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Membership dues should be sent to Martha J. Kumar, Dept. of Political Science  
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Anyone interested in submitting news or manuscripts for the Newsletter should  
forward them to Joseph A. Pika, Dept. of Political Science, University of Delaware  
Newark, DE. 19711. Submissions should be 4-5 pages in length (double spaced) and  
may address issues involving the current administration, innovative teaching techniques,  
bibliographic discussions, etc. Deadline for the Fall Newsletter is December 1, 1983.

TO AFFILIATE OR NOT TO AFFILIATE?

THAT IS THE QUESTION TO BE DECIDED AT OUR NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

by  
Stephen J. Wayne  
President, PRG

The Presidency Research Group is alive and well. We have over 200 members and  
money in the bank. At the 1983 convention, there will be 12 panels on the Presidency  
and other executives. We are sponsoring only two of them -- testimony to the success  
we have had in getting the Association to include Presidency panels as part of the  
official program. When we first met in 1978 to organize our group, there were only  
two Presidency programs. Our Newsletter continues to be a vital source of communi-  
cation. We are even getting to know each other better by virtue of our increased  
contact at national and regional meetings.

The APSA is evolving and we must decide whether we want to evolve with it. In  
attempting to be more responsive to groups such as our own, the Association is estab-  
lishing sections within it. Unaffiliated groups can become sections. The benefits  
are two-fold: 1) The Association will provide administrative services for the group;  
2) The Association will continue to allow the group to sponsor panels at its annual  
meeting. The cost for APSA members is \$3.00 in addition to the current schedule of dues.

The question of affiliation was raised for the first time at our 1982 business

meeting. Concern was voiced about the requirement that all members of the group, including those whose primary discipline was not political science, join the association. I expressed that concern to Tom Mann, Executive Director of the APSA, in the letter included in the appendix of this issue. I am happy to report that the Council of the Association has recently modified its membership rule. A new category of Associate membership has been created for non-political scientists.

We must now decide whether to affiliate as a Section of the Association. Our next business meeting which will be held at 5:15 PM on Thursday, September 1 will address this question. I urge you to attend.

To provide some incentive for doing so, we have scheduled one of our panels, "The Carter Presidency in Retrospect: Some Preliminary Impressions from Recent Oral Histories," in the afternoon slot prior to the business meeting and a fabulous dutch-treat cocktail party following it.

I hope we will have good attendance at all three events as well as our Friday panel on "The Media and the Presidency: A Loveless Marriage."

### 1983 Annual Meeting

Panel 1: The Carter Presidency in Retrospect: Some Preliminary Impressions From  
Recent Oral Histories

Chair: James S. Young, Univ. of Virginia, Miller Center of Public Affairs

Participants: Charles O. Jones, Univ. of Virginia, Dept. of Political Science  
Erwin C. Hargrove, Vanderbilt Univ., D.P.S.

Robert A. Strong, Univ. of Virginia, Miller Center

David B. Truman (possible)

Panel 2: The Presidency and the Media: A Loveless Marriage

Chair: Dom Bonafede, National Journal

Participants: to be announced

1983 APSSA Panels on "Political Executives and the Presidency"

Panel 1: Historical Analyses of the Presidency and Federal Executive

Chair: Jameson W. Doig, Princeton University

Papers: "Presidents, Parties, and the Dynamics of the Agenda, 1789-1978"

Jeffrey E. Cohen, University of Alabama

"Constitutional Influences on Executive Decision Making"

John A. Rohr, Virginia Polytechnic and State University

"The Man of the Whole Nation, John Quincy Adams: Personality, Politics,  
and Presidential Leadership in the Early Republic"

Robert Thompson, Luther College

Discussant:

Michael Nelson, Vanderbilt University

Panel 2: Toward A Theory of the Chief Executive

Chair: Bruce Buchanan, University of Texas

Papers: "Models of Comparative Presidential Decision Making"

Ruth Lane, American University

"Toward a Comparative Science of the Presidency"

David F. Prindle, University of Texas

"The Policy Effects of Management Style: A Comparison of Governors Ronald  
Reagan and Jerry Brown"

Gary Hamilton and Nicole Woolsey-Biggart, University of California, Davis

Discussants:

Frederick Paul Lee, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Robert J. Spitzer, SUNY, College at Cortland

Panel 3: National Security Decision Making in the White House and Its Organization

Chair: Samuel P. Huntington, Harvard University

Papers: "Normal Failures in the Foreign Policy Advisory Process"

Paul A. Anderson, Carnegie-Mellon University

"How Important is National Security Structure to National Security Policy?"

Arthur Cyr, Chicago Council on Foreign Relations

"The Seven Sins of Strategic Intelligence"

Loch K. Johnson, University of Georgia

Discussants:

Robert J. Art, Brandeis University

Robert D. Putnam, Harvard University

Panel 4: The President and Congress

Chair: Stephen J. Wayne, George Washington University

Papers: "Presidential Influence in Congress Revisited: Narrowing the Focus"

George C. Edwards III, Texas A&M University

"The Effects of Politics and Economics on Presidential-Congressional Relations:  
Conflict and Cooperation on Economic Policy, 1957-1980"

Richard Fleisher, Fordham University and Jon R. Bond, Texas A&M University

"Correlates of Presidential Conversion: A Preliminary Study of Lyndon Johnson"

Terry Sullivan, University of Texas

Discussants:

James C. Garand, Georgia State University

Steven A. Shull, University of New Orleans

Panel 5: Roundtable on Presidential Style and Skill

Chair: Erwin C. Hargrove, Vanderbilt University

Participants:

Thomas E. Cronin, Colorado College

Betty Glad, University of Illinois

Fred I. Greenstein, Princeton University

Erwin C. Hargrove, Vanderbilt University

Barbara Kellerman, Fairleigh-Dickinson University

Panel 6: Cross-National Studies of Political Executives

Chair: Jack E. S. Hayward, University of Hull

Papers: "In Search of Executive Harmony: Cabinet Government and the U.S. Presidency --  
the Experiences of Carter and Reagan"

Colin Campbell, York University

"Politicians and Administrators in Making Tax Policy"

B. Guy Peters, Tulane University

"Policy Responses to Fiscal Stress in the United States, the United Kingdom,  
and Canada: A Comparative Case Analysis"

Norman C. Thomas, University of Cincinnati

Discussants:

James B. Christoph, Indiana University

Alberta Sbragia, University of Pittsburgh

Panel 7: Empirical and Theoretical Developments in the Subfield: Presidential and Executive Studies

Chair: James S. Young, University of Virginia

Paper: "Presidential and Executive Studies: The One, the Few, and the Many"  
Bert A. Rockman, University of Pittsburgh

Discussants:

Valerie Bunce, Northwestern University

Alexander George, Stanford University

Anthony King, University of Essex

James S. Young, University of Virginia

Panel 8: Economic and Regulatory Decision Making and the White House

Chair: James L. Sundquist, The Brookings Institution

Papers: "Presidents and Bureaucrats: White House Control of Regulatory Agencies"  
Gary Bryner, Brigham Young University

"The Impact of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and the Reagan Administration upon Budgetary Priorities"

Gregory W. Fischer, Carnegie-Mellon University

"The Presidency and Macro-Economic Policy Making from Truman to Reagan"

Charles E. Jacob, Rutgers University

Discussants:

William W. Lammers, University of Southern California

Harold Seidman, University of Connecticut

