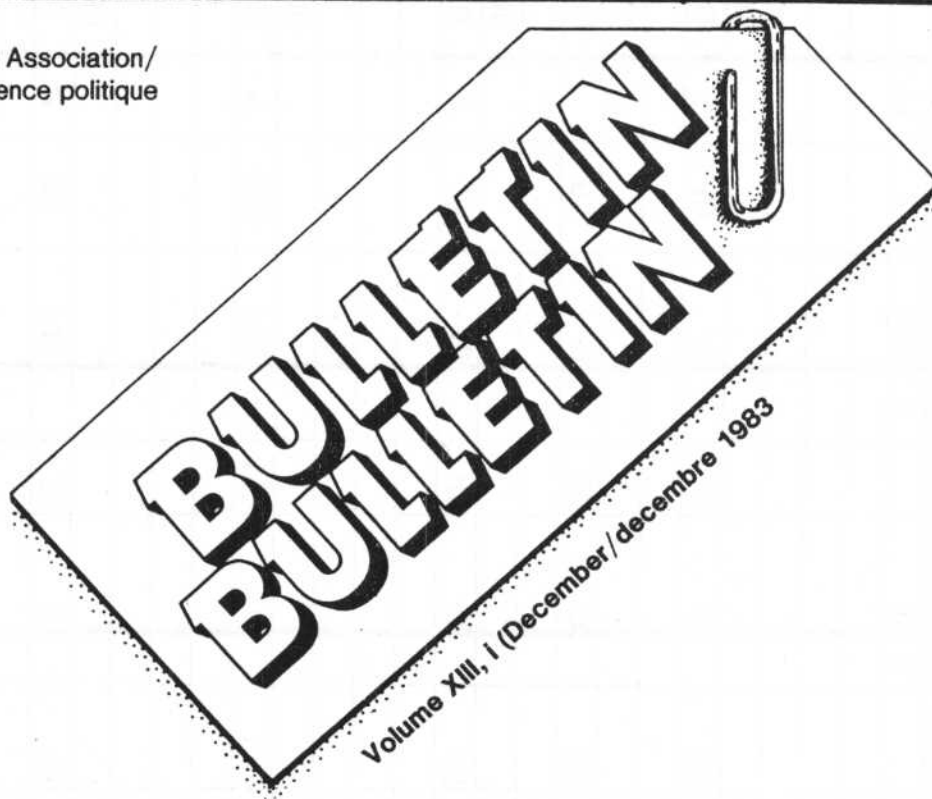


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA

Top priority this Fall has gone to Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada business - SSHRCC is in the process of preparing a new multi-year plan and, naturally enough, we are vitally interested in letting the Council know what we would like to see it doing and in trying to move the Council towards what we would like to see.

The CPSA prepared a Brief, outlining our priorities for research support, for presentation to the Council, which was sent to Council for its meetings on October 15. My thanks to Bill Chandler (McMaster) and Ken McRoberts (York) the authors, who wrote an excellent Brief and who did so with very tight time deadlines so that Council members could receive it in time to influence their decisions. Bill Chandler and Ken McRoberts have agreed to continue to serve as a Research Policy Committee to monitor Council policy and to coordinate CPSA actions - if actions are necessary - in regard to the adoption of the Council's multi-year plan. At time of writing, Council's first priority will be the strengthening of its existing core research support programme, particularly the Research Grants Programme and this is certainly in line with CPSA priorities as indicated by the Briefs adopted by the COSA Board in June and October 1983. We will know more by the end of the year as to what Council has submitted to the government and, by the spring, as to what the government's reply has been.

In addition to sending in a Brief directly to Council, we have participated in the Social Science Federation's lobbying efforts in relation to the Council. The Federation has been working actively to make the argument for the value and importance of scholar-initiated research. It has effectively stressed this point to Council. All those who remember our long debates on the advantages and disadvantages of Federation membership will be pleased to know that the Federation has been very useful on this issue - we have been consulted and kept well-informed.

ASSOCIATION FUNDING

The Council and the Social Science Federation of Canada (SSFC) have been involved this Fall in discussions about the policy and procedures for administrative grants to the learned associations. It now seems that all associations - both those that are members of the Federation and those that are not - will receive administrative grants through a committee of Council that will operate according to criteria outlined by a tri-partite committee made up of representatives of the SSHRCC, the Social Science Federation and the Humanities Federation. We do not yet know what the criteria will be but we have some on-going worries on this score. Too often, membership figures only are used and little or no weight is given to the activities undertaken by associations. This disadvantages the CPSA as we are more active than most other associations. Worse still, it rewards mere

existence rather than valuable activities. We should know more about this by the end of the year.

NEW JOURNAL EDITORS

The Board of Directors at its October meetings approved the appointment of the English language editorial team that will follow in the excellent tradition carried on by John Courtney, Duff Spafford and David Smith of the University of Saskatchewan. Robert Boardman and Herman Bakvis of Dalhousie University will be English language Co-Editor and Assistant Editor, respectively, and Grace Skogstad of St. Francis-Xavier University will take over from David Smith as Book Review Editor. The changeover will occur at July 1, 1984 and the appointments are for three year, that is, until June 30, 1987. The June Board meetings will give us an appropriate opportunity to express our fuller thanks to the outgoing editors and we look forward to that.

To remind you of how these matters proceed I should conclude by saying that these appointments have now been referred to La Société québécoise de Science politique to be approved at their early December Board meeting.

COMMITTEE ON PART-TIME AND ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT

Last year, a CPSA committee chaired by then Board member Rianne Mahon (Carleton) studied the question of part-time and alternative employment. This area of concern had been highlighted in the Report of the Committee on the Status of Women in the Discipline (1982, Committee chaired by Janine Brodie, York) and the Mahon Committee brought in a report to the Board at its June 1983 meetings. After initial discussion, the Board charged a sub-committee to prepare a synthesis of the Report, that would highlight the way in which an association such as the CPSA can relate to such an important and complex question. This synthesis has now been integrated into the Report as an introductory section. It was also decided that the Report would be sent to all Department Chairpersons and that we would invite, by means of the report that you are now reading, non-university-based political scientists to request copies through the CPSA Secretariat. We hope that this approach will ensure widespread discussion of the Report and this important question.

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You will have noticed - or you will notice - that there is a questionnaire in this copy of the "Bulletin." It is designed to get information from CPSA members that will allow us to publish an all-member Directory and, we hope, provide some other services to the membership. The Directory would publish basic information as indicated in the sample entry at the top of the questionnaire. At the same time the other information sought in the questionnaire would be kept in the CPSA secretariat so that we could provide, for instance, names of people willing to review Council research applications, by fields of research, to be forwarded to Council.

The need for a Directory is enormous - the CPSA Programme Committee, the Journal editors, the non-university based political scientists, etc., etc., etc., have urged its importance. As a result, your Board is putting a high priority on this activity - we know it is needed and the sooner the better. However, the Directory will only be as good as the information in it - so PLEASE answer the questionnaire as soon as possible and in as much detail as

possible. Remind your colleagues to do likewise - we will all benefit from a good, complete, every-member Directory.

AFRICAN WORKSHOP

I am delighted to tell you that the eagerly-awaited African Workshop will take place in February next. The CPSA and the African Association of Political Science - with the financial help of CIDA, the SSHRCC, the IDRC, and External Affairs - are co-sponsoring another in our ongoing series of international workshops. The topic this time will be "Regional Development in Canada and Africa: Issues in Public Policy." The workshop will begin with a five-day session in Harare City, Zimbabwe and will continue as Canadian participants fan out to visit other African university centres, there to act as conferenciers or resource persons. The Canadian workshop co-ordinators are Peter Aucoin and Tim Shaw of Dalhousie University. They will be joined by Maureen Covell (SFU), Linda Freeman (Carleton), Jean Laponce (UBC), Marcel Leroy (College of Cape Breton), Philip Rawkins (Ryerson), Sharon Sutherland (Carleton), H. M. Stevenson (York), and Geoffrey Weller (Lakehead) all of whom submitted proposals and took part in a selection process set up by your Board. The Canadian participants will be joined by some 20 to 25 African political scientists. Their coordinator will be: Dr. I. Mandaza of the University of Zimbabwe who is also Secretary-General of the AAPS.

PARLIAMENTARY INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The CPSA has been fortunate, last year and this, in being able to select, as the CPSA representative on the selection committee, people outside Central Canada. Last year Barry Cooper (Calgary) served on the Committee and this year Agar Adamson (Acadia) has agreed to serve. We are delighted that PIP has been willing and able to cover the expenses that this entails. Often, limited finances act as a deterrent to good regional representation and we feel it is important particularly in these times of financial restraint, to endeavour to have CPSA activities and participation reflect all parts of the country. As PIP is one of the CPSA activities of which we are particularly proud, we are very pleased to be able to draw on CPSA members from across the country and, in this way, demonstrate that for this programme, as for all others, the interests of all regions are considered.

AGREEMENT/ACCORD - CANADIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION SOCIÉTÉ QUÉBÉCOISE DE SCIENCE POLITIQUE

The Canadian Political Science Association and the Société québécoise de Science politique have both adopted a new agreement outlining the relationships between the two associations. It will be in place until at least December 1986. We are delighted that agreement has been reached - the relationship between the CPSA and the SQSP is a unique one and one that produces many mutual advantages. The two associations collaborate on important projects, such as The Journal, and can act separately on other questions. The political science community in Canada gains from the relationship that has been built up and maintained between the two organizations.

RESEARCH SUPPORT SOURCES

It has been suggested that the CPSA could play a useful role in letting its members know the kinds of research support that are available. We all know about the SSHRCC but what about the other, perhaps smaller, perhaps more specialized, programmes that exist. As one step to better information, we are publishing in this "Bulletin" a short list of some of the published sources that list programmes for research support. We hope people will find the list useful. In addition, we would be interested in knowing your opinions on our needs in this area. Do people need more information? Are university research offices doing their job? What kind of information is really useful? Should the information be discipline-specific? Let us know what you think.

CPSA SECRETARIAT

The CPSA Secretariat is now settled in at the University of Ottawa. The move from Carleton took a good deal of time and energy - luckily the Secretariat rose to this difficult challenge with its usual efficiency and good humour. We would like to thank Carleton University for having housed the CPSA for the last 7 years and Ottawa University for agreeing to house us now. We are grateful to both of them.

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CAROLINE ANDREW
PRESIDENT

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UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

Allan O'Brien was awarded an honorary membership from the International City Management Association on 12 October 1983. The first such award was presented in 1924. Subsequently, only 47 such awards have been granted. Professor O'Brien is only the second Canadian to be so honoured.

The Department of Political Science is now sponsoring a series of local government case studies. The first volume, by Eric Beecroft, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Western Ontario, is entitled Restructuring an Ontario County: The Oxford Achievement.

The study is available for \$10.00 (volume discounts on request) from:

Department of Political Science, Urban Program
The University of Western Ontario
LONDON, Ontario
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AT THE CPSA

MINUTES

MEETING, CPSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

University of British Columbia - June 5, 1983

PRESENT: Edwin R. Black (President), Caroline Andrew (President-Elect), Denis Stairs (Past-President), V. Seymour Wilson (Secretary-Treasurer); Members-at-large: Roger Gibbins, William P. Irvine, Liisa North, Reg Whitaker, Guy-Antoine Lafleur, Susan McCorquodale, David Rayside, Grace Skogstad; Joan Pond, Administrator.

GUESTS: Programme Chairperson, Kenneth Carty; OLIP Director, Fred Fletcher; Rianne Mahon, Chair, Committee on Part-Time and Alternative Employment; newly-elected Board members, William Chandler, Pierre Fournier, Linda Freeman, Kenneth McRoberts, Donald Munton.

Approval of Agenda

President Edwin R. Black suggested that, in order to accommodate certain other arrangements, the Secretary-Treasurer's Report be dealt with as the first order of business and that items 7 and 9 be reversed.

MOTION: Guy-Antoine Lafleur/Reg Whitaker CARRIED
That the Agenda be approved as amended.

Approval of the Minutes of February 26 & 27, 1983

MOTION: Denis Stairs/David Rayside CARRIED
That the Minutes be approved.

Election Results

President Black announced the election of:

President-Elect: Kal Holsti, UBC, by acclamation.

Members-at-large: William Chandler (McMaster)
Pierre Fournier (UQAM)
Linda Freeman (Carleton)
Kenneth McRoberts (York)
Donald Munton (CIIA)

1984 Nominating Committee (also by acclamation):
Audrey Doerr (SFU)
André Donneur (UQAM)
Dale Poel (Dalhousie)

President Black told the Board of the interesting comments of the Chief Scrutineer that indicated a sharp increase in the number of single-vote ballots being submitted.

The Report of The Secretary-Treasurer

The location of the Secretariat:

Professor Wilson called on President-Elect, Caroline Andrew, who had been handling negotiations. She reviewed the situation briefly saying that because of space problems Carleton University had had to ask the Association to leave but that Ottawa University had just signed an agreement to house the Secretariat for a minimum of one year and at a minimal \$1,000 rent, the remaining costs to be absorbed by the University.

MOTION: Caroline Andrew/Liisa North CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
That the Association accept with thanks the University of Ottawa's kind offer of accommodation and that it express its deep appreciation to Carleton University for its generosity over the last seven years.

Travel Grants:

The Board expressed its appreciation of Professor Wilson's note on the question of travel grants allocations and commended the 1983 process as outlined therein. The report was tabled for consideration at the next Board meeting because of time constraints and in order to give the new Secretary-Treasurer time to study the situation.

There was a brief discussion of the implications of the SSHRCC's proposal to return to an open competition for support of Associations and Professor Black reminded that the Travel Grants would be involved. In answer to a question he also reminded the Board of the current system in which the federated associations receive their allocations through the SSFC and 13 independent associations get their funding directly from the SSHRCC.

Budget Recommendations of the Secretary-Treasurer's Report:

Professor Wilson now turned to his formal report. Seeking a point at which to start the discussions, he referred Board members to the budget proposals which followed the Report of the Finance Committee. In response to Professor David Rayside's question about the speed with which the budget sought to bring the deficit to zero, Professor Black pointed out that the Association has no cushion and would run into cash-flow problems very quickly. Professor Black went on to suggest that it would probably be most effective to go directly to the Report's "Recommendations" and it was agreed to do so. Professor Wilson said that, to simplify the process, he would break certain of the recommendations into 2 or more parts and that he would re-number them as he went along, to a new total of 17.

MOTION: David Rayside/Guy-Antoine Lafleur CARRIED
That Recommendation 1 of the Secretary-Treasurer's Report be adopted:

That a Standing Committee on Association Finances be established to be made up of the Secretary-Treasurer, two additional members of the Board, and the Administrator.

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