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Report on 1982 Annual Meeting

Panels on Discipline Draw Largest Crowds at 1982 Annual Meeting

Special panels on the state of the discipline were the best attended panels at the 1982 Annual Meeting, held in Denver from September 2-5. The first panel in each of the program's 19 sections was designated a "state of the discipline" panel, with a single scholar presenting a paper on a subfield and two or three invited discussants commenting on the



Ada Finifter, chair of the 1982 Annual Meeting Program Committee, and Frances Fox Piven, 1981-82 vice president of APSA, attend Council meeting where sections are discussed.

paper. The state of the discipline was the theme of the 1982 meeting.

From the theme panels program chair Ada Finifter and 1982 APSA president Seymour Martin Lipset are editing a book which will be published next year by APSA. The editors are incorporating the comments of the discussants into the book along with the subfield papers.

The most widely attended panel was the session chaired by Raymond Hopkins in the World Politics section. For that panel, attended by 107 people, Robert Keohane delivered a paper entitled, "Theory of World Politics: Structural Realism and Beyond."

In the same section, Charles F. Hermann's panel, Foreign Policy Effects of Political Change, attracted 62 people, as did Ada Finifter's theme panel, An Assessment of the Field of Public Opinion.

Seventy-two people came to hear Allen Schick's summary of his paper, "The Politics of Budget: Can Incrementalism Survive in a Decremental Age?"

In the political theory section, Robert Booth Fowler's Political Theory and Public Discourse drew 81 listeners. Finally, the Roundtable on Comparative Politics, chaired by Joel Migdal, had an audience of 96.

Whereas the average attendance for all panels was 19 people, the theme panels drew an average of 49. The six sessions mentioned above were most well attended of the theme panels and of the Annual Meeting.

The 1983 Program Committee, chaired by Herbert Weisberg of Ohio State University along with James Caporaso of the University of Denver as associate for international relations, plans to follow Finifter's lead in organizing theme panels and publishing a book of theme papers after the 1983 Annual Meeting in Chicago. (See accompanying article on the 1983 meeting in this section of *PS*.)

Book of Abstracts

Finifter and the 1982 Program Committee also prepared, for the first time in

several years, a book of abstracts of panel papers. Each meeting registrant was given a copy of the book of abstracts along with the usual Program. Thomas E. Mann, executive director of APSA, reported enthusiastic response to the book and plans to continue the publication for future meetings.

Favorable Registration

The total number of people registered for the 1982 meeting was 2,205. This figure is slightly below that of recent years but, according to convention coordinator Eloise French, is comparable to other years in which the convention was held in less centrally located cities such as New Orleans and San Francisco. (See accompanying table.) French was particularly pleased with attendance, given the state of the economy and the reduced travel budgets at many colleges and universities this year.

One reason for the favorable registration figure was that the Association made every effort to make attending the meeting affordable, according to Mann.

For example, at the suggestion of the Committee on the Status of Women, children of meeting registrants were cared for at no charge to parents, and a roommate matching service was offered to enable attendees to share the cost of a room. In addition, the room rate was significantly below that of the 1981 meeting held in New York.

APSA also arranged an airfare contract with United Airlines which provided a 30 percent discount for travelers who could not qualify for other discounts such as the supersaver fare. "We know these services are important to our members. United Airlines wrote 350 tickets for travel to Denver," Mann said.

One of the short courses held before the annual meeting opened was offered at no fee to participants. The short course was organized by the task force for the project, "Citizenship and Change: Women and American Politics," which is supported by a grant to APSA from the Fund

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for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education. Nine instructional units to improve the coverage of women's issues in American politics courses will be produced by the project. (Opportunities and support for faculty to attend other workshops on these units have been announced in the Fall, 1982 *NEWS*.)

Name Deletions Down

Finifter expressed satisfaction over the fact that 91 percent of the Program participants complied with the APSA Council policy requiring that they preregister by June 1 or request an exemption if they are from other disciplines. "Participants who fail to pre-register cannot be listed in the Program," Finifter explained. "At the outset, I was apprehensive. But the response has been good." In 1980, 24 percent of the participants failed to pre-register. In 1981, the percentage of deletions decreased to 14.5 percent. In 1982, non-compliance was down to 9 percent. Finifter noted that the Council has increased the pre-registration fee for non-members of the Association to \$50 starting in 1983.

Book Exhibit

One change that was unsatisfactory to APSA members was the shortening of the book exhibit. Although publishers liked the shortened exhibit, many political scientists did not. Kay Lehman Schlozman's comments were typical: "I was disappointed that the book exhibits closed in the middle of Saturday afternoon. . . . I discovered afterward that this situation had been noted in the Program. Still, I did not realize it until too late." In 1983, the book exhibit will run the same length of time as the Annual Meeting, which is three and a half days. □

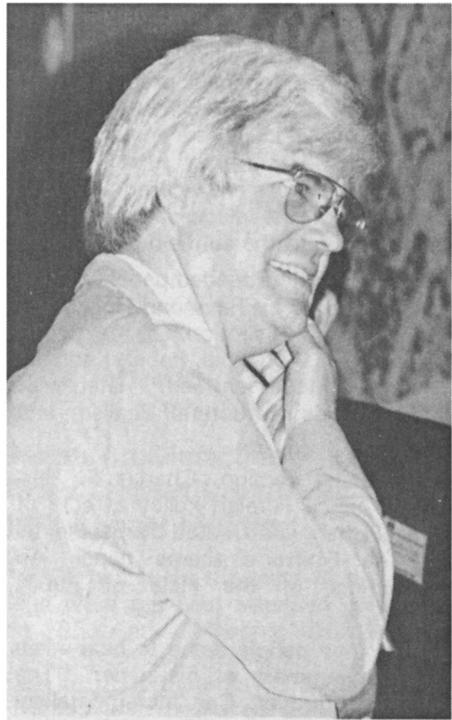
Plenary Sessions Offer Analysis and Humor

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From the state of the policy sciences to the status of Ronald Reagan, the APSA

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At the final plenary session in Denver, Al Hunt of the *Wall Street Journal* analyzed President Reagan's success with Congress.

Annual Meeting Registration 1967-1982*

1967	2473 (Chicago)
1968	3723 (Washington, D.C.)
1969	4142 (New York)
1970	2397 (Los Angeles)
1971	2732 (Chicago)
1972	3380 (Washington, D.C.)
1973	2312 (New Orleans)
1974	2773 (Chicago)
1975	2478 (San Francisco)
1976	2295 (Chicago)
1977	2624 (Washington, D.C.)
1978	2373 (New York)
1979	2687 (Washington, D.C.)
1980	2745 (Washington, D.C.)
1981	2518 (New York)
1982	2205 (Denver)

*1972-82 figures include exhibitors registered at the meeting, since their fee for booth rental includes the cost of their registration.