. Individuals interested in making a contribution should contact Sheila Mann at the APSA National office.

First Higher Education Advisory Group Meeting Held at Annual Meeting

APSA's Higher Education Advisory Group met for the first time on August 29th at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The group consists of political scientists with major administrative posts in higher education who were invited by APSA to meet to discuss a wide range of issues affecting political science and higher education today. The group agreed it should have three principal roles: to work together as a professional support group, to encourage the study of the politics of higher education, and to advise and help APSA with lobbying efforts at the state and federal levels.

A wide range of issues was discussed, and the group stressed the need to increase political scientists' awareness of trends in higher education. Among the topics addressed were the state of the tenure system, strains in student financial aid, and continued APSA participation in the fight to stop funding cuts to the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Discussion Groups Held in San Francisco

APSA conducted four discussion groups at the 1996 Annual Meeting to hear members' views of the Association's services and programs and their outlook on the future of the profession and discipline.