

Association News

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Susan Welch, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, will serve the second year of her two-year term as treasurer in 1984-85.

Other continuing Council members serving the second year of a two-year term are: Charles W. Anderson, University of Wisconsin; Morris P. Fiorina, Harvard University; Helen Ingram, University of Arizona; Nannerl Keohane, Wellesley College; Michael P. Preston, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Arlene W. Saxonhouse, University of Michigan; W. Phillips Shively, University of Minnesota; and Gerald Wright, Indiana University. □

Nominating Committee Seeks Suggestions

The Nominating Committee, headed by Fred I. Greenstein of Princeton University, is seeking suggestions for nominees to APSA offices.

The committee will make nominations for eight Council positions, as well as the offices of secretary, treasurer, vice president (three positions) and president.

The members of the nominating committee are:

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Editor's Note: The following two stories, in conjunction with the article, "The Rise and Decline of Black Political Scientists in the Profession" (see Forum in this issue of PS), constitute an affirmative action report for the association. These articles are presented pursuant to the 1983 recommendations of the Committee on Professional Ethics, Rights and Freedoms in its report, "The Commitment of the American Political Science Association to the Principles of Affirmative Action." (see PS, Spring 1983, pp. 293-302.)

Affirmative Action: Recognition of Women and Minorities in the Association

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Recent APSA presidents and council members have actively promoted the interests of women and minorities through their election and appointment to positions of leadership within the Association. Women and minorities have held 46 percent of the elective and appointive offices of the Association from 1980 through 1985 (see Table 1). At the same

1985 Membership Directory Questionnaire

The Association is currently updating the 1983 *APSA Membership Directory*, with plans to publish the new edition in early 1985. If you are a current member and have not yet received a directory questionnaire, please write or call the national office immediately to request a questionnaire.

time, only one black has ever been president of APSA (Ralph Bunche in 1954), and no woman or other minority has ever served as president. Also, the participation by women and minorities is not evenly distributed across committees.

Women were the principal beneficiaries of the positive approach taken toward affirmative action within the Association. Of the 341 leadership positions held by women and minorities from 1980 through 1985, 69 percent were held by women (see Table 2). Women held 32 percent of the elective offices and standing committee appointments, 26 percent of the awards committee appointments, (see Table 3), and 30 percent of all elective and appointive offices from 1980 to 1985 (see Table 4).

The significance of the levels of participation by women in leadership positions within the Association can be appreciated when compared either with the

TABLE 1
The Distribution of Elective and Appointive Office (Excluding Award Committees) Among Women and Minorities, 1980-1985

Year	Total Positions	Positions Held by Women/Minorities ^a	
		No.	%
1985	129	56*	43
1984	129	59*	46
1983	132	58***	44
1982	127	57**	45
1981	105	52*	50 ^b
1980	117	59**	50 ^b

*Indicates the number of black women holding office in that year. They are counted once; for this reason the data are different from data listing positions held by minorities or women.

^aBlacks and Hispanics.

^bThe data are inflated by the large sizes of the Committees on the Status of Women and the Status of Blacks. For example, in 1980 there were 10 members of the Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession. It was not until 1982 that the size of the Committee was reduced to bring it in line with the size of other standing committees of the APSA Council.

TABLE 2
Participation by Women in Elective and Appointive Offices, 1980-85

Year	Total Positions	Positions Held by Women	
		No.	%
1985	129	42	33
1984	129	44	34
1983	132	43	33
1982	127	39	31
1981	105	33	31
1980	117	34	29

TABLE 3
Participation by Women on APSA Award Committees, 1980-85

Year	Total Positions	Positions Held by Women	
		No.	%
1985	48	19	40
1984	51	13	25
1983	45	11	24
1982	39	8	21
1981	42	8	19
1980	39	10	26

TABLE 4
Participation by Women in Elective and Appointive Office and Awards Committees, 1980-85

Year	Total Positions	Positions Held by Women	
		No.	%
1985	177	61	34
1984	180	57	32
1983	177	54	31
1982	166	47	28
1981	147	41	28
1980	156	44	28

number of women in the profession or the number of women members of the APSA. According to the National Research Council, 22 percent of the Ph.D.s awarded from 1980 to 1983

TABLE 5
Women Political Science Ph.D.s,
1980-83

Year	Total Positions	Ph.D.s Awarded to Women	
		No.	%
1983	542	124	23
1982	708	154	22
1981	679	135	20
1980	729	144	20

Source: National Research Council, Summary Report 1983, Doctorate Recipients from United States Universities, Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press, 1984.

went to women (see Table 5). From these data one can crudely extrapolate that currently less than one quarter of the profession is composed of women. As Table 6 shows, participation by women has been equal to or greater than 25 percent in the following elective and appointive offices from 1980 through 1985:

Elective Position: Vice-President, Treasurer, Council, Secretary.

Appointive Position: Status of Women, Applied, Rules, Professional Ethics, PS Editorial Board, Publications, Departmental Services, Education, Elections, Nominating, Program, NEWS Editorial Board.

The remaining elective office, the presidency, has never been held by a woman. Three of the five committees whose participation by women falls below 25 percent show significant participation by women if measured against the number of women members in the APSA, rather than the number of women in the profession as a whole. Currently, 12 percent of the domestic, individual members of the Association are women. On three committees participation by women has been greater than or equal to 12 percent:

Appointive Position: Administrative, Research Support, Status of Blacks.

There are only two committees that do not immediately fit this lesser criterion, Project '87 and the Committee on the Status of Chicanos in the Profession. It might be noted, however, that while 11 percent of the members of the Committee on Project '87 are women, both the director and deputy director of Project '87 are women.

No woman has ever served on the Committee on the Status of Chicanos in the Profession. In their 1984 report to the Council the current members of the committee emphasized the need to increase the role of Chicana in the work of the committee and in the profession as a whole. Currently, only three (8 percent) of the Chicano Ph.D.s in political science are women. Nevertheless, the Committee on the Status of Chicanos has reported that it will be developing plans this year to attract Hispanic women into the profession. □

TABLE 6
Rank Order of Percent Participation
by Women in Elective and Appointive
Offices of the APSA,
1980 through 1985

	% Participation by Women
Elective Positions	
Vice-President	39
Secretary	33
Treasurer	33
Council	26
President	0
Appointive Positions	
Status of Women	89
Applied	55
Rules	47
PS Editorial Board	42
Professional Ethics	41
Publications	39
Departmental Services	37
Education	35
Elections	28
Nominating	28
Program	27
NEWS Editorial Board	25
Administrative	19
Research Support	19
Status of Blacks	13
Project '87	11
Status of Chicanos	0