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FROM THE EDITORS / UN MOT DE LA RÉDACTION

With the November 1996 issue, the editorship of the *Bulletin* passes to a new team -- Claire Turenne Sjolander and Gilles Labelle of the University of Ottawa. We are both pleased and somewhat intimidated to be taking over responsibility for the Association's newsletter, and only hope that we can maintain the high standards set for us by David Siegel of Brock University, *Bulletin* editor for 1995-96, and Gordon Mace of l'Université Laval before him.

Il faut dire que nous avons pu compter pour la réalisation de ce numéro sur l'excellent travail de Lawrence Peck, étudiant à la maîtrise que le Département de science politique de l'Université d'Ottawa nous a généreusement permis d'embaucher. Merci au Département et à Larry!

You will note some minor changes to the format of the *Bulletin*. We are introducing a new column on "cyberpolitics" which we hope to make a recurring feature. In this issue, François-Pierre Gingras details some of the exciting innovations he has been able to bring to his teaching with the application of multimedia tools. In future issues, we hope to include annotated lists of interesting and useful Internet sites which will keep us up to date on the developments in, and the research and teaching potential of, cyberspace.

Claire Turenne Sjolander
Gilles Labelle
Université d'Ottawa

À signaler également dans ce premier numéro: un rapport de William Mathie, de l'Université Brock, concernant le congrès des Sociétés savantes en 1996 et la nouvelle formule qui y a été expérimentée. Par ailleurs, nous aimerions aussi attirer votre attention sur l'article de Heather Smith à propos des programmes pluridisciplinaires à la UNBC (University of Northern British Columbia).

On trouvera dans la section intitulée "Dans les revues" le fruit des efforts de Larry Peck, qui a patiemment passé en revue plusieurs périodiques de science politique pour nous livrer une liste d'articles intéressants. Nous nous permettons d'attirer votre attention, en particulier, sur le premier numéro de "Politique et Sociétés", qui succède à la "Revue québécoise de science politique" à titre de revue publiée par la Société québécoise de science politique.

We look forward to your comments and suggestions on this and future issues. We always welcome submissions on topics of interest to the members of our Association, so please keep the *Bulletin* in mind!

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT /
LE MOT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE**

The purpose of this column, which appears regularly in the *Bulletin*, is to up-date the members on the news of the Association. I am very pleased to report that the CPSA is in good financial health, despite the cutbacks being experienced throughout the university and research communities. Two pieces of good news stand out in particular. Our application to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for support for the *Canadian Journal of Political Science* was successful in 1995-96, as was our application for funding of travel grants. That we can look to the future with some optimism is due in large measure to the substantial contributions made by members of the Association to its everyday functioning as well as its major public activities.

In the last six months there have been several changes in the ranks of those responsible for these activities. We have a new editorial team at the head of the *Journal*: Professors Christopher Manfredi, T.V. Paul and Antonia Maioni for the English side and Professors François Rocher and Diane Éthier for the French. In addition, the *Bulletin* has been taken on by two new editors, Professors Claire Turenne Sjolander and Gilles Labelle. I would like to take this opportunity to thank these members of the Association for their hard work and McGill University and the University of Ottawa for the significant support they are giving these two teams. I would also like to acknowledge the continued support of the Administrative Editor, Professor John McMenemy of Wilfrid Laurier University.

The Trust Fund of the CPSA is another institution which plays an important role in supporting the activities of the Association. In June 1996 Professor Fred Fletcher retired as Chairman and Dr. Peter Meekison has agreed to direct the Trust Fund. Many thanks to Fred for his hard work, and welcome aboard Peter. I know that Peter has some innovative plans for increasing the Trust Fund, so no doubt many of you will be hearing from him or his trustees. If you are approached, I hope you will remember the role that the Fund plays in enabling the Association to engage in special events and underwrite particular projects.

It's not too soon to begin marking your calendars for the new century! The CPSA, in conjunction with the Société québécoise de science politique, made a successful application to the International Political Science Association and we will be sponsoring the IPSA World Congress in 2000. It will be held in Quebec City on July

28 - August 6. Congratulations and thanks to Professors Guy Lachapelle of Concordia University and John Trent of the University of Ottawa who put together the impressive submission to the IPSA Council.

Another calendar matter: Even though the holiday season is still ahead of us, it is not too early to think about reserving flights and lodging for the 1997 Annual Meeting which will be at the Memorial University of Newfoundland from June 8 to June 10. Professor Stephen Tomblin and his Programme Committee have put together an exciting set of sessions. Transportation and lodging spaces are limited, however, so be sure to plan ahead. The Learned's organisers are fully installed on the information highway, with a Web Site at <http://www.mun.ca/learneds/>.

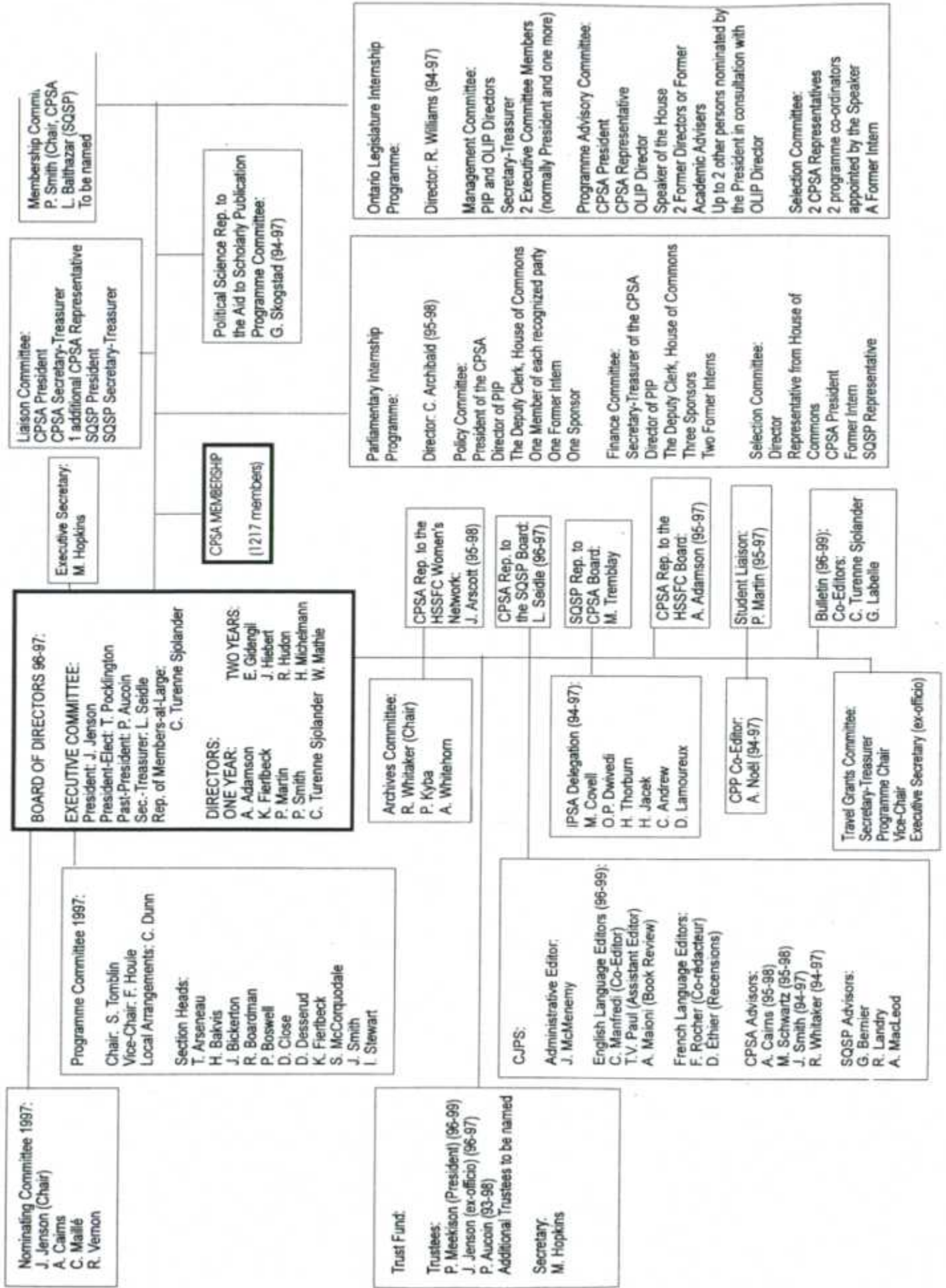
I will also take this opportunity to remind you of the CPSA's own recent communication efforts. Our Homepage is available for consultation at <http://www.sfu.ca/igs/CPSA.html>. In particular, you can now find a copy of the up-dated *Careers for Political Scientists* prepared for the Association by Professor Leslie Pal. If you prefer to consult the guide in a more traditional way, copies are available in the offices of all Political Science departments or upon request from the Secretariat. Finally, the new edition of the *Directory of Political Scientists in Canada* is available (price: \$20) by contacting the Secretariat.

All of these documents represent the hard work of many members of the Association. Particular thanks go to Les Pal for *Careers for Political Scientists* and Michael Howlett of Simon Fraser, who manages the Homepage. Of course, the Secretariat is also crucial to all this. Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of John Armstrong, who ably filled Michelle Hopkins' position while she was on maternity leave. Michelle is now back at her desk and on December 16 Marc Ronald Hopkins will be one year old!

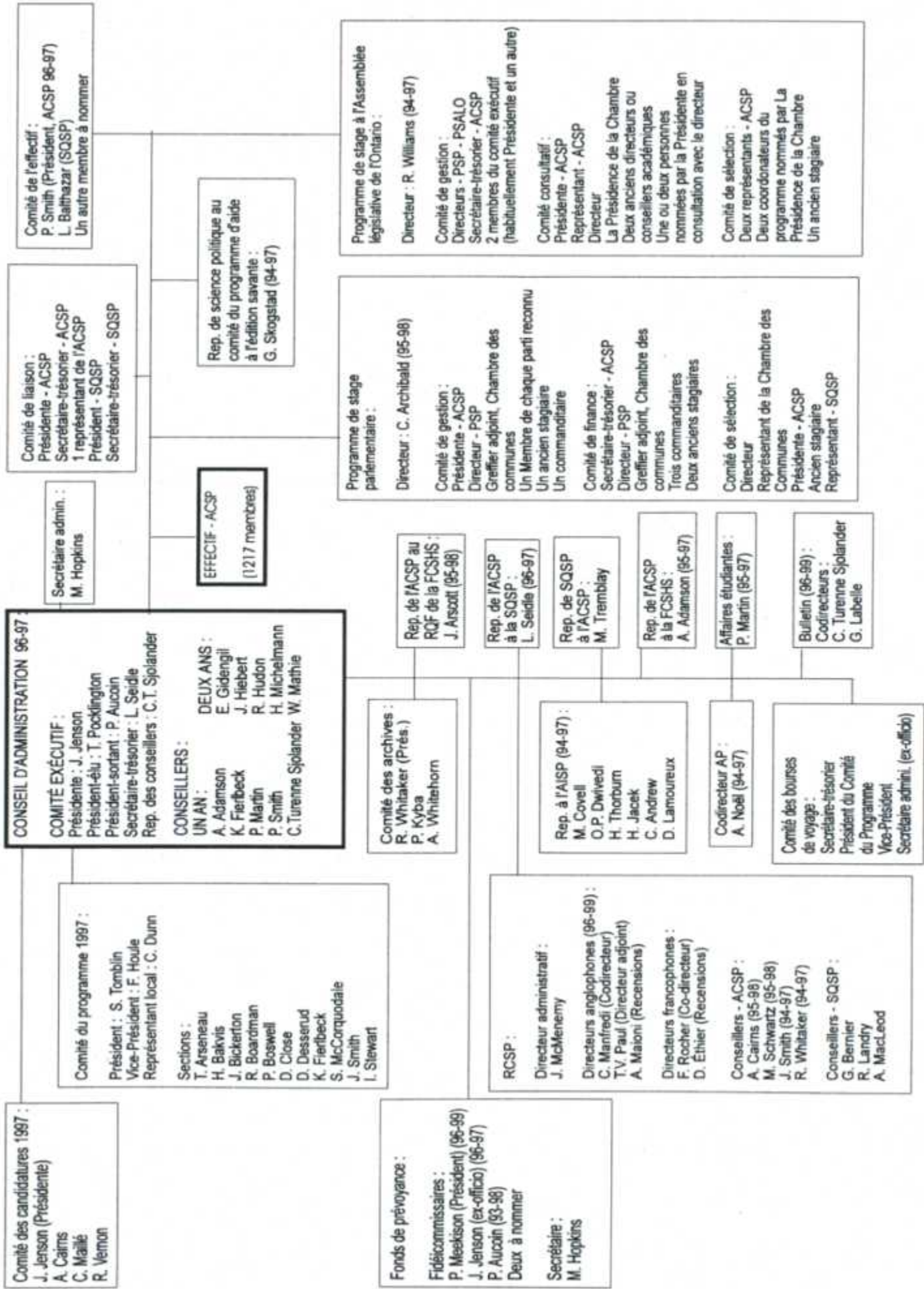
I am also pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has decided to ask the membership to approve a constitutional amendment which will add a seat on the Board for a Graduate Student Liaison starting in June 1998. You will be asked to vote on this amendment at the Annual General Meeting in St. John's.

In my six months as President I have already heard from several members of the CPSA with suggestions for improving our activities. Such expressions of interest by members are most welcome. You can always reach me at jensonj@ere.umontreal.ca if you wish to make a

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suggestion about any matter which you think the Association should consider. At the three meetings of the Board of Directors during the coming year as well as the Chairs' Meeting (which will take place in Montreal on February 7-8, 1997), we have ample opportunity to consider suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you.

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L'objectif de cette chronique régulière du *Bulletin* est de communiquer aux membres les nouvelles de l'Association. Je vous annonce donc avec plaisir que les finances de l'ACSP se portent bien malgré les coupures qu'ont dû subir les universités et le secteur de la recherche. J'ai deux bonnes nouvelles. Le Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada a accueilli favorablement notre demande d'aide financière à la *Revue canadienne de science politique* pour 1995-1996, ainsi que notre demande de financement des subventions de voyage. Nous pouvons donc entrevoir l'avenir avec optimisme en grande partie grâce aux membres de l'Association qui se sont considérablement investis dans le fonctionnement quotidien et ses activités publiques importantes.

Au cours des six derniers mois, plusieurs responsables de ces activités ont cédé leur place. Nous avons de nouveaux venus à la rédaction de la *Revue* : l'équipe anglophone est composée des professeurs Christopher Manfredi, T.V. Paul et Antonia Maioni, et l'équipe francophone des professeurs François Rocher et Diane Éthier. De plus, deux nouveaux directeurs assurent la relève au *Bulletin* : il s'agit des professeurs Claire Turenne Sjolander et Gilles Labelle. J'aimerais remercier ces membres de l'Association pour leur travail, ainsi que les universités McGill et Concordia pour le soutien qu'elles ont offert à ces deux équipes. J'aimerais également souligner la collaboration soutenue du professeur John McMenemy de la Wilfrid Laurier University, le directeur administratif.

On ne peut pas négliger le rôle du Fonds de prévoyance de l'ACSP dans la réalisation des activités de l'Association. En juin 1996, le professeur Fred Fletcher a dû quitter son poste de président, et Peter Meekison a pris la relève. Merci beaucoup Fred et soyez le bienvenu Peter. Je sais que ce dernier a quelques projets innovateurs à proposer pour faire grandir le fonds, de sorte que vous ne tarderez probablement pas à entendre de lui ou de ses fiduciaires. S'ils communiquent avec vous, n'oubliez pas que c'est le Fonds de prévoyance qui

permet à l'Association de participer à des événements spéciaux et de souscrire à des projets particuliers.

Sortez votre agenda du prochain millénaire, des activités se dessinent déjà à l'horizon! L'Association internationale de science politique a accepté la proposition que lui avait adressée l'ACSP en collaboration avec la Société québécoise de science politique; nous accueillerons donc du 28 juillet au 6 août, à Québec, le Congrès mondial de l'AISP de l'an 2000. Je tiens à féliciter et à remercier les professeurs Guy Lachapelle de l'Université Concordia et John Trent de l'Université d'Ottawa qui ont préparé l'imposante soumission remise au Conseil de l'AISP.

Autre événement à retenir: les Fêtes ne sont pas encore passées, mais il ne faudrait pas tarder à faire vos réservations d'avion et d'hôtel en prévision de l'assemblée générale annuelle de 1997 qui aura lieu du 8 au 10 juin à la Memorial University of Newfoundland. Le professeur Stephen Tomblin et les membres de son comité d'organisation ont préparé des séances qui vous passionneront. Soyez prévoyants, car le nombre de places dans les avions et à l'hôtel est limité. Les organisateurs du Congrès des sociétés savantes ont leur site sur l'inforoute : <http://www.mun.ca/learneds/>.

Je profite également de l'occasion pour vous rappeler les efforts récents de l'ACSP en matière de communication. Vous pouvez consulter notre page d'accueil à l'adresse électronique suivante : <http://www.sfu.ca/igs/CPSA.html>, et y trouver en outre la version à jour des *Possibilités de carrière des politologues* préparée pour l'Association par le professeur Leslie Pal. Si vous préférez le guide dans sa forme traditionnelle, vous pouvez le consulter aux bureaux de tous les départements de science politique, ou en faire la demande au secrétariat. Il est également possible d'obtenir la nouvelle édition du *Répertoire des politologues du Canada* (prix : 20 \$) en communiquant avec le secrétariat.

Tous ces documents ont été produits grâce au travail remarquable de nombreux membres de l'Association. Il convient ici de remercier Leslie Pal, responsable du guide des *Possibilités de carrière des politologues*, et Michael Howlett de la Simon Fraser University, qui gère la production de notre page d'accueil, sans oublier évidemment notre secrétariat pour son précieux concours. Je profite de cette tribune pour souligner le travail de John Armstrong qui a remplacé avec beaucoup de compétences Michelle Hopkins pendant la durée de son congé de maternité. Mme Hopkins est de retour au

bureau, et le 16 décembre prochain Marc Ronald Hopkins soufflera sa première bougie!

Je suis également heureuse de vous annoncer que le Bureau de direction a décidé de proposer aux membres d'approuver un amendement constitutionnel ajoutant un conseiller au Bureau de direction responsable de la liaison aux Affaires étudiantes. Le mandat de cette personne débutera en juin 1998. Vous serez appelé à voter cet amendement à l'Assemblée générale annuelle à St. John's.

Six mois se sont écoulés depuis mon accession à la présidence de l'Association et j'ai déjà reçu de plusieurs membres de l'ACSP des propositions afin d'améliorer nos activités. N'hésitez pas à me communiquer vos suggestions sur n'importe quel sujet susceptible d'intéresser l'Association. Vous pouvez me rejoindre à l'adresse électronique suivante : jensonj@ere.umontreal.ca. Aux trois réunions du conseil d'administration pendant l'année et à la réunion des directeurs de départements (à Montréal les 7 et 8 février 1997), nous aurons tout le loisir d'examiner vos suggestions. Au plaisir de recevoir vos nouvelles.

**REPORT ON THE 1996 CPSA PROGRAM AT
BROCK UNIVERSITY, JUNE 2-4**

William Mathie (Brock)
Chair Program Committee

The Committee

A couple of months before the 1995 Meeting in Montreal after consultation with colleagues from the several subdisciplines I was able to put together a program committee made up of distinguished and able representatives.

As may be noted in the table that follows, two changes in the structure of the committee were made after discussion within the committee. Public law was separated from public policy with which it had been previously paired, and public policy and administration were merged. In our view, this better reflected the actual scholarly interests of colleagues in the area. The change was not seen as implying any reduction or increase in the number of papers in either of the two new sections. The new arrangement seems to have worked well. Because a new committee begins its work before the previous program has been completed, the structure of the committee tends to be perpetuated without much thought given to how well it reflects the actual interests and work of political scientists. The two changes we made did result from a

review of this question, but I cannot say that it was as thorough a review as might be desired.

Canadian Politics	Garth Stevenson (Brock)
Comparative Politics- Developing	David Black (Dalhousie)
Comparative Politics- Industrialized	Maureen Mancuso (Guelph)
International Relations	Andrew Cooper (Waterloo)
Political Economy	Caroline Andrew (Ottawa)
Provincial Politics	Brian Tanguay (Laurier)
Political Behaviour	André Blais (Montréal)
Political Theory	Rick Myers (St. Thomas)
Local Politics	David Siegel (Brock)
Public Administration/Policy	Barbara Carroll (McMaster)
Law and Politics	Janet Hiebert (Queen's)
Plenary Sessions	Jennifer Smith (Dalhousie)/William Mathie (Brock)
Local Arrangements	Terry Carroll (Brock)

The New Format

Shortly after I was named to chair the 96 committee I was petitioned by a senior colleague to consider a modification of the format that had become traditional by now: two morning and two afternoon slots with most taken up with three and sometimes four or more papers. It was argued that this had intellectual and practical disadvantages. Often what linked the papers was tenuous and finding that link distorted the efforts of commentators. Discussion was likely to ignore at least one of the three papers in a typical session and the paper neglected was not necessarily the least deserving of discussion. Participants in the conference were often forced to choose between two papers of equal interest where each had by chance been linked with others of less interest.

At its first meeting the committee agreed to alter our format in light of these objections. We agreed to plan for four morning sessions of slightly less than an hour's duration and two longer afternoon sessions (except on the afternoon of the Annual General Meeting). The afternoon sessions we expected to generally be organized as round tables or workshops or, where clearly justified, multi-paper sessions. We agreed to announce this change to our members and to reformulate the call for papers to suit this new format. We realized that this would entail a small reduction in the number of slots for papers, and therefore increase the prospect of rejected proposals especially if this and other efforts resulted in more participation by senior members of the fields. Most members of the committee agreed to this format change because they thought it important to strengthen the extent of the intellectual community between our colleagues at our annual meetings, including our most junior and senior colleagues.

In fact, we were able to implement the new program without too much difficulty. Paper proposals and round table suggestions more or less accorded with the new scheme. In a few cases something like the old format was restored by placing thematically linked papers in subsequent sessions in the same room and sometimes even with the same commentator. Even here we got some of the advantages of the new system--greater freedom of choice for those attending and more or less equal opportunities for discussion of the papers.

A small difficulty reported by some section heads was that of finding enough commentators for the larger number of sessions. For the most part this was solved by asking the same person to act as chair and discussant and by recruiting paper givers to serve in this role in sessions other than their own. Another occasional difficulty was the tendency of paper givers to take so long in presentation that little time was left for discussion. A clearer guideline and warning to paper givers and heavier gavel in the hands of chairs seems likely to help overcome this problem. Another problem was that the withdrawal of a presenter meant the end of a session but this had some advantages for the program as a whole.

What were the results of the new format and how was it received? So far as I can tell from the written and oral comments I have received the new arrangement was much preferred. In fact, I have heard from very few who thought it a failure. About 65% of those in attendance at the meeting were faculty and there was a good mixture of faculty and graduate students presenting papers. In many though not all fields, a significant number of proposals

was rejected and a few angry colleagues-- senior ones, as it happens-- were heard from.

Section	# Single Paper Sessions	Avg Attd	# Panels	Avg Attd
Cdn	12	16.5	7	13.5
Comp. Dev.	12	9.6	5	17.8
Comp. Indust.	17	12.4	6	43
IR	11	12.5	5	24
Local	12	9.6	Field Trip/ Panel	11/6
Behav.	10	28.8	3	?
Pol. Econ.	7	21.9	4	26
Pol. Theory	24	14	7	26
Prov.	12	14	4	15.3
Pub. Admin./ Policy	19	11	5	16.8
Law	8	19.6	3	16

Attendance

We had about 460 registered delegates of whom 160 were students. Given the proximity to various other campuses it is likely that some attended without registering. In past years we have been unable to get statistics on attendance at individual sessions despite the effort put into this task by section heads. Through the assistance of David Penner, an industrious and able graduate student at Brock who helped out at various stages in the development of the program we were able to get attendance figures for almost every session. In calculating average session size above I have included only the sessions for which I have numbers, while also indicating the total number of sessions.

Prizes

The program committee and CPSA Board agreed to establish a prize of \$250 for the best paper submitted by a graduate student. Papers were nominated by section heads and assessed by a jury made up of the chairs of the 96 and 97 committees, as well as Jennifer Smith, who was an organizer of plenary sessions, and Terry Carroll, who looked after local arrangements. This year's winner was Tom Bateman of the University of Alberta, who is now on faculty at Augustana College. A prize for the best paper in comparative politics at the 95 meetings went to Deborah Van Nijnatten. Both prizes were awarded at the President's Dinner as part of an effort to enhance the significance of the event.

Plenaries

The panel on political correctness called "Teaching Political Science in the 90s" and the post-referendum panel were both well attended and apparently well received. A few complained about the fact that what was heard was not heard for the first time and one suggestion was aired that seems worth reporting: that the responsibility for "the plenary," or "a plenary" if we have more than one, be circulated among the various sections so that IR or theory or comparative etc. would have the task of developing a session focusing on issues within their area but important to political scientists in general.

Evaluation

The attempt to get an evaluation of the conference from participants was less successful than we had hoped and I am not sure how this could be done better. This should be kept in mind in assessing what I have said above about the new format, though on this issue I did generally receive reports on opinion within the various sections from the section heads. The grid-like version of the program we developed this year seems to have been quite popular. It is my hope that the publication of this report in the *Bulletin* will provoke further discussion of how we might improve the program.

**NOTICE TO 1997 LEARNED SOCIETIES
ANNUAL MEETING PARTICIPANTS /
AVIS AUX PARTICIPANTS DE LA RÉUNION
ANNUELLE 1997 DES SOCIÉTÉS SAVANTES**

First, 1997 will be a difficult year in which to secure tourist accommodation in St. John's because of the Cabot 500 celebrations. The Learned Societies meetings will take place during June, which is a busy tourist month

even during ordinary years. The Learned Secretariat has booked blocks of rooms in most hotels, B and Bs and university residences (check URL: <http://www.mun.ca/learneds/>) for Learned delegates so participants should be able to plan their stay now. Participants should mention the Learned Societies Conference, however, or they may be told that nothing is available even when rooms remain in our block-booking.

Second, The Learned Secretariat plans to send registration materials only to those persons who request them. The Secretariat can be reached at learned@morgan.ucs.mun.ca or at Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NF, A1C 5S7, telephone: (709) 737-4360, fax: (709) 737-4449.

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D'abord, l'année 1997 risque d'être extrêmement problématique au point de vue de l'hébergement des touristes à St. John's. En outre, le congrès des sociétés savantes se déroulera au mois de juin, depuis longtemps l'un des plus affectionnés par les touristes. Le secrétariat des Sociétés savantes a fait mettre de côté le maximum de chambres dans les résidences universitaires, les hôtels et les auberges (voir URL: <http://www.mun.ca/learneds/>) donc les participants pourront en principe réserver dès maintenant leur séjours. Ils doivent cependant préciser le nom du congrès au moment du contact pour en profiter.

Deuxièmement, le secrétariat des Sociétés savantes enverra un dossier d'inscription qu'aux personnes qui en auront demandé un. Veuillez commander votre dossier au learned@morgan.ucs.mun.ca ou à la Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, T-N, A1C 5S7, téléphone: (709) 737-4360, télécopieur: (709) 737-4449.

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L'ENSEIGNEMENT MULTIMÉDIA

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J'ai dit adieu à la poussière de craie! Fini pour moi le temps des pattes de mouche sur des acétates moches!

Désormais, quelle que soit la matière que j'enseigne (partis et élections, politique provinciale, méthodologie...), non seulement j'évoque (avec ma voix et mes gestes), mais j'illustre (avec des images) dans une

