Introducing myAPSA

The Internet is an ever-growing resource for scholars and students. As the technology evolves APSA is working to provide more advanced online services for members. The latest program to be released is myAPSA. The myAPSA system is designed to provide members with a tool to manage their membership, direct access to online versions of APSA journals and directories, personalized services for information on grants, conferences, and updates on developments in the profession, and in the future, more access to information of interest.

myAPSA is being designed in phases. The recently launched first phase brings membership information online. A member may log in with their last name and APSA member number, which will display their current membership data (if you don't remember you member number there is a system to retrieve it by email). The user can: renew his/her membership without needing to reenter address and personal information; change any address; join an Organized Section; add a subscription to PSN or JSTOR; or review purchases made over the previous year.

The current system also provides direct links to the online versions of the *American Political Science Review* and *PS: Political Science & Politics*. Beginning with the March 2002 issues, both will be available in full text PDF format via the Cambridge University Press web site. Additionally, subscribers to the Personnel Service Newsletter will also be provided a direct link to PSNonline.

For the first time APSA is offering an online membership directory. This new directory provides users a search feature to locate members by name or institution and displays contact information, including email address.

Phase two of the project, scheduled to launch later in the year, will bring more personalized features. Examples of elements already under design include a system where interested users will be able to select a series of subfields in the profession for which they are interested in receiving upcoming conference information by email. A similiar feature will be available for research and training support, with users selecting types of funding they are seeking (dissertation, post-doc, etc.).

The future development of myAPSA is based on numerous ideas. Providing members more content as it relates their research, their teaching, and the discpline as a whole is the ultimate goal. We are very open to suggestions from members for future content and direction. Feel free to email comments and suggestions to apsa@apsanet.org.

DISABILITY INCOME PLAN AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

A Disability Income Insurance Plan with monthly benefits up to $3,000 is available to members of the American Political Science Association. All members and/or spouses or domestic partners under age 60, who have been actively working full-time (at least 25 hours a week) for the last 90 days, and have not been hospitalized in the last six months are eligible to apply for the Disability Income Plan.

The plan provides the choice of either a $1,000, $2,000, or $3,000 monthly benefit payable for up to one full year when you are disabled by a covered accident or illness. The benefits you receive are yours to use any way you need.

Take advantage of this special benefit available to APSA members. Acceptance on a simplified basis ends April 1, 2002.

For more information on the Disability Income Plan, contact the Insurance Administrator: Marsh Affinity Group Services, a service of Seabury & Smith, 1440 Renaissance Drive, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068-1400. You may also call their Customer Service Department toll-free at 1-800-503-9230. Or, check out their website at www.seaburychicago.com.

The APSA Congressional Fellowship Program Orientation Post-September 11

The aftermath of the tragedies of September 11 continues to have its impact on the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program as some 50 senators are not interviewing fellows until the staff can return to their quarters in the Hart Senate Office Building. Those senators and their staffs are currently lodged in temporary quarters scattered across Capitol Hill, and National Guard troops have been added to the overworked Capitol Police force to provide additional security. Still in session in mid-December finishing appropriations bills, antiterrorism, economic-stimulus, electoral reform, and other legislative priorities, the rest of the congressional offices were staffed and available for Congressional Fellow interviewers, but additions to existing staff were not those offices' major priority. Despite the obstacles, the 2001–02 class of 43 Fellows (seven political scientists, two journalists, one MCI-Worldcom, two German Marshall Fund, three senior Fulbright Scholars from Sweden, New Zealand, and Mexico, three Asia Foundation from Indonesia and South Korea, one Hatfield, one American Sociological Association, six Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy, ten Federal Executive, and eight Federal Foreign Affairs) have tenaciously sought legislative staff opportunities while simultaneously participating in the three-week orientation program.

For the second year running, the fellowship was fortunate to be hosted by James Thurber, CFP alumnus and director of American University's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, for a day of panels featuring local university, Library of Congress, think-tank, and lobbying experts assessing the political impact of September 11. The topics included: "Comity, Civility and Bipartisanship: Will it Last?" "Is Gridlock Dead? Governance in Times of Crisis," "The Permanent Campaign and Presidential-Congressional Relations Post 9/11," and "Women in Congress." The speakers included former fellow and APSA Executive Director Catherine Rudder, now serving as Director of George Mason University's Master's Program in Public Policy, and Thomas Mann, former fellow and APSA Executive Director, currently serving as the

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