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Dear Walter:

As you can see by the enclosed letter, Bob Savage has asked me to chair the membership committee of the Arkansas Political Science Association. Since I do not like meetings and since we all find ourselves in various parts of the state which would require a full day of driving and meetings in order to get together, I am going to attempt to convene the committee via the postal service. If we can correspond and exchange ideas perhaps we can accomplish the functions of the committee without the need for a meeting. I will act as facilitator and synthesize and circulate your suggestions to the other committee members.

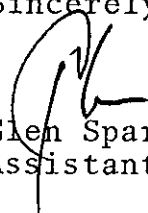
When Bob proposed the idea of a membership committee, he was primarily concerned with increasing the number of people in the association. Although this is still the primary purpose, I see the membership issue as having an impact on many other aspects of the organization. For example, it would seem that members are attracted by activities, prestige, self enhancement and convenience, among other reasons. These issues obviously touch upon areas within the association that are far beyond our jurisdiction. However, I do not see any reason not to use this committee as a forum for indicating any concerns we might have with APSA, as long as these concerns impact upon membership. In short, I guess I would like your views on how to increase membership, the various groups or interests that might be interested in participating, ways to reach potential new members, methods of interesting and involving new members and changes you see necessary in the Association that would work toward building a wider and more diverse membership. In relation to the latter point if you feel the association should not attempt to expand its membership beyond its traditional bounds, please indicate that as well.

I realize that summer is not a particularly good time to reach everyone, but hopefully you will receive this and have

time to consider the issues and respond. If you could get me your views by September 1st, I will try to circulate the various proposals and then get final responses by the first of the year. We should be able to get a final report drafted, circulated and signed by the annual meeting in February.

If you have any questions or comments on the process or anything else, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Glen Sparrow
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Enclosure