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### Convention Reminder

This issue is primarily to invite you to attend the two official functions of the section at the APSA meeting in Washington. As before, we have an awards meeting to honor outstanding individuals in our section, and we have a business meeting. Both are scheduled for Friday, September 2, at the Hilton.

### Awards Meeting

At 12:30 p.m. on September 2, the section will host its annual awards meeting to honor the recipients of the three section awards. Please check your final convention program for the exact location within the Hilton. The recipients of the awards this year again represent the fine work that has been and is being done in the areas of political organizations and parties. Please join us in paying tribute to these individuals and the work that they have contributed to the discipline. The awards committee of John Bibby, Ruth Jones, and Ron Weber has made the following decisions:

**Outstanding Article - Jack Walker**

**Leon Epstein Award for the Outstanding Book -  
Alexander Heard**

**Samuel Eldersveld Career Achievement Award -  
David B. Truman**

## Business Meeting

Also on Friday, September 2, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., the section will hold its annual business meeting. (Please check the program for the place.) There are a number of issues to be addressed by the membership at this time, so please plan to attend. Among those things to be discussed are:

1. the future of sections in general and ours in particular;
2. financial report;
3. newsletter
4. possible section projects such as a journal or annual.

In the past, the discussion has been lively and the company good. We look forward to seeing you.

## Panels and Roundtables

Another reminder: The Section is sponsoring a panel and seven roundtables at the convention. The last issue of Vox Pop identified the topics and the participants. The list below identifies the Chairperson of each and the title to help you find them in the convention program.

Panel 1: Robert Harmel, Chair  
Small Parties in Western Europe

Roundtable 1: Janet Grenzke  
PAC Influence on Capitol Hill: What We Do and Don't Know

Roundtable 2: Samuel Patterson  
The Role of Parties in Congress

Roundtable 3: Mark P. Petracca  
Political Consultants and Democratic Governance

Roundtable 4: Robert Salisbury  
The State of Research on Interest Groups

Roundtable 5: Aline Kuntz  
Research on Comparative Interest Groups

Roundtable 6: Norman Ornstein  
The 1988 Primaries and Caucuses

Roundtable 7: Austin Ranney  
Roundtable in Honor of Leon D. Epstein:  
Parties in Western Democracies: Causes or Effects?

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An unpaid but relevant announcement:

The American Politics Quarterly welcomes manuscripts from all fields of American politics, including research on parties and other political organizations. Recent issues, for example, have featured articles on delegates to the 1984 national party conventions (James Carlson and Richard Martin, July, 1987), the seat/vote relationship and partisan gerrymandering in state legislatures (Harry Basehart, October, 1987), the belief congruence of interest group elites and their constituencies (Paul Sabatier and Susan McLaughlin, January, 1988), while the July, 1988, issue will include an article by Priscilla Southwell on the impact of open versus closed presidential primaries on candidate fortunes. Papers utilizing any scholarly approach to the study of American politics are welcome. We ordinarily give authors a decision within two months of submission. Please send four copies of submitted articles to Susan Welch, Editor, APQ, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588-0328.