

the Annual Meeting and issues of representation and governance.

#### Other Actions

The Council commended the SPC for its excellent report, approved the budget for FY2001 presented by Treasurer James Stimson (see accompanying Treasurer's Report), approved a series of proposals from the Annual Meeting Committee but asked the committee to reconsider the two-appearance rule, clarified the guidelines concerning eligibility for dissertation awards, and approved the formation of a new Or-

ganized Section on Comparative Democratization.

The complete draft minutes of the August 31 Council meeting are printed in the Gazette section of this issue of *PS*.

### Council Votes to Expand APSA Journals

After a spirited debate at its August 31 meeting, the APSA Council unanimously approved the following motion.

The APSA will publish expanded book reviews and more integrative essays no later than

January 2003 in a form—electronic and/or print, in an existing or new publication—to be decided. An ad hoc Publications Implementation Committee, appointed by the president and approved by the Council will be established to recommend to the Council plans to carry out this resolution. The committee will report to the Council at its next meeting, April 21, 2001, and will have a completed plan in place for Council approval in time for its August 29, 2001 meeting.

This motion arose in the context of the report of the Strategic Planning Committee, "Planning Our Future" (reprinted in this issue of *PS*), and a competing proposal of the Publications Committee concerning the creation of a new journal. APSA President Robert Jervis, Columbia University, has named Helen Milner, chair, Columbia University; William J. Ball, The College of New Jersey; Gary King, Harvard University; Jeffrey Legro, University of Virginia; Cheryl Miller, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Bert Rockman, University of Pittsburgh; and Lee Sigelman, George Washington University, to the ad hoc committee.

Members of the Publications Implementation Committee and Council must make several substantive decisions rapidly if they are to formulate a realistic, fundable plan for discussion by the membership in the summer of 2001 and for adjustments and approval by the end of August. Foremost among these is, "Will there be a separate journal?"

If the committee members determine a new journal should be developed, they must then decide what, if anything, it should incorporate. In other words, they must specify how its offerings would differ from or complement those of APSA's existing print journals, *APSR* and *PS*, and its online materials on APSAnet. Specific questions they will have to address include: Would it be wise to strip the highly popular book reviews from the *APSR*, making these the heart of the new journal? Might doing so risk leaving the discipline's flagship journal with a shrinking audience? And, might the new journal include state-of-the-discipline essays, literature reviews,

### Lee Sigelman Chosen as Next APSR Editor

Lee Sigelman, professor of political science and Columbian Professor, George Washington University, was unanimously approved by the Council to serve as the next editor of the *American Political Science Review*. Sigelman will begin his three-year term on September 1, 2001.

APSA President Robert Keohane proposed Sigelman, who was the unanimous choice of the editorial search committee composed of Peter Gourevitch, chair, University of California, San Diego; Robert Jervis, Columbia University; Gary King, Harvard University; Arlene Saxonhouse, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; and Katherine Tate, University of California, Irvine. Commenting on the work of the committee, Keohane said, "In my judgment, it did its work extremely well: thoroughly, fairly, collegially, and expeditiously."

Sigelman is a former editor of *American Politics Quarterly* and a current deputy editor of *Social Science Quarterly*. He has served as chair of the political science departments at the University of Kentucky and George Washington University, and is author or coauthor of eight books and over 200 articles

in refereed journals, several of which have appeared in the *APSR*. The fields in which he has published include comparative politics, public opinion/political behavior, bureaucracy and administration, the study of political executives, and methodology.

Sigelman "clearly has the requisite abilities and personal characteristics for an editor of the *Review*," Keohane wrote in his memo to the Council. "He writes well. . . . communicates effectively with

people in other subfields of the discipline, and enjoys reaching out to different constituencies. He . . . will ensure that manuscripts flow quickly to reviewers and will read them promptly and thoroughly himself."

Keohane said that he wanted to make sure that the person he nominated to be editor "understands the depth and breadth of

criticism of the *Review* in the profession. It is clear to me that he does. . . . I think that his combination of energy, openness, and commitment to the highest standards of scholarship will make him a great editor."

Lee Sigelman's memo to the Council briefly explicating his vision and plans for *APSR* can be found at [www.apsanet.org/new/sigelmanplan.cfm](http://www.apsanet.org/new/sigelmanplan.cfm).



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