
Association News

Washington Annual Meeting Breaks All Records

Not since 1969 when 4,142 political scientists overwhelmed the New York Hilton has annual meeting registration gone over 4,000. The 1988 Washington meeting passed the 4,000 level and in the process broke the 1969 record with 4,161 registrants for the meetings from September 1 to September 4.

Table 1. Annual Meeting Registration*

Year	Registration	Location
1967	2,473	Chicago
1968	3,723	Washington
1969	4,142	New York
1970	2,397	Los Angeles
1971	2,732	Chicago
1972	3,380	Washington
1973	2,312	New Orleans
1974	2,773	Chicago
1975	2,478	San Francisco
1976	2,295	Chicago
1977	2,624	Washington
1978	2,373	New York
1979	2,687	Washington
1980	2,745	Washington
1981	2,887	New York
1982	2,205	Denver
1983	2,859	Chicago
1984	3,391	Washington
1985	2,842	New Orleans
1986	3,602	Washington
1987	3,524	Chicago
1988	4,161	Washington

*Figures include exhibitors registered at the meeting, since their fee for booth rental includes the cost of their registration.

John Ferejohn and Stephen Krasner of Stanford University cochaired the 1988 Program Committee which was responsible for organizing 205 of the 434 panels at the meeting. APSA's 18 Organized Sections put together 141 panels. Unaffiliated groups organized 83 panels. In 1987 the APSA Council unanimously agreed to limit the number of panels at the annual meeting to the space available in the headquarters hotel. As a result the 1988 program had many fewer panels than the 1987 program in which the Program Committee organized 310 of the meeting's 643 panels, and Organized Sections put together 158 panels.

This was also the first meeting operating under the new participation rule adopted by the APSA Council in September 1987. The rule states that participants may not appear on more than two panels, irrespective of the nature of the participation or the group sponsoring the panel. In previous meetings, the dual participation rule was applied only to panels organized by the Program Committee.

Panel attendance increased at the 1988 meeting. In 1987 average attendance of Program Committee panels ranged from a low of 7 to a high of 32. The average attendance of panels organized by the Program Committee in 1988 was 34, and ranged from a low of 14 to a high of 49, the two sections with the highest average attendance were the panels organized in the Political Thought and Philosophy: Historical Approaches section by Jerry Weinberger of Michigan State University; and the group of panels organized in the Comparative Politics of Developing Areas section by Joel D. Barkan of the University of Iowa. The next best attended panels, an average attendance of 48, were those organized by Samuel H. Kernell of the University of California-San Diego under the heading of Executive Politics.

These were followed by Jack S. Levy's section on International Conflict (46), Peter Hall's section on Contrasting Theoretical Approaches (44), and Elizabeth C. Hanson's section on Foreign Policy Analysis (44).

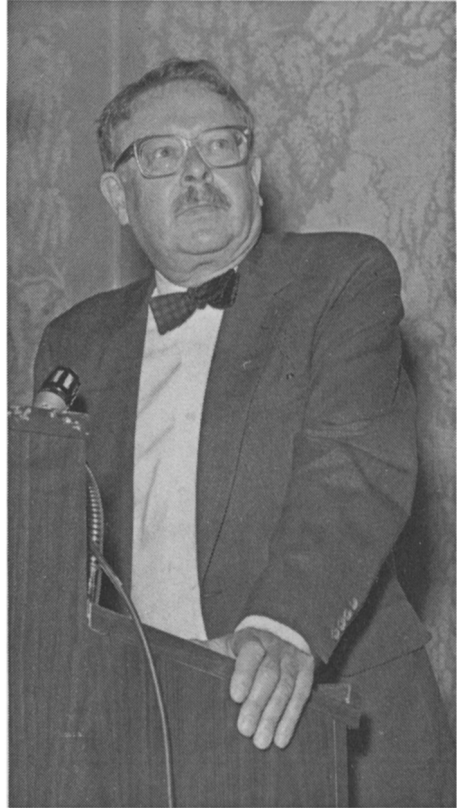
The average attendance of panels organized by Organized Sections was 27. The average attendance for Organized Sections ranged from a low of 16 to a high of 37 for Representation and Electoral Systems, put together by Joseph F. Zimmerman of SUNY at Albany. The next best attended Organized Sections panels included Legislative Studies (36), organized by Melissa P. Collie of the University of Texas, Austin; Foundations of Political Theory (35), put together by George and Scarlett Graham of Vanderbilt University; and Law Courts and Judicial Process (34), organized by D. Marie Provine, Syracuse University.

Individual Panel Attendance

The 14th World Congress of the International Political Science Association and the presidential election campaign had a significant impact on individual panel attendance. The best attended panel at the annual meeting was the APSA plenary for the IPSA meeting (503), a roundtable organized by Thomas Mann on the 1988 Presidential Elections. The roundtable included William Schneider of the American Enterprise Institute, and featured two seasoned political strategists, John Dear-dourffs and Greg Schneiders. The next best attended panel (245) also focused on the 1988 elections and was organized by the *New York Times*.

After the Transition: The Consolidation of New Democratic Regimes was the best attended program panel (130). The panel included Larry Diamond, Hoover Institution; Carlos H. Waisman, University of California, San Diego; Carl H. Lande, University of Kansas; Juan Linz, Yale University; Bolivar Lamounirt, Instituto de Estudos Economicos, Sociais e Politicos, Sao Paulo; and Samuel P. Huntington, Harvard University.

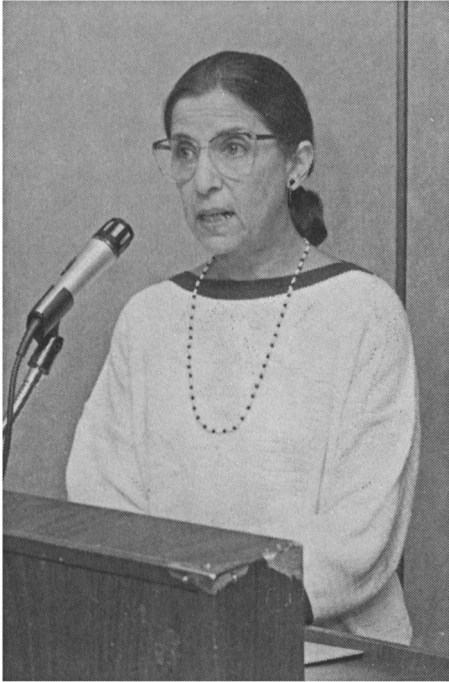
The next best attended program panel was Political Parties, State Structures, and



APSA President Kenneth Waltz at APSA annual meeting in Washington.



APSA's Ralph J. Bunche Summer Institute students attend 1988 annual meeting: l. to r., Maurice Woodard, APSA Staff Associate; Cosette Grant of Dillard University; Terence Eric Williams of Bethune Cookman College; Mitchell Rice, chair of the APSA Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession; and APSA President Kenneth Waltz.



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the New Institutionalism, chaired by Martin Shefter of Cornell University, and included Theda Skocpol, Harvard Univer-

sity; Stephen Skowronek, Yale University; Benjamin Ginsburg and Martin Shefter, Cornell University; and Walter Dean Burnham, University of Texas (118).

Other panels of high attendance were Wealth and Ideas as a Source of Influence in International Politics (115), The Reagan Presidency: An Evaluation (112), and Roundtable on Approaches to the Study of War (112). The Claremont Institute's Roundtable on Paul Kennedy's *The Rise and Fall of Great Powers* also lead among program panels (112), as did the lecture by Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, entitled "Women Becoming Part of the Constitution" (110). Judge Ginsburg's presentation was cosponsored by the Women's Caucus for Political Science and the APSA Organized Section on Women and Politics Research.

The 1988 program also included the third annual John Gaus Lecture delivered by James Fesler, Professor Emeritus of Yale University. Fesler's address is reprinted in this issue of *PS*. On Friday evening Kenneth N. Waltz gave his Presidential Address on the peace-keeping value of a nuclear arsenal. Waltz's address will appear in the March 1989 issue of *The American Political Science Review*.

Participation by Women in the 1988 APSA Meeting

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Good news. In almost every category studied by this researcher of participation by women at the 1988 APSA convention, women gained ground. (Pretty strong performance by a group that is just 16% of the APSA membership!)

	Section Heads			Chairpersons		
	Total	Women	%	Total	Women	%
1988	29	6	20.7	221	53	24.0
1987	27	7	25.9	309	50	16.2
1986	24	7	29.2	237	38	16.0
1984	20	6	30.0	215	44	20.5