

## Representatives of State Political Science Associations Meet in Boston

Ralph Baker (GA), Richard Brisbin Jr. (WV), Carl Grafton (AL), Kenneth Holland (TN), James Jordan (OH), Herbert Kritzer (WI), Elaine Martin (MI), Larry Pippin (N. CA), Don Racheter (IA), and Ed Schwerin (FL) gathered on September 4, 1998, at the annual APSA-sponsored luncheon for state political science associations. They were joined by APSA President-Elect Matthew Holden Jr., APSA Deputy Director Robert Hauck, APSA staff associate Jun Yin, and Alan Rosenthal of Rutgers University.

They met to discuss the importance of civic education and how their organizations could foster such efforts. As the invited guest, Alan Rosenthal shared his ideas on civic education and detailed the activities of APSA's Task Force on Civic Education for the Next Century. Believing that state legislators should take responsibility for civic education, Rosenthal has been working with and lobbying individuals and groups to improve the functioning of representative democracy. Jun Yin introduced the state association representatives to the civic education resources available on the APSA web site ([www.apsanet.org/CENnet/](http://www.apsanet.org/CENnet/)) and invited them to subscribe to the email discussion list on civic education administered by Sheilah Mann with the assistance of Polly Leonard.

Other items discussed at the luncheon included the Pi Sigma Alpha Programs for Regional and State Political Science Associations, APSA's Centennial Campaign, PROceedings, *PSonline*, the planned career video for undergraduate political science majors, and the email discussion list for presidents of state political science associations. APSA President-Elect Matthew Holden Jr. talked about his plans for the 1999 APSA Annual Meeting.

The luncheon for the leaders of state political science associations is held every Friday at noon during the APSA Annual Meeting. The purpose is to promote communication

## JPSA Representatives Participate in 1998 Meeting

Continuing its annual exchange with the Japan Political Science Association, the APSA hosted five members of the JPSA at the recent Annual Meeting in Boston. Sadafumi Kawato of the University of Tohoku, Yoshie Kawade of Tokyo Metropolitan University, and Hideo Otake of the University of Kyoto each presented papers under the auspices of the exchange program. Otake serves as chair of the JPSA Exchange Committee. Additionally, Yutaka Tsujinaka of the University of Tsukuba and Aiji Tanaka of Waseda University attended the meeting as JPSA representatives.

In early October, Martin P. Wattenberg, University of California, Irvine, and Richard Katz, Johns Hopkins University, traveled to Kyoto at the invitation of the JPSA as APSA representatives to the Japanese annual meeting. Both scholars participated on a special panel that included scholars from the JPSA/European Consortium for Political Research exchange program. At the meeting, JPSA celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary which featured a special plenary address by International Political Science Association President and former APSA President Theodore Lowi of Cornell University.

Since 1990 the APSA and JPSA have exchanged delegations to their respective annual meetings, helping enhance the exchange of research and methods, and bridge the distance between colleagues.

## Collaboration between APSA and PSA: Breaking New Ground

With the cooperation and assistance of the Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom (PSA), the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of APSA's *Graduate Faculty and Programs in Political Science*, published in May 1998, features, for the first time, faculty listings, program descriptions, admission and degree requirements, and descriptions of available financial aid of 23 major British graduate programs in political science, in addition to U.S. and Canadian programs. On the heels of this initial project, the two associations have planned a series of exchanges and joint activities for 1998-2000.

The first official exchange concluded successfully with the participation of University of Rochester professor Richard Niemi at the annual conference of the Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties (EPOP) Section of the PSA in September 1998. APSA President Matthew Molden will also address the upcoming PSA Annual Conference in Nottingham to be held in March 1999. Virginia Saprio of the University of Wisconsin, Madison addressed the 1998 convention.

In planning for the 1999 APSA Annual Meeting is a joint APSA/PSA roundtable on citizenship, "Rogers M. Smith's 'Civic Ideals: Perspectives of U.S. and UK Scholars.'" Organized by PSA Executive Committee member Peter John, invitations have been accepted by Rogers Smith of APSA and Desmond King of PSA. Additionally, at its recent meeting in Boston, representatives from both associations agreed to explore the possibility of organizing two or three joint panels/roundtables at the 2000 PSA Annual Conference, focusing on civic education and the state of the discipline, the themes of the conference. The 2000 meeting will mark the PSA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

and coordination among state associations and between state associations and the APSA. All presidents and vice presidents of state political science associations are cordially invited.

## Bunche Poster Session at the Annual Meeting in Boston

Nine Ralph Bunche Summer Institute participants presented posters