

# PRESIDENCY RESEARCH GROUP NEWSLETTER



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## PRG NEWS

Now that I have relinquished the editorship of the newsletter, I would like to publically thank the many people who contributed articles and bibliographies over the past two years. I also want to give a special thanks to Martha Kumar who has done a superb job as secretary-treasurer. Her help was invaluable.

The PRG has come a long way in the past two years, and we can do even more to upgrade the quality, and thus the utility, of the newsletter. In order to do this, however, we must increase our circulation. The most effective way to do this in the short run is for every member to ask his or her library to subscribe to the newsletter. With a little effort on the part of each of us, we can have a substantial collective payoff.

George Edwards  
Texas A&M University

George's act is a hard one to follow. The Newsletter has grown in size and function under his editorship, but fundamentally it should remain a medium for communication among members. I encourage you to contact me with ideas for mini-articles, bibliographies which might prove useful to other scholars, and information about your own research activities. I hope to strike a balance among members' needs for information on the current administration, innovative teaching techniques and intellectual stimulation. Try to keep submissions down to 4 pages in length (double spaced); deadline for the Spring Newsletter is May 1. Address all correspondence to Professor Joseph Pika, Dept. of Political Science, University of Delaware, Newark, DE. 19711.

Please note that the last page of this issue is a library order form for the Newsletter. By simply forwarding this form to your library with a suggestion that the Newsletter be added to the serials collection, you could help expand our circulation. Despite numerous efforts, we have only fourteen institutional subscribers.

Individual membership dues - Those PRG members unable to attend the Denver Convention and pay dues at our annual meeting are reminded to send a check for \$3.00 to our secretary-treasurer, Professor Martha Kumar, Dept. of Political Science, Towson State University, Towson, MD. 21204. Please encourage colleagues and students who share our interests to join the organization, as well.

News from the 1982 Annual Business Meeting - Outgoing President, Tom Cronin, conducted the meeting which included election of new officers and members of the Steering Committee. The nominating committee's recommendations were approved unanimously. At the time of the meeting, there were 192 members (15 have joined since that time) and finished the year with a surplus of \$264.36 in the treasury after expenses of \$508.61. Four PRG-sponsored panels were on the program.(details later)

Tom Cronin discussed two major items with the members: closer association with the APSA and a PRG-sponsored book award. Tom Mann, executive director of the APSA, has proposed that affiliated groups such as the PRG become more closely integrated into the association. APSA would provide services (collect dues, maintain membership lists, assist in program development) for a fixed rate per member but would require that PRG members also join the Association. This matter was also discussed in the Steering Committee meeting. Cronin suggested that we have an award for a distinguished book in the presidency field, perhaps awarded every two or three years. Those members attending the meeting seemed to support the proposal.

Steve Wayne, incoming PRG President, emphasized that the organization has had a discernible impact on the convention program which allows us to consider new ways we might be of service to presidency scholars. Two areas are improving the accessibility and policies of presidential libraries, and encouraging graduate students to enter the field.

### Future Meetings

At the 1983 American Political Science Association meeting in Chicago, there will be seven panels on Executives included on the official program; thus, the PRG plans to sponsor only two panels. Anyone desiring to participate should contact George Edwards, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843 as soon as possible. We are also considering inclusion of a panel exclusively for graduate student papers and need to know whether there is sufficient interest to warrant such a panel.

Bert Rockman is Section chair for the official program panels on Executives. Deadline for proposals was December 1, but possible discussants can contact him at Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

The 1983 Midwest Convention will be held April 20-23 in Chicago. Section Chair for Executives is Lester Seligman, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois-Urbana, Urbana, IL 61801.

The 1983 Southern Political Science Association Convention will be held in Birmingham, Alabama and will include three panels on Executives. Persons interested in participating should contact Professor Steven A. Shull, Department of Political Science, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148

### Call For Papers

Perhaps the most important and least understood policymaking institution in the U.S. is the presidency. To help fill this gap the Policy Studies Journal is planning a symposium on "The Presidency and Public Policy." Publication is tentatively scheduled for the Spring of 1984, and a book in the Policy Studies Organization's Lexington series is expected to follow.

We encourage the submission of analytical treatments of the presidency and public policy. Our conception of the area is a broad one and includes work on the president's handling of substantive policy areas, research focusing on policy-

making, including agenda-setting, advising, analysis of options, decisionmaking, and implementation, and essays focused on approaches to the topic of the presidency and public policy.

Papers ordinarily should be no longer than 20 double-spaced typed manuscript pages, including footnotes and references. The articles that appear in the symposium issue may be expanded for the Lexington book and additional articles may be added for that collection. Prospective contributors should send each of the editors listed below a letter indicating their interest in submitting an article, and they should enclose a one page summary of their research, indicating its substantive focus, methodology (if appropriate), and anticipated findings. We have established April 1, 1983 as the cutoff date for accepting such proposals.

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Personal Notes - Kenneth Davidson reports that the Ford Library has opened about 5 million papers on domestic policy, the vice-presidency and Congress. NSC papers are not yet open for use. Julliette George is continuing work on Woodrow Wilson and points out that Wilson's papers are now on microfilm. Larry Berman's book

