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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 8 - 9 - 10 - QUEBEC - Meetings of the Société canadienne de science politique.

June 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - TORONTO - Meetings of the Canadian Political Science Association.

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DATES IMPORTANTES

Le 8 - 9 - 10 mai - QUEBEC - Réunions de la Société canadienne de science politique.

Le 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 juin - TORONTO - Réunions de l'Association canadienne de science politique.

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Specialists' Seminars

For more than a year the Board of Directors has been working on the proposal that the Association should promote small, round table meetings of groups of researchers who are working together on specialized topics. It is felt that the Annual General Meeting is doing a good, general job of creating contacts and communications between members of the political science community in Canada but, there is some doubt the AGM fosters fundamental contacts that will actually stimulate research. A quieter, more intense atmosphere where researchers working on common problems can really come to grips with particular questions is suggested.

Susan McCorquodale has done some preliminary testing of this proposal for specialists' seminars and has found a great deal of positive feed-back. Her summary of the situation is that there is a great deal of self-generated interest.

The objective of the specialists' seminars would be to bring together groups of researchers, who exhibit a particular interest, for several days of meetings. Aside from discussing particular research projects and research proposals, it is intended that these meetings would stop duplication of research, bring people up to date on current developments in the field both inside and outside Canada, communicate information on current and proposed research activities, facilitate debate on problematic material, foster personal contacts between the researchers, and possibly generate larger scale, group research projects. In addition, it would be possible to use the seminars as multi disciplinary forums.

It is suggested that the specialists' seminars be held in areas of the country or at smaller universities that do not normally have an opportunity to host academic groups and where the seminars can act as a source of input and contact with the local department of political science.

The Association is ready to co-operate with groups which wish to establish such specialist seminars, by acting as a clearing house, aiding with organization and communications, and helping to present grant requests to the Canada Council. The Association would be pleased to hear from groups of researchers who wish to be backed on the above proposal. Please communicate with the Secretary-Treasurer, John E. Trent, at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5 (613-231-5818)

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CANADIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

CHAIRMEN, MANDATES & DESCRIPTIONS

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All committees are created by the Board of Directors although some are created by the Board as a result of instructions from the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Steering Committee - first created in 1972

The Steering Committee is composed of the President, President-Elect, Past President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. It meets two or three times a year in between meetings of the Board of Directors in order to oversee and to make decisions concerning day to day administration of the Association.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is elected each year at the Annual Meeting and is composed of the President of the Association (non-voting) and three other members who are not members of the Board of Directors. Its task is to call for nominations, prepare a selection of names for all offices and ensure that there's representation from the five regions of Canada. The Committee's list is circulated to the membership, along with biographies of nominees, prior to the Annual Meeting but additional names may be placed on the ballot by any two members submitting a nomination paper, signed by himself and the nominee, to the Secretary-Treasurer before midnight of the first day of the Annual Meeting.

Journal/Revue Editorial Board

It is composed of two English and French-language co-editors, an English-language assistant editor and a book revue editor, and a French-language assistant editor-book revue editor. While the general policy of the Journal/Revue is laid down by the Boards of Directors of the CPSA and the ScSp who jointly name the members of the Editorial Board, the Board itself runs the publication and meets at least four times a year to plan issues and discuss the articles that have been contributed.

Programme Committee

Each year, following the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors names the Vice-Chairman of the Programme Committee for the next Annual Meeting and this person automatically becomes the chairman of the Programme Committee the following year. (currently Richard Simeon (1974) and David Smith (1975)). The Chairman selects his own committee members and in discussion with them allocates the sub-disciplinary fields for which they will be responsible. Together, they plan the outline of the programme, suggest plenary and other special sessions, and call for the submission of papers. A first outline of the programme and selection of papers in sessions is made at the Programme Committee's Meeting in November. The final delineation of the programme is made dur-

ing the winter months and a preliminary programme with resumes of the papers for mailing out to the membership is produced in February. The Programme Committee then oversees the actual running of the sessions at the ^{Annual} meeting.

Liaison Committee

The Liaison Committee between the Société canadienne de Science politique and the Canadian Political Science Association is composed of the Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers of the two groups, the Vice-President of the ScSp and the President-Elect of the CPSA. It meets once or twice a year, or as necessary, to discuss mutual interests and plans, arrange joint bilingual colloques, and make recommendation to the two Boards of Directors concerning common problems.

Constitutional Committee

Composed of three members (Chairman Kal Holsti) the committee receives, analyzes and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors those motions that are submitted to amend the CPSA Constitution. At the Annual Meeting of 1972 it was agreed that, unless there were extraordinary circumstances and approval by those present at an Annual Meeting, an attempt would be made only to consider amendments to the Constitution every second year.

Committee on the Teaching of Political Science in Community Colleges and High Schools

Originally created in the summer and autumn of 1972 under the chairmanship of John Wilson, the Committee has a number of objectives: to study the quantity and quality of the teaching of political science in high schools and community colleges; to discover what is being taught and the level of development of the students with whom we eventually will come into contact; to create contacts between departments of political science and the community colleges and high schools in their region; to further involve political scientists teaching in community colleges and high schools in the CPSA and in the profession as a whole. Most English speaking departments across the country (the Société has carried out the survey in Quebec) have named representatives to the committee to study political science in high schools, of which Paul Fox is now the chairman. Jean Pierre Bergman of Vancouver City College is undertaking a study of political science teaching in community colleges for the Association.

Committee on the Profile of the Profession

Chairman - Pauline Jewett. As a result of resolutions at the 1971 and 1972 Annual Meetings the Board of Directors formed a committee (originally called the Committee on Bias) to undertake a broad examination of the makeup of the political science profession in Canada to establish whether or not biases towards certain groups in the Canadian society have effected the structure of the profession of political science. A particular concern with the place of women in the profession is a priority for the committee. The committee made its first report, based on a survey, at the 1973 Annual Meeting and received

a mandate to continue its research.

Committee on Canadian Content

At the request of the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors set up the Committee on Canadian Content in June 1972, with Paul Fox as chairman. The committee was asked to inquire into the facts regarding the Canadian Content of the teaching of political science in Canadian universities and report their findings without drawing conclusions or making recommendations. The committee's report was submitted at the 1973 Annual Meeting at which time the Board was requested to establish a new committee to persue the investigations, particularly on course content and make recommendations in this area. The Board is currently reconstituting the committee.

Research and Government Science Policy Committee

The committee was created in June 1972 with Peter Meekison as chairman. Its immediate task was to analyze various reports on science policy in Canada (Corry-Bonneau Report, Lamontagne Senate Committee Report, OECD Report) and to participate in the SCITEC and SSRCC responses to these reports. On a long ^{term} basis, the committee's task is to provide the basis for a political science position on research policy and government science policy in Canada. At the same time, the committee is to keep political scientists aware of developments in this domain and to continue co-operation with the SSRCC and SCITEC Committees on research policy.

Federal Election Survey Committee

Following a meeting of political scientists interested in election surveys, the Board of Directors established the Federal Election Survey Committee in June 1971 under the chairmanship of John Meisel. Its general task was to see what could be done to co-ordinate proposals for election surveys and more specifically to prepare a core questionnaire to perpetuate the longitudinal study of a certain number of basic questions that had been used in prior federal surveys. This committee having completed its task and the core questionnaire having been distributed to interested parties, the Board created a new Interim Committee on Federal Election Surveys to identify the members of the constituency in Canada which is composed of those interested in federal election survey research; to arrange for the selection of a committee drawn from that constituency, with consent of that constituency; which committee's job it will be to move as soon as possible to develop procedures for ensuring the orderly and adequate study of national elections in Canada after 1973. The Interim Committee under the chairmanship of John Wilson, has carried out a survey of this constituency and the committee's report is currently in preparation.

