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There were two significant inaugurations this month, one of which you may have seen on C-SPAN. The other is the beginning of the linkage between the Legislative Studies Section and *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. As many of you already know, at the annual meeting in Chicago in September 2004, LSS members voted to approve the linkage proposal that I described in the July 2004 LSS Newsletter and in a later listserv message. Effective January 1, 2005, section dues increased to \$30 per year from \$10; for the additional \$20, members receive a subscription to LSQ for half the normal price. We look forward to a long association that can only benefit legislative scholarship. I want to thank Managing Editor Michelle Wiegand and Co-Editor Gerry Loewenberg of *Legislative Studies Quarterly* for initiating this proposal; thanks also to the Executive Committee of LSS (which consists of, in addition to myself, Frances Lee as Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Council members Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Gary Cox, and Larry Evans, who as Co-Editor of LSQ, removed himself from the discussion, and program co-chairs Sarah Binder and Forrest Maltzman) for helping to bring this idea to fruition.

The legislative studies program at the APSA meeting in Chicago in September was spectacular, thanks to program co-chairs Sarah Binder and Forrest Maltzman, and thanks to all of the colleagues who participated in the conference. Based on attendance at the panels, as well as the number of submissions, LSS was awarded 24 panels for 2005, one more than in 2004. By sharing panel listings with other sections, Eric Schickler, program chair for 2005, expects to be able to mount several additional panels. Eric is now hard at work with the 247 paper proposals and six full panel proposals submitted for the 2005 conference.

The most enjoyable part of any LSS meeting is always prize award ceremony. To see the names of the 2004 winners of our five prizes, go to <http://www.apsanet.org/~lss/announce.html>. There you will also find descriptions of the prizes, the names of the members of the five prize committees for this year, and the submission deadlines for the 2005 prizes. Many thanks to our colleagues who served on the 2004 prize committees and to those who have graciously agreed to serve this year.

From the Editor

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LSS members will observe an expanded list of journal articles along with a new listing of dissertations in this issue of the LSS Newsletter. We have used the good services of the OU Library to access the full menu of the CSA data base. I do the screening of a list produced by searching under "congress," "legislative," and "parliament." For 2004 this produced an initial list of 467 items. Those selected are as you find them. In screening for relevance, one encounters the difficulty that legislative students cross paths with other areas of related interest, including voting, campaigns and elections, public policy, judicial nominations, to name just a few. I have sought to include articles of relevance to the U.S. Congress, American state legislatures, and legislative and/or parliamentary institutions abroad, including the EU. I did try to be somewhat selective by, for example, omitting policy studies that did not appear to include a significant institutional component, or election studies that are not linked to institutional or representational matters. This list of articles does include many from sources that are not usually subscribed by our members, I think, and so I hope that it will serve to expand our horizons. We have made no systematic attempt to identify dissertations other than to list those found in the database. We have chosen not to list book reviews, since we have a separate section for book reviews on our web site. Please let me hear from you if you have any comments or suggestions.

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