



Lucius Barker of Washington University receives an award for his distinguished career from E. Wally Miles of San Diego State on behalf of the APSA Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession.

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Almond's Assessment

Almond delivered the James Madison Address, entitled "Political Science, the APSA, and Madisonian Political Theory." Almond divided his talk into two parts. First, he compared the spirit of Madisonian theory with the "mood" of pluralists "who spent their younger years watching the collapse of the European democracies. . . ." Disparaging critics of pluralism, Almond argued "our profession still has to recover from (the) populist onslaught which turned 'pluralism' into a cussword. . ." and he charged "participatory literature" lacked "historical depth and breadth."

"Surely this tendency in modern political theory is unworthy of a profession which

lays claim to James Madison as one of its founders," Almond stated.

In the second part of his address, Almond considered "some of the problems" of the APSA in light of Madisonian insights. He compared "level of services" provided to fields in political science by APSA with the number of people in those fields. The level of services provided fields is explained by the representation of interests or fields within the Board of Editors of the *American Political Science Review (APSR)* and among APSA Council members and officers, according to Almond. "The connection between membership in the governing structure and benefits seems to be clear," Almond charged. "What hits the eye in these figures is the extraordinarily large representation for political theory, and methodology and formal theory. . . . There has to have been a deliberate overrepresentation of formal theorists," Almond continued. In comparison, the field of international relations is substantially underrepresented, according to Almond's analysis.

Almond concluded by suggesting that "it may be that we have a case here of Madison's 'mischief of faction.'" Almond disclaimed any desire "to advocate a proportional allocation of offices, editorships, and space in the *American Political Science Review* according to specialty interests of the Association members." However, the APSA does "need to examine these disproportions from the perspective of the welfare of the Association and the profession whose interests it was established to serve."

(Editor's Note: Award citations and names of members of the award selection committees are reprinted in the *PS* Appendix. Copies of Almond's speech are available from the APSA national office upon request.)

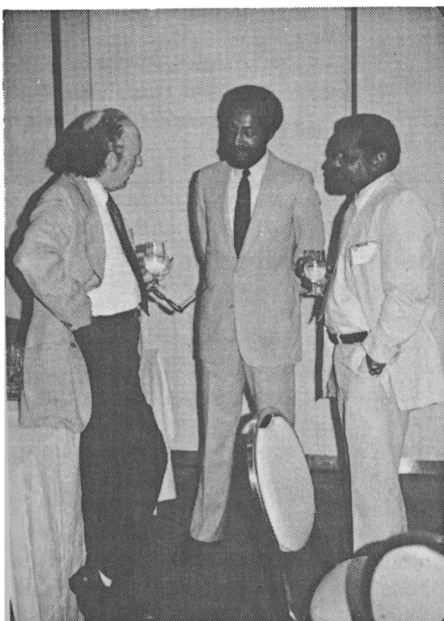
Riker to Head APSA; New Officers Approved in Business Meeting

William Riker of the University of Rochester was nominated and elected pres-

ident-elect of the APSA for 1982-83 at the 1981 Annual Business Meeting. Because there were no nominations other than those made by the APSA Nominating Committee, the committee's candidates were elected by acclamation. Therefore, the APSA membership will not be voting for officers by mail this year.

In addition to Riker, the following officers were elected: Harry Eckstein, Frances Fox Piven and David Braybrooke, vice-presidents; Allen Schick, treasurer; Raymond Wolfinger, secretary; Barbara Sinclair, E. Wally Miles, Susan Welch, Sidney Tarrow, Ira Katznelson, M. Margaret Conway, Harold Jacobson, Ronald Weber, and Paul Allen Beck (one-year term), APSA Council members. The Council is the governing body of the APSA.

The report of the Treasurer, William Keefe, was also made at the Business Meeting and is reproduced in its entirety in the *PS* Appendix.



APSA President-Elect William H. Riker of Rochester converses with Jesse McCorry of Howard and Michael B. Preston of Illinois.

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Women to Aid Tenure Seekers

The Women's Caucus for Political Science agreed unanimously at its September 5 business meeting in New York to establish a committee to plan a review procedure to assist women under consideration for retention, tenure and promotion. The committee is to be appointed by Mary Ann Githens, president of the Women's Caucus, and is to report back to the Women's Caucus next year.

This proposal resulted from recommendations made by out-going president Ann Matasar. Two problems emerged last year as central to women in their professional development, according to Matasar. First, women in the profession are having difficulty getting jobs in either academic or non-academic settings. Second, women who already have jobs are facing difficulties with professional advancement, particularly in the processes of retention, tenure and promotion, Matasar reported. Based on this observation, Matasar recommended the Women's Caucus concentrate on assisting entry-level women in finding jobs and aiding women currently in the profession in keeping their jobs and in advancing professionally.

In other business:

- Rita Moniz, chairperson of the Recruitment and Membership Committee, reported a significant increase in membership in the Women's Caucus.
- Martin Gruberg, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the slate of nominees for Caucus offices in 1981-82, as follows: Jeanne Marie Col, Sangamon State University, President-elect; Janet K. Boles, Marquette University, Secretary; Linda Richter, Kansas State University, Treasurer.
- The Women's Caucus unanimously agreed to establish a President's Advisory Council made up of past Women's Caucus presidents and current officers to maintain continuity in the Caucus. (Louise K. Comfort, Secretary of the Women's Caucus, provided the minutes upon which this report is based.)