of California, Berkeley, Chair; James A. Caporaso, University of Denver; Charles V. Hamilton, Columbia University; John Kessel, Ohio State University; Kathleen McGinnis, Trinity College; and Barbara Sinclair, University of California, Riverside.

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Report of the 1986 APSA Nominating Committee

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Chair, 1986 APSA Nominating Committee

In offering the report of your nominating committee, I would like to make three points:

(1) This was a genuinely collaborative effort, and I would like at the outset to thank my colleagues Kathy McGinnis, Chuck Hamilton, Barbara Sinclair, Jim Caporaso and John Kessel for their frankness, their fair-mindedness and their hard work.

(2) We discovered that we wished to adhere to more principles of selection than there were slots to fill. In the end, I
think what mattered most to us was that as many members of the Association as possible might be able to reach out and touch some sitting member of the Council, so that suggestions, or opinions, or grievances from as broad a population of members as possible might reach the Council and inform their deliberations. So we hope you will read our selections for this year’s nominees in the context of the full Council of which they will be a part. Among the characteristics of nominees that we thought important were these: diversity of geographic location, of subfield, of personal attributes such as age, gender and race, of job characteristics such as teaching versus non-teaching, and if teaching, whether in public or private, secular or religious, large or small, rural or urban settings. All these varied characteristics of our members signal a variety of life experiences and concerns that, in some way or another, we wanted to respond to in the nomination process and express in our eventual choices. We are conscious of the fact that the shortcomings of our efforts can be and no doubt will be compensated for by the work of our successor committee next year.

(3) In spite of our inability to maximize with equal effectiveness in all directions, we are delighted with the group of nominees that we finally selected. The enthusiasm that many of them have expressed at the prospect that they might serve our Association was very heartening indeed to the committee. That so many talented political scientists are willing to serve is a wonderful sign of the health of our collective enterprise.

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