

Where Is My Biographical Directory?

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At last, the 1988 APSA *Biographical Directory* is off the presses. If you are one of the 1,500 members who ordered the directory last year at a special prepublication price of \$20.00, your directory is in the mail or already in your hands. Our printer, Carleton Graphics, in South Bend, Indiana, agreed to send the books by fourth class mail on August 22.

Additional copies may be ordered by writing to: APSA Publications, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. The price is now \$25 for members plus \$2.50 for postage and handling. Nonmembers pay \$35 plus \$2.50. (It's important to enclose a check with your order.)

Why does it take so long to produce the directory? may be your next question. If you multiply the information on one form by 6,000 (the number of our respondents), you will get some idea of the massive amount of data that was typeset and proofread for a book of this nature. The chief delay, however, which held up production by six or seven months, was the difficulty in reading handwritten questionnaire forms.

A team of typesetters at Carleton did a heroic job of interpreting the forms but, unfortunately, were not able to correctly guess at all of the information. It was up to the APSA staff to locate and correct the hundreds of misunderstandings that appeared in the first computer printout of the directory. It may be illuminating, and amusing, to see samples of how idiosyncratic handwriting looks to outsiders. The examples below are followed by the official APSA interpretation.

General Alorizos, Senior Advisor
Brod Origs Inst, Brookings Inst
Fairhigh Michigan U, Fairleigh Dickinson
Drought in the School, Drought in the Sahel
Sen Lenserett Salharsharll, Sen Leverett
Saltonstall

Balanced Budgets & State Surprises,
. . . State Surpluses
Tenuosities, Tenuous Ties
In Search of Paws, . . . of Power
Disenoriented Realists, Disenchanted Realists
Urarisnatic Hirs, Charismatic Hero
Secured Harassment, Sexual Harassment
Farmers of Constitution, Framers of . . .
Trends & Camelot, Trends & Correlates
Future Groups with Wether Lite, Interest
Groups in the Western States
All Tub Structure, Attitude Structure
Reticinal Clinic, Rational Choice

We hope that all errors were duly corrected, and it's our sincere wish that each member will be happy with his or her entry.

Clarence Berdahl Claims Longest Membership

Jean Walen
American Political Science Association

PS has had several corrections to our story on "Persons with Longest Association Memberships" in the Spring 1988 issue because of the "year joined" being recorded incorrectly in our records. We welcome any further corrections to our story and records.

Clarence Berdahl, who just celebrated his 98th birthday in June, wrote in a very firm hand:

Last night I was reading the latest *PS* (Spring 1988) and got quite a shock when I came to the list of "Persons with Longest Association Memberships" (p. 316) and found myself listed with "Members since 1927." I do not have receipts or other evidence of payment of membership dues for the earliest years, but I came to the University of Illinois as a graduate student in October 1917, and probably became a member at once in view of my close association with Professors James W. Garner and John A. Fairlie, also Robert Cushman. At any rate, I certainly became a member when I returned in January 1919 from war service. In 1923 Professor Fairlie was away on a year's leave, and I served as Acting Managing Editor of the *American Political Science*



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Review during his absence. Also, at Fairlie's request I compiled the bibliographical section of the *Review*, "Recent Publications of Political Interest," beginning with the November, 1919 number, together with Beatrice Owen through 1920, since 1921 by myself alone until 1938. My first annual meeting was the 1920 meeting in Washington, when Paul Reinsch was president; and in 1923 I attended, as managing editor, a meeting of the Council in Williamstown, Harry Garfield being then President of the Association as well as of Williams College.

I am sure you will agree that I could hardly have held these offices or positions without being a member, and I therefore claim that my membership dates probably from 1917 and certainly from 1919. Don't you think I am entitled to a correction of that list? I don't think my good friend and colleague, Harold Gosnell, will object to surrendering seniority of membership to me.

Sincerely,

Clarence A. Berdahl
Professor of Political Science,
Emeritus, University of
Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

The Association has changed Berdahl's "year joined" to 1917.

Ernest Griffith was omitted from the list entirely because our records showed that he joined in 1953. Dr. Griffith, who will be 92 in November, declared he joined in 1930; he was a member of the Council in 1940-42, was program chair in 1949, and vice president in 1959.

The Association has changed Griffith's "year joined" to 1930.

IBM Sponsors Program for Software Developers

The APSA's Political Science Software Review Program, Poliware, is a pilot project, supported by IBM's Academic Information Systems, seeking to identify, evaluate and disseminate instructional software. Authors of political science software for students are invited to submit their programs, with the information requested below, for review by a Software Review Committee. Software must be IBM compatible. The second competition closes October 1, 1988.

Software Review submissions should include:

Five copies of the program, with a statement of its purpose and learning objectives, and a description of the:

- student audience, topics and courses,
- methodology and teaching strategy,
- hardware and software needed to run the program.

This information should be the basis of a user's guide to the software.

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APSA Computer Users Section Is Formed

The APSA Council approved of the formation of the Computer Users Section at