

President's Report André Blais

The two most important responsibilities of the Canadian Political Science Association are to organize the Annual Meeting and to publish the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*.

The next Annual Meeting will be held in London, Ontario, June 2nd to June 4th. I would like to thank Brenda O'Neill for agreeing to chair the programme committee. Brenda has assembled an excellent committee and they are mounting an outstanding programme. Most sections have full programs and there will be five workshops, five special sessions, and a plenary on the BC Citizens' Assembly. This should be a superb conference and I invite members to attend the meetings. I would like to remind junior members of the association who are presenting a paper that they can apply for travel grants to come to the meetings.

The *Canadian Journal of Political Science* is now published by Cambridge University Press. Because of the transition from Wilfrid Laurier University Press, the September 2004 issue will be made available in February and the December 2004 issue in March. We are confident, however, that the 2005 issues will be released on time. The *Journal* will be available on line for the members of the association. A POLCAN memo will be circulated shortly on how to proceed. More information can be obtained from the secretariat. I am also pleased to report that the SSHRC grant to the *Journal* has been renewed for another three year period.

Michael Howlett, Manon Tremblay and the entire editorial team have been doing a great job of running the journal in a highly professional manner. I wish to thank them for their dedication to the journal. On behalf of each member of the CPSA and the Société québécoise de science politique (SQSP), I also wish to express our deepest gratitude to John McMenemy, the administrative editor from 1976 to 2004. John provided an invaluable service to the CPSA and the SQSP and the discipline over 28 years. We are also indebted to Sandra Burt, who has graciously accepted to take over as administrative editor, especially in this time of transition.

Some more news from the Association:

- The CPSA now subscribes to PROL, the APSA on-line system for conference papers. Those who wish so will have the opportunity to put their CPSA papers on the system. This should increase the dissemination of CPSA papers and enhance the visibility of the CPSA meetings.
- The Annual meeting of departmental chairs will be held in Montreal, on February 4th and 5th. The meeting will be hosted by the chair of the department at the Université de Montréal, Gérard Boismenu, and myself. The meeting is a great opportunity for exchanging information about news in the discipline and the universities.
- A search committee, chaired by president-elect Kim Nossal, has been formed to invite applications and make recommendations for the 2006-2009 English Language Editors of the *Journal*. Those interested should contact Kim Nossal.
- The Board of Directors, at its December meeting, had an extensive exchange about the CPSA's relationship with the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences and we have agreed to examine, at the June meeting, the possibility of exiting the Federation. All those with opinions on this issue are invited to contact any of the Board members.
- In June 2004, the Board also decided to discontinue providing a printed version of the *Bulletin*. The current proposal is to replace the *Bulletin* with an electronic newsletter that would appear every two months. The Board is in the process of finalizing the proposal and finding an editor for this e-newsletter. I wish to thank James Driscoll, who was the editor of the *Bulletin* from 1999 to 2004. James provided a great service to the members over these five years.
- Our two internship programmes, the Parliamentary Internship Programme and the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme, are functioning very smoothly, under the skillful guidance of Jean-Pierre Gaboury and Henry Jacek. I wish to thank both of them for their deep commitment to these wonderful programmes.