

ly is occurring in several European countries as well as the United States. Questions were raised about the "ethnicity of women's vote," whether women had demonstrated any political clout in the voting booth. Other concerns focused on whether there must be a difference between men's and women's opinion in order for a "gender gap" to exist. Although men and women support the ERA in roughly equal proportions, might not women be more likely than men to vote on the basis of the ERA? Is this not part of the gender gap? The issue of dif-

ferences in agendas among groups of women also was discussed, with the suggestion that the ERA and the nuclear freeze matter most for Republican women, economic survival for black women, and the safety net for all women. Finally, attention was directed toward whether the gender gap will disappear in the future, perhaps because men will increasingly agree with women's positions, and whether its disappearance would be detrimental to the women's movement. □

Five New APSA Sections Approved

Five subfield groups successfully petitioned the Council at its August 31 meeting to become official sections within the Association. Guidelines approved by the Council last fall (reprinted in the box below) provide the means for groups of APSA members who share an interest in a particular subfield of the discipline to organize meetings and coordinate communications under Association auspices and to receive logistical support from the national office in collecting dues and maintaining membership lists.

Association members may become section members by checking the appropriate box and paying the specified dues on their regular dues renewal forms.

The six APSA sections, and their present officers and dues levels, are as follows:

Name of Section	Contact or Officers	Annual Meeting Program Contact	Dues
*Public Administration, Organizations and Executives	Chair: H. Brinton Milward Graduate Center for Public Administration University of Kentucky Lexington, KY 40506-0034 (606) 258-8640	Program Chair: Larry N. Hill Department of Political Science University of Oklahoma Norman, OK 73019 (405) 325-6058	\$3.00
Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations	Chair of Ad Hoc Committee: Stephen Schechter Department of Government Russell Sage College Troy, NY 12180 (518) 456-0157 Nomination of officers will be in the spring of 1984 and elections will be at the 1984 Annual Meeting	Stephen Schechter	\$3.00
Law, Courts and Judicial Process	Chair: Charles Johnson Department of Political Science Texas A&M University College Station, TX 77843 (409) 845-2141 or 2511	Charles Johnson	\$5.00

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	Secretary-Treasurer: Susette Talarico Department of Political Science University of Georgia Athens, GA 30602 (404) 542-2057		
Legislative Studies	Officers elected at 1983 Annual Meeting for two-year terms: Chair: Charles S. Bullock III Department of Political Science University of Georgia Athens, GA 30602 (404) 542-2026, 2057, or 1806 Secretary-Treasurer: Lawrence D. Longley Department of Government Lawrence University Appleton, WI 54912 (414) 735-6673 or 6647 or 734-4441	Program Director: Keith E. Hamm Department of Political Science Texas A&M University College Station, TX 77840 (409) 845-5623 or 2511	\$5.00
Political Organizations and Parties	President: William Crotty Department of Political Science Northwestern University Evanston, IL 60201 (312) 492-7026 Secretary-Treasurer: Andrew Nathan East Asian Institute International Affairs Building Columbia University New York, NY 10027 (212) 280-4278	Andrew Nathan	\$5.00
Policy Studies	There will be an organization meeting at the 1984 Annual Meeting Contact: Stuart S. Nagel Department of Political Science University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 361 Lincoln Hall 702 South Wright Street Urbana, IL 61801 (217) 359-8541	Stuart S. Nagel	\$3.00

*Approved at the May, 1983 Council meeting.

The Council will act on new section petitions at both its spring and fall meetings.

Editor's Note: For complete minutes of the August 31 Council meeting, see PS Appendix in this issue.