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search for information in surrounding areas. Without neglecting sight-seeing opportunities like Chinatown and the Golden Gate Bridge, they visited Stanford University and the University of California at Berkeley. At least two of the fellows intend to apply to these institutions for graduate study.

With all of these activities, the APSA Annual Meeting provided the ideal capstone to the five weeks of study at the University of Virginia. The fellows attending were: Ann-Marie Beckford, Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus; Heather Dash, University of Washington; Jason Johnson, University of Virginia; Herlande Rosemond, Bowdoin College; Derrick Sanders, Lincoln University; and Tharius Sumter, Oglethorpe University.

APSA Council Actions

The APSA Council Meeting was held on August 28, 1996, at the San Francisco Hilton & Towers. A wide range of issues was discussed and a number of actions were taken at this Council meeting. The followings are the highlights of this Council Meeting.

Responding to a letter from Ben Marquez on behalf of the Committee on the Status of Latinos in the Profession, the Council decided to increase the number of Latino Fellowships from one to two and will regularly review the minority fellowships as circumstances are likely to change in the current legal environment.

Recognizing the extensive contributions of Walter E. Beach to APSA, the National Capital Area Political Science Association, the Southern Political Science Association,

and the Women's Caucus, the Council named the APSA's archive at Mount Vernon College as Walter E. Beach Archive.

In order to broaden existing language about the employment issue and incorporate explicit statements about discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation with respect to all aspects of employment, the Council approved the recommendation of the Committee on Professional Ethics, Rights, and Freedoms that Section F of the APSA's Ethics Guide be retitled as "Personnel Issues" generally and the old language which referred exclusively to hiring practices be altered to refer to "any conditions of employment" (with "against job candidates" struck and "in any condition of employment" added).

Elinor Ostrom's proposal to create a Task Force of the American Political Science Association on Civic Education for the New Century was approved by the Council.

The three core strategies and materials for the Centennial Campaign including the Campaign Statement, the establishment of the Goodnow Award, and an endowment spending rate of 5% were approved, as were APSA's alliance with H-Net, its revised budget for FY96-97, and the allocation of \$30,000 of the FYI 1996 budget surplus to the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute with the remaining amount of the surplus to the Second Century Fund.

In addition, the Council approved the increased program committee budget (from \$5,000 to \$12,500), the centralization of proposals process, and a proposed non-refund policy of preregistration fee for the 1997 Annual Meeting.

Member Contributions Boost Dissertation Award Endowments

At the last Council Meeting on August 28, 1996, Sheila Mann gave an update on APSA's fund raising for dissertation awards. She reported that among the four dissertation awards which did not have the required endowment (\$500 cash prize) in 1995, the Corwin Award, the Almond Award, and the Anderson

award had now met the requirement—thanks to the special efforts and contributions of Sam Krislov, Arend Lijphart, and Walter E. Beach. The endowment for the E.E. Schattschneider Award is still some \$1,900 less than the requirement, although significant progress had been made since 1995. The campaign for the contributions to the Schattschneider endowment will continue in order to meet the requirement in 1997. Individuals interested in making a contribution should contact Sheila Mann at the APSA National office.

First Higher Education Advisory Group Meeting Held at Annual Meeting

APSA's Higher Education Advisory Group met for the first time on August 29th at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The group consists of political scientists with major administrative posts in higher education who were invited by APSA to meet to discuss a wide range of issues affecting political science and higher education today. The group agreed it should have three principal roles: to work together as a professional support group, to encourage the study of the politics of higher education, and to advise and help APSA with lobbying efforts at the state and federal levels.

A wide range of issues was discussed, and the group stressed the need to increase political scientists' awareness of trends in higher education. Among the topics addressed were the state of the tenure system, strains in student financial aid, and continued APSA participation in the fight to stop funding cuts to the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Discussion Groups Held in San Francisco

APSA conducted four discussion groups at the 1996 Annual Meeting to hear members' views of the Association's services and programs and their outlook on the future of the profession and discipline.