Association News

Celia Cohen Named Poynter Fellow

Celia F. Cohen, a 1985-86 Congressional Fellow, has been named a Poynter Fellow. For the past three years The Poynter Fund has provided direct support for APSA journalism fellows, but this year the Fund is fully supporting a named Poynter Fellow.

Cohen is the senior statehouse reporter for the Wilmington (Delaware) News-Journal newspapers. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Delaware. Since graduating in 1974, she has won three reporting awards and has covered the State Senate and House for the News-Journal.

The Poynter Fund is the charitable foundation of the Times Publishing Company whose publications include Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report and the family of publications of Congressional Quarterly, Inc., as well as the St. Petersburg Times and the Evening Independent. Eugene Patterson serves as President of The Poynter Fund and Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Times Publishing Company.

Joan Shorenstein Barone Congressional Fellowship Established

Joan Shorenstein Barone is remembered by all who worked with her as one of the most dedicated professionals ever to enter the field of political journalism. As a tribute to her and to the standards she set for accurate, thorough, and dignified reporting of current events, a Congressional Fellowship has been established in her name at the American Political Science Association.

Joan Shorenstein Barone was born in San Francisco. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Mills College and went on to pursue graduate studies at Harvard University. In 1970 she entered journalism as a political researcher at The Washington Post. In 1973 she joined CBS as a researcher and the following year became an associate producer of "Face the Nation," the network's Sunday news interview program. She was appointed producer of the program in 1979. After the 1984 political campaigns, during which she was a CBS News producer specializing in politics, Joan joined the Washington staff of the CBS Evening News as a producer, the position she held at the time of her death in 1985.

In each position, she pushed her considerable talent and thorough knowledge of politics to their limits, and she expected the same of her colleagues, both on the air and behind the scenes. Her skill at preparing reporters for on-air interviews was legendary yet she never sought the public exposure of the airways, preferring to find her reward in the respect of her colleagues and in the satisfaction that she had done her best.

The Joan Shorenstein Barone Congressional Fellowship will be awarded each year to a broadcast journalist who shares her ambitions and the standards of excellence she set and who shows promise of making a significant contribution to the public's understanding of the political process.

Funding for the Joan Shorenstein Barone Congressional Fellowship is generously provided by her parents, Walter and Phyllis Shorenstein, and family.