TO: All Members of Political Organizations & Parties Group

FROM: Ken Janda, Chair

RE: Forthcoming POP Business Meeting

Our POP Business Meeting will be on Friday, September 2, from 12:30 to 1:30 -- the room will be announced in the APSA Convention program. The meeting will deal with APSA affiliation, new By-Laws for restructuring POP, election of officers, and identifying active members. The following information on each of these matters should be helpful before the meeting.

APSA Affiliation: The results of the second wave of balloting on POP’s affiliation are still dribbling in, but the decision is clear. Our members voted 113 to 6 in favor of Section status. I have already written to Tom Mann at the APSA, petitioning for APSA affiliation. Tom plans to get it on the agenda of the September Council Meeting, and he anticipates approval. The Council is already scheduled to consider petitions from three other groups: Legislative Studies, Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations, and Policy Studies. The Administrative, Organizational, and Executive study group was admitted at the March meeting as the first official Section. The idea seems popular with other groups, and we will have the distinction being among the first to affiliate.

POP Reorganization: The APSA requires that Sections “provide for an elected president or chair, an elected representative Council or executive committee and an elected or appointed financial officer who is responsible for submitting an annual report to APSA.” Our Chair and Secretary are elected, but we have no distinct financial officer (Treasurer) and do not have an elected Council or executive committee. Thus we will need to reorganize in order to meet APSA requirements, and we can do this at the Business Meeting. With consent of the Executive Committee, I propose that we formally adopt a new set of By-Laws stating POP’s structure:

1. Executive Authority of the APSA Section on Political Organizations & Parties (POP) shall reside in the office of Chair, elected at the annual business meeting for a two-year term in odd-numbered years, beginning in 1983.

2. Responsibility for submitting an annual report to the APSA on POP’s activities shall reside in the office of Secretary-Treasurer, elected at the annual business meeting for a two-year term in even numbered years, beginning in 1982.

3. Governing authority of POP, including power to propose By-Laws for membership approval and to nominate candidates for Chair and Secretary-Treasurer, shall reside in a Council of eight persons.

1. Nominations of candidates for the Council shall be proposed to the Chair, who shall prepare a mail ballot for election to the Council for inclusion in POP’s newsletter.

2. After the 1983 Business Meeting and before the 1984 Meeting, the first mail ballot for the Council shall be held for all eight positions. After
the vote, half of those elected shall be determined by lot to serve for
three years beginning in 1984 and half for one year.

3. In subsequent years, four persons shall be elected by mail in advance of
the Business Meeting to two-year terms on the POP Council.

4. The Council shall meet annually in conjunction with the Business Meeting.

4. Election of officers and approval of By-Laws shall be by majority vote of POP
members in attendance at the Business Meeting or by majority vote of all POP
members responding to a mail ballot.

Election of Chair: Nominations of candidates for the Chair are still open.
Please communicate them to me or to a member of the Executive Committee.

Election of Council: Nominations for the Council may be sent to me. I will pass
the nominations on to the new Chair as a first order of business for the next issue of
Vox POP.

Identifying Active POP Members: Although POP has a mailing list of 242
individuals, its dues-paying membership has been much smaller. Our records show
that 110 members paid dues in 1981-82 and only 75 have paid so far in 1983. Now that we are
about to join the APSA, we should identify those who are interested enough in POP to
pay our modest dues of $3. Below is a list of those we have recorded for paying dues
so far in 1983. IF YOU ARE NOT ON THAT LIST, PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES FOR 1983 to retain
your name on the mailing list!

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NEWCEORTH VOX POP WILL BE MAILED ONLY TO 1983 DUES-PAYING MEMBERS.
AT PRESENT, THESE MEMBERS ARE PAID FOR 1983:

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ADRIAN, CHARLES R.
ARINGTON, THOEORED S.
DAER, MICHAEL A.
BENEDICT, KENNETH
BRAMS, STEVEN J.
CHANDLER, JAMES A.
CLARK, JANET M.
CONNAY, M. MARGARET
COTIER, CORNELIUS P.
COURTNEY, J. C.
DAVIDSON, ROGER H.
ELDER, ANN
EPSTEIN, EDWIN
FREEDMAN, DONALD L.
GIBSON, JAMES L.
GITTLESON, ALAN
GOLDAN, RALPH M.
GOODWIN, GEORGE, JR.
GOLD, LOUIS L.
GOOD, CHARLES D.
HARVEL, ROBERT
HENDEN, BERNARD
HICKS, WILLIAM J.
HICKSON, ROBERT J.
JACKSON, JOHN S.
JACK, JOHN S.
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KELLY, RICHARD C.
KLOHSE, JIM
LADD, EVERETT CARR, JR.
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LONGLEY, LAWRENCE D.
MANHEIM, JAROL
MARSH, KENNETH C.
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MCFARLAND, ANDREW
MCNULTY, ANDREW
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MURRAY, RICHARD
NASSWANGER, KARL H.
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NEAL, MARIAN L.
PATTERSON, SAMUEL C.
PEABODY, ROBERT L.
PEAK, G. WAYNE
PERKING, JERRY
PETRACCA, MARK P.
PONDER, GEORGE
POWELL, LAUREL
REIN, RICHARD L.
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RODEMAN, IRVING E.
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SARASEE, RICHARD L.
SCHOFIELD, WILLIAM R.
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SMITH, PAUL A.
SMITH, RICHARD A.
SMITH, ROYALDE
SMITH, RICHARD B.
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STILL, KENNETH
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