

AKPSNA NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM NEW PRESIDENT

I am honored to assume the presidency of the Association and grateful for the support that I have received. I look forward to working with new officers, governing board members and all of the Association members.

My deep appreciation goes to our former President, Dr. Wonmo Dong, for his hard work in the last two years. Especially, I am grateful to him for his superb choice for our new Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Seung Ho Joo (University of Minnesota-Morris), and the APSA Program Chair, Dr. Uk Heo (Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee). I am also grateful to both Drs. Joo and Heo for their willingness to serve.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the following Association activities:

1. Vice President

In accordance with the Article V of the current bylaws, the Board members voted to elect a new Vice President. I am very pleased to announce that Dr. HeeMin Kim (Florida State Univ.) has been elected.

2. New Directory

We would like to update our directory soon. You will find a membership survey form included in this newsletter.

3. Membership Drive Committee

I have appointed 3 members on this committee (Drs. Dave Kang at Dartmouth, Sunhyuk Kim at USC, and Victor Cha at Georgetown). The purpose of this committee is to produce a list of non-members who might be interested in joining us, especially Americans and second-generation Koreans.

4. AKPSNA Website

We are looking into the possibility of setting up a Website for our Association, so that visitors of the Website could join the Association anytime, report change of address, and check Association directory and newsletter.

5. Financial Status

Dr. Joo has informed me of the following:

Membership dues collected at the 1999 Atlanta APSA meeting: \$260

The balance received from the previous administration: \$1,532.67

Total balance (as of Nov. 5, 1999): \$1,792.67

We need to raise more money for our activities this year, especially to publish a new directory. We welcome donations. If you wish to make a financial contribution, please send your checks payable to AKPSNA to Prof. Seung-Ho Joo.

6. Joint Book Project

The Board has agreed to support a joint book project with the Sejong Institute (See **AKPSNA-Sejong Research Project** below). For this project, the Board has decided to establish a Publication Committee. The Committee will be responsible for coordinating with Sejong in selecting topics, contributors, and editors and for organizing one panel for the next APSA. Four committee members have been chosen through an election by the Board. They are Drs. Han-Kyo Kim, Ilpyong Kim, HeeMin Kim, and Seung-Ho Joo. I have asked Dr. Han-Kyo Kim to chair the Committee.

If you have any suggestions and new ideas for our Association, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

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ELECTION

RESULTS

President

Prof. Kyung-Ae Park of the University of British Columbia was elected AKPSNA's new President for 1999-2000. Outgoing President Prof. Wonmo Dong's term expired in October 1999.

Vice-President

Prof. HeeMin Kim of Florida State University was elected Vice President by the Governing Board.

Governing Board

Two governing board members were elected at the 1999 APSA meeting in Atlanta. Governing Board members serve a three-year term. The newly elected governing board members are: Prof. Kyung-Ae Park (Univ. of British Columbia) & Prof. Aie-Rie Lee (Texas Tech Univ.)

Executive

Secretary-Treasurer

Prof. Seung-Ho Joo of the Univ. of Minnesota-Morris was appointed new Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Association by outgoing President Prof. Wonmo Dong. Prof. Joo replaced Prof. Won K. Paik of Central Michigan Univ.

1999 APSA ANNUAL MEETING IN ATLANTA: REPORT

AKPSNA featured three panels and a roundtable at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, 1999 in Atlanta. Prof. Seung-Ho Joo served as APSA program chair for 1999. (For detailed information on the 1999 APSA/AKPSNA program, see attached appendix.)

Mr. Kwang-Suk Ryu, Korean Consul General in Atlanta kindly hosted a dinner banquet in his residence on Sept. 3 for AKPSNA members attending the 1999 APSA

meeting. About 30 AKPSNA members and its program participants were present at the dinner. We would like to express deep appreciation to our generous hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Ryu. We would also like to thank Mr. Hong-Nack Kim and other diplomatic staff at the Korean Consulate for organizing the dinner and providing transportation for us.

Two professors from Korea participated in the Atlanta meeting. Dr. Dalchoong Kim, President of the Sejong Institute, served as a panelist on the roundtable session on “Kim Dae Jung's Leadership and Policies”, and Prof. Kwang-Il Baek of Inha Univ participated on “the Two Koreas' Security Relations” panel as a discussant.

AKPSNA-SEJONG JOINT RESEARCH PROJECT

During the 1999 APSA meeting in Atlanta, Dr. Dalchoong Kim, President of the Sejong Institute, Seoul, proposed to AKPSNA that AKPSNA and Sejong cooperate to publish a book annually for the next three years. His idea is that AKPSNA sets aside two of the four assigned panels in the next APSA annual meeting in Washington, D.C., and AKPSNA and Sejong jointly organize them with a view to publishing a quality book in the U.S. based on the conference papers. If AKPSNA agrees to this idea, Sejong will provide necessary expenses to the participants on the two panels. He further suggested that AKPSNA and Sejong cooperate in selecting prominent experts in relevant fields as paper presenters who will be commissioned to write a paper for the panels and participate in the book project. Given the fact that AKPSNA was allocated only THREE panels for the 2000 APSA meeting, we will set aside ONE panel for the joint project. This project was approved by the AKPSNA Governing Board. As a result, we will have TWO panels open to “call for papers” for the APSA 2000.

2000 APSA MEETING: CALL FOR PAPERS

The next annual meeting of the American Political Science Association will be held in [Washington D.C., August 31-September 3, 2000](#). AKPSNA will hold 2 panels at the meeting. The Program Chair, Professor Uk Heo at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is seeking proposals for paper, chairpersons, and discussants.

Panel One: *Economic Restructuring and Democratic Consolidation in South Korea*

Panel Two: *Peace and Conflict in the Korean Peninsula*

Paper proposals should include paper title, abstract, name(s) of author(s), address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, and institutional affiliation. Please send your proposals and correspondence by [December 31, 1999](#) to:

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MEMBERS

DIRECTORY

UPDATE

AKPSNA will be updating the member directory. Please remember to fill out and return the enclosed "Membership Application and Update Form." You are encouraged to e-mail this updated information to: jooos@mrs.umn.edu. Please be sure to include your **E-MAIL ADDRESS** and **WEB SITE address**. Please do not forget to submit your **membership dues** when you send in the update/membership form.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY AKPSNA MEMBERS

Baek, Kwang Il (ed.). *Comprehensive Security and Multilateralism in Post-Cold War East Asia* (The Korean Association of International Studies, 1998).
Buzo, Adrian. *The Guerilla Dynasty: Politics and Leadership in North Korea* (Westview, 1999).
Dong, Wonmo. (ed.) *The Two Koreas and the United States: Issues of Peace, Security, and Cooperation* (M.E. Sharpe, 1999).
Downs, Chuck. *Over the Line: North Korea's Negotiating Strategy* (American Enterprise Institute Press, 1999).
Hahn, Bae Ho and Chae-Jin Lee (eds.). *The Korean Peninsula and the Major Powers* (The Sejong Institute, 1998).
Heo, Uk. *The Political Economy of Defense Spending Around the World* (The Edwin Mellen Press, 1999).
Kim, Samuel and Charles Armstrong (eds.). *North Korean Foreign Relations in the Post-Cold War* (Oxford University Press, 1998)
Oberdorfer, Don. *The Two Koreas: A Contemporary History* (Basic Books, 1997).
Suh, Dae-Sook and Chae-Jin Lee (eds.) *North Korea After Kim Il Sung* (Lynne Rienner, 1998).

PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. Hang Yul Rhee of AKPSNA is president of the Korean American University Professors Association. This organization which has two thousand six hundred eighty two faculties listed in its directory, hosted the annual Academic Conference on Korean Issues at the Sheraton Nation Hotel, in Washington, D.C. on October 15-17, 1999. The theme of the conference was "The Critical Issues Challenging Korean Intellectuals in Korea and North America". Many members of AKPSNA participated. If you are interested in joining this organization please contact Prof. Jung Ho Kim, 12009 Montrose Village Terrace, Rockville, MD 20852. (voice) 301.405.5437, (FAX) 301.314.9477, (e-mail) kimjh@Glue.umd.edu.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

AKPSNA is run by your membership dues. Your timely remission of membership dues are essential for the Association's operation. If you have not paid 1999-00 membership due, please make a **\$20 CHECK** payable to AKPSNA and mail to Prof. Seung-Ho Joo, Univ. of Minnesota-Morris, 109 Camden, Morris, MN 56267. The Association welcomes donations. As 501 (3) non-profit organization, all dues and donations to AKPSNA are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**.

Receipts for your membership fees and donations available upon request.

* For **1999 AKPSNA/APSA program**, click [here](#)

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Executive Secretary/Treasurer: Seung-Ho Joo, Univ. of Minnesota-Morris

Gverning Board: (term in parenthesis)

Ipyong Kim, Univ. of Connecticut (97-00)

Hang Yul Rhee, Shepherd College (97-00)

Won Mo Dong, Southern Methodist Univ. (98-01)

Hee-Min Kim, Florida State Univ. (98-01)

Han S. Park, Univ. of Georgia (98-01)

Kyung Ae Park, Univ. of British Columbia (99-02)

Aie-Rie Lee, Texas Tech Univ. (99-02)

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