

The proposals database also allowed Divisions Chairs to review all submissions to their Division in each of the four categories (paper, panel, poster, chair). And a special Chair's web site provided detailed instructions and sample materials on all aspects of the Chair's responsibilities. The Chair's database and web site will be redesigned next year to incorporate suggestions made by the current chairs.

Among the items the APSA Committee on the Annual Meeting will discuss at its April 24 meeting are the logistics of central processing, the organization of the Meeting, the definition of Program Divisions, the workload of the Program Committee, the increasing number of proposals (up 40% this year alone), satisfaction of members, and Meeting site selection. The Committee, chaired by Mary F. Katzenstein, will report back to the Council in time for its September 2 meeting.

The Annual Meeting Committee encourages responses from members on any of the topics above. Please address your comments to Mary Katzenstein at meeting@apsanet.org.

Mark Lichbach Renewed As APSR Book Review Editor

Ada W. Finifter, Editor of the *American Political Science Review*, has named Mark Lichbach of the University of Colorado for an addi-

tional three-year term as Editor of the Book Review, beginning in the fall of 1998. APSA and Colorado concluded an agreement for the extension which entails a generous contribution from the university in support of the Book Review.

Originally named by former APSR editor Bingham Powell and extended by Finifter, Lichbach is in his fourth year as Book Review Editor.

"The Book Review provides the most comprehensive, extensive book reviews in the discipline. Mark Lichbach does an outstanding job intellectually and administratively. I am grateful to him for his willingness to continue to serve, and to Ada Finifter and President Kent Jennings for making the necessary arrangements," said Executive Director Catherine Rudder. "Our profession owes Mark and the University of Colorado a great debt of gratitude for their important contribution to the scholarly life of political science."

Past Issues of APSR Now Available Through JSTOR

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The American Political Science Association signed an agreement with JSTOR (short for Journal Storage) in 1996 has made the complete archive of the *American Political Science Review*, beginning in 1906, and the *Proceedings of the American Political Science Association*, 1903-1914, available through JSTOR's online database. The JSTOR database (<http://www.jstor.org>) provides electronic access to the backfiles of a number of core scholarly journals in the humanities, social sciences and sciences. APSA entered the agreement after considerable review by both the Publications Committee and the Council. Since signing the JSTOR agreement, APSA has continually informed the regional political science associations about JSTOR's progress and encouraged wide participation by political science journals. A full list of all the journals currently participating in JSTOR is included here.

What is JSTOR?

JSTOR, a not-for-profit organization headquartered in New York City, was established to improve access to publications for the scholarly community using recent advances in information technology. The pilot phase of JSTOR, funded by a 1994 grant from the Mellon Foundation, gave students and faculty at seven test libraries access to the full archives of five economics and five history journals via the World Wide Web. By November 1997, JSTOR provided access to 32 journals in 12 disciplines and counted more than 200 college and university libraries among its participants.

Originally an initiative to solve library space and budget problems, JSTOR now strives to meet the needs of both scholars and libraries. Participating in JSTOR allows libraries to assemble and expand their collections and increase access to the journals while centralizing storage and delivery of those journals. JSTOR relieves the libraries of preservation and archiving duties while providing access to a number of journals unavailable in any other form. The database contains a thorough and accurate publication record for each journal included, giving the academic community access to full runs of important journal literature, within and across disciplines. The database is accessible 24 hours a day to students and faculty at participating institutions from any networked location, including offices and dorms; journals are never "out," and there are no missing pages or articles as there sometimes are in the stack copies of journals.

Since JSTOR focuses on preserving the archives of scholarly journals, current issues are not available in the database. Most scholarly journals appear on JSTOR three to five years after publication. Currently, JSTOR provides access to the 1906-1994, volumes of *APSR* and the full run of *The Proceedings of the American Political Science Association*, 1903-1914. A complete volume of *APSR* is added every year with a three year "moving wall." In 1998, the 1995 volume will be available; in 1999, the 1996 volume will be available and so on.

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