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Third, the individual chosen may have a background in editorial activities and not necessarily be a working journalist or writer.

Fourth, the individual chosen should illumine certain key elements identified with McWilliams: intellectual forthrightness and political independence.

Fifth, the individual chosen should be alive and able to enjoy the fruits of the award.

The recipient of our first Carey McWilliams Award is Richard L. Strout. He has a way of speaking in the third person singular; as if "T.R.B." will provide him with the necessary distance to make sound judgments. In a recent column in The New Republic, for which he writes his "TRB From Washington" column, it is noted: "The question that baffles him is, "What makes the American government work?" He can't decide and turns to something more profitable. But of course, he has done no such thing. Instead, like his favorites, Lord Bryce and Walter Lippmann, he has spent his time studying how and why the country survives. Not that any definitive answer is forthcoming. TRB would scarcely know what to do with the definitive. He is intriqued by the process of government, and also by "the little flame of indignation" to make that process a little better. "No door is ever finally closed in Washington." And as long as that is the case, what goes on behind will never fail to be explored by him.

Richard L. Strout is in his sixty-second year as a Washington reporter. Since 1921 he has written three to four news stories a week and regular editorial page articles for the Christian Science Monitor. For the past 37 years he has also written the "TRB" column of opinion in The New Republic. He is now 83 years old. He has received a George Polk Award for journalism, and a Pulitzer citation. Mr. Strout is not quite sure of the difference between an award and a citation-nor for that matter am I. One can only hope that future APSA McWilliams Awards-by virtue of their selectionswill reach the Polk and Pulitzer levels. (If the recipient of the first Award is any indication, it will.)

Selecting the first recipient of an ongoing award is something akin to choosing a Model of models, or Idea of ideas. The committee wanted very much to honor the memory of Carey McWilliams by a choice of someone embodying not just the formal criteria provided in the award; but an individual who, in his or her own right, embodies the highest qualities of honest and courageous political analysis and opinion; and in so doing lends distinction to the vocation of journalism and the art of political science alike. In Richard L. Strout we feel we have satisfied all of these

criteria—subjective and objective—that make him a noteworthy recipient of the first McWilliams Award.

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The Council was called to order by President Lipset at 8:00 a.m. on September 1, 1982 in the Denver Hilton. In attendance were Paul Allen Beck, David Braybrooke, Bernard C. Cohen, M. Margaret Conway, William Daniels, Ada Finifter, Harold Jacobson, Dorothy James, Samuel Kirkpatrick, Seymour Martin Lipset, Naomi Lynn, Thomas E. Mann, Harvey Mansfield, Jr., E. Wally Miles, Frances Fox Piven, William Riker, Allen Schick, Barbara Sinclair, Susan Welch, Raymond E. Wolfinger and Dina Zinnes.

Minutes. The minutes of the May 7, 1982 Council meeting were approved.

Committee Appointments. The Council considered President-Elect Riker's appointments to committees. Riker, noting that several people had declined appointment, made five substitutions for names listed in his August 5, 1982 memorandum to the Council and indicated that several additional changes might have to be made. Kirkpatrick moved to approve the appointments as revised. The motion was adopted without objection.

Membership. Mann summarized recent trends in Association membership and presented a preliminary report on the research projects that were launched this summer. He reported that the Association had been awarded a \$24,110 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a project entitled "Learned Societies: Self-Study and Institutional Planning." This grant will finance a thorough analysis of data generated by these research projects; a report should be ready for consideration by the Council at its next meeting.

Mann also reported on the status of other steps which were initiated to halt the decline in membership: the journal discount brochure, articles on contemporary issues of politics and policy in *PS*, the increased difference between members and nonmembers in hotel rates and registration fees, and promotional activities.

Sections. At its September 1981 meeting the Council approved in principle the establishment of sections or organized subfields within the Association and instructed the Administrative Committee and staff to develop

guidelines for the organization and operation of such sections. The Council considered a set of guidelines outlined by Mann in an August 18, 1982 memorandum and revised by the Administrative Committee at its August 31, 1982 meeting. Following extensive discussion and debate, the Council, acting on a motion by Kirkpatrick, unanimously approved the following section guidelines:

- 1. The Council will act on recognizing a Section upon receipt of a petition, signed by at least 100 Association members, which includes the proposed Section name, statement of purpose and procedures for governance (see item 6 below). A signature on the petition must be a commitment to become a dues paying member.
- 2. All Section members must be APSA members.
- 3. The APSA will solicit Section memberships and collect Section dues (in conjunction with its regular membership and renewal activities), maintain Section lists, produce Section rosters and mailing labels, permit Sections to sponsor panels at the annual meeting, and publish Section notices in *PS*. In addition, the APSA will seek to assist Sections with more ambitious activities, such as conferences and publications that require external funding.
- 4. A basic Section dues of \$3.00 will be assessed and retained by APSA to cover the costs of the specific services listed in item 3 above. Sections may set dues at a higher level and retain the balance to finance newsletters and other activities.
- 5. Panels sponsored by Sections will constitute Part Two of the official Annual Meeting program, Part One being composed of panels organized by the Program Committee. For the present, there is no change in the Council policy that provides meeting rooms (on a space available basis) and courtesy listings to unaffiliated groups.
- 6. Sections are required to adopt procedures that provide for an elected president or chair, an elected representative council or executive committee and an elected or appointed financial officer who is responsible for submitting an annual report to APSA's executive director.
- 7. A Council Committee on Sections will recommend action on petitions to establish Sections, monitor Section activities, advise the staff on administrative arrangements for Sections and conduct an ongoing review of Sections.

In adopting these guidelines, the Council deferred for future consideration a set of related questions, including: (1) are there any satisfactory alternatives to the membership requirement for nonpolitical scientists who wish to join sections? (2) what are the implications of prohibiting dual participation on the official program committee panels but not on panels sponsored by sections or unaffiliated groups; (3) once sections are established within the Association, should any limits be placed on panels sponsored by unaffiliated groups; and (4) what criteria should be used for the oversight of sections?

Nonmember APSR Submission Fees. The Council considered two possible responses to the fact that almost half of the authors who submit articles to the APSR are not members of the Association. One proposal is that the Council set a nonmember submission fee egual to the lowest regular membership rate, which is now \$40. Another proposal, which was recommended by the Administrative Committee, is to send to each nonmember who submits an article to the APSR a membership brochure and a statement which argues that political scientists who avail themselves of the APSR review process have a professional responsibility to pay their dues. The Council approved the latter proposal with the proviso that the statement would make explicit that the referee process would not be influenced or compromised by the membership status of the author. A minority of the Council disagreed with this decision; they preferred the proposal to institute nonmember submission fees.

William Anderson Award. In order to encourage the largest possible number of nominations, the Council unanimously approved a proposal to change the wording of the Anderson dissertation award from "intergovernmental relations in the United States" to "state and local politics, federalism or intergovernmental relations."

IPSA. President Lipset reported on the August 1982 IPSA World Congress in Brazil and urged the Council to extend an invitation to host the 1988 World Congress in the United States. An extensive discussion ensued on the timing, location and financing of the Congress and on the costs and benefits to the Association. Much of the discussion focused on the likelihood that the proposed invitation would subject the Association to a risk of substantial financial loss. Schick moved that APSA offer to host the 1988 IPSA World Congress in the United States subject to the following conditions:

1. The invitation shall be tendered on the basis that costs to APSA shall not exceed the income it receives;

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- 2. APSA shall seek to secure a statement from the U.S. government that all foreign political scientists who register for the IPSA Congress held in the United States will be granted visas;
- APSA shall, in consultation with IPSA, establish and maintain procedures for the timely notification of political scientists of the opportunity and means of participating in the program and for insuring broad and open access to attendance at the panel;
- 4. The Executive Director shall periodically report to the Council on the implementation of these conditions.

The discussion made clear the Council's intention that the invitation be withdrawn if the Executive Director reported that the first three conditions were not being met. The motion was approved by the Council with dissenting votes cast by Beck, Cohen and Wolfinger.

On the recommendation of President Lipset, the Council agreed to urge its members to contribute to the IPSA Stein Rokkan Memorial Fund; the Council also agreed to receive tax-deductible individual contributions on behalf of the Fund.

Affirmative Action. At its May 1982 meeting, the Council asked the Committee on Professional Ethics, Rights and Freedoms to prepare a report on the APSA's policy on affirmative action. Following a recommendation of the Administrative Committee the Council deferred consideration of the report, which was distributed to Council members only the day before, and asked the Ethics Committee to discuss its draft report with minorities and other interested parties before bringing a revised report to the next Council meeting.

COSSA. Robert Balstad Miller, Executive Director of the Consortium of Social Science Associations, reported to the Council on the current status of federal support of social science research and on the accomplishments and future priorities of COSSA's Washington office. Following her report, the Council unanimously approved a motion by Wolfinger expressing the Association's enthusiastic support of COSSA's efforts.

Publications Committee. Gerhard Loewenberg, chairman of the Publications Committee, outlined for the Council the issues now being considered by his committee. His interim report will appear in the Fall 1982 issue of *PS*.

Program Committee. Ada Finifter, chair of the 1982 Program Committee, presented a final report to the Council on the 1982 Pro-

gram. She expressed her pleasure with the Final Program and Book of Abstracts and conveyed a special thanks to Eloise French of the APSA staff for her fine work on the program. Finifter expressed some concern about the increasingly prominent role played by unaffiliated groups at the annual program, and urged the staff to review the way in which unaffiliated panels are listed in the daily schedule. She also reported that the state of the discipline volume is shaping up nicely and should be published on schedule next year.

Herbert Weisberg, chair of the 1983 Program Committee, noted that his committee whose report was published in the 1982 Program and in the Summer 1982 PS, will meet on Saturday to review procedures for the coming year. Weisberg reminded the Council that it should address Finifter's recommendation that a separate Lasswell Symposium Committee be designated each year. Weisberg agreed that he and President-Elect Riker would select the topic and participants for the 1983 Lasswell Symposium.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Allen Schick noted that the FY 1981-82 budget had a healthy surplus of \$74,446, or 6.8 percent of total income, largely because expenditures were significantly under the budgeted figures. Schick presented the Council with copies of the auditor's report and summarized recent decisions of the Trust and Development Fund Board of Trustees and Insurance Trust Fund Trustees. His full report will appear in the Fall 1982 *PS*.

APSR Report. Dina Zinnes, Managing Editor of the *APSR*, and Steven Seitz, Book Review Editor, distributed copies of their annual reports and responded to questions from Council members. Discussion centered primarily on the composition of their editorial boards. Their reports will be printed in the Fall 1982 *PS*.

Executive Director's Report. Thomas Mann noted the change in format of the executive director's report, which appeared in the Summer 1982 *PS*, summarized the Association's major accomplishments during the past year, and outlined priorities for the national office in the coming year.

Committee Reports. The Council received written reports from Committees on Departmental Services, Education, Nominations, Nonacademic Political Scientists, Research Support, Status of Blacks, Status of Chicanos, and Status of Women, as well as from the Project '87 Committee and APSA representatives to the National Archives, SSRC, and U.S. Commission on UNESCO.

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President's Report. President Lipset noted his satisfaction with the progress made during his year as president, particularly in terms of taking steps to halt the decline in membership and to develop closer ties with IPSA. He urged the Association to take the "long overdue" step of electing a woman as president. Finally, on behalf of the entire Council, Lipset expressed concern for the health of the APSA staff members injured in an automobile accident on August 31, and registered special recognition and appreciation for Maurice Woodard, whose courageous actions at the scene of the accident were taken despite his own injuries.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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APSA Awards and Recipients

The PS Appendix in the summer, 1982, issue of PS featured the recipients of APSA awards. The 1977 William Anderson award was made to Alfred R. Light for a dissertation submitted by the University of North Carolina. That award was inadvertently left blank in the summer listing. Also, in 1967 the Edwin S. Corwin award was, as indicated, made to Richard J. Richardson, but the dissertation was submitted by Tulane, not Western Michigan (where Richardson was teaching at the time). PS thanks Deil S. Wright of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for his help in clarifying the record of APSA award winners.