The Association of Chinese Political Studies will hold an international symposium on China's transition and ascension in conjunction with its 18th annual meeting at San Francisco State University in San Francisco, California from July 30-31, 2005. The conference will be hosted and co-sponsored by the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at San Francisco State University.

China's reform, opening-up, and development over the last two decades have had an enormous impact on the political, economic and cultural lives of the Chinese people as well as on the rest of the world. China's transition and ascension have become the two major themes in the field of China studies across all academic disciplines.

We will have around 60 attendees for the conference, which is a pretty decent size for a country study in academia. It will be a great international gathering that has attracted scholars and experts from the United States, Canada, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, and also attracted some of the nation's foremost China scholars, such as Lynn White III of Princeton, Lowell Dittmer of UC Berkeley, Brantly Womack of University of Virginia, Robert Gamer of University of Missouri, Andrew Wedeman

President on ACPS Mission and Policies

By Dr. Shiping Hua

I attended a conference in January 2005 at The American University in Washington D.C. which was attended by scholars from the United States, Japan, Taiwan, and mainland China. A Council from the Chinese Embassy was also present. I was asked by the organizer of the conference to introduce our organization. I briefly outlined some specific policies of ACPS which, for me, is an elaboration of the by-laws adopted in Beijing in June 2004.

1. Democracy (minzhu hua). All major decisions are made by the
Call For Reviewers

The Journal of Chinese Political Science has received the follow books from publishers. Anyone interested in reviewing the books, please send your request to Dr. Baogang via e-mail: bguo@em.daltonstate.edu


Membership Campaign A Success

Since the "letters campaign" was launched last November, we have collected about $6,000 in fees from our members. Our membership has also increased by over 30 percent in the last few months, reaching 263. We have awarded "Life Membership" to Professor Song Xinning, Associate Dean, School of International Studies, Renmin University of China, for his efforts in hosting our 2002 and 2004 annual meetings in Beijing. We have awarded "Honorary Membership" to Professor Liu Yawei, Associate Director of the China Election Project at the Carter Center and Professor Joel Kassiola, Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Science, San Francisco State University, for his support in hosting our 2005 annual meeting.

Member News

Dr. Baogang Guo of Dalton State College has been promoted to associate professor with tenure recently.

Dr. Cheng Li, the William R. Kenan Professor of Government at Hamilton College, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Public Intellectuals Program Advisory Committee of The National Committee on United States-China Relations. The goal of the program is to nurture a new generation of China.


Dr. Greg Moore of Eckerd College was quoted in several South China Morning Post articles in recent months about the deterioration in Sino-Japanese relations, and went to China in March with a delegation of retired American and South Korean military people.
ACPS San Francisco Conference

of University of Nebraska, Barrett McCormick of Marquette University, and some distinguished scholars from China and Taiwan. Renmin University of China is sending a delegation of six scholars headed by Professor Li Jingzhi, Dean of the School of International Studies, and Peking University is sending a delegation of four scholars headed by Professor Ye Zicheng, Chair of the Department of Diplomacy. Nankai University, and Jinan University will also come to attend the conference.

An impressive program is coming together, with several featured panels and roundtables on US-China-Taiwan triangle relations, East Asian Security, China's transition and development, which are proposed and organized by several distinguished scholars in those areas and they bring together distinguished scholars and experts of these areas to exchange their views and research findings on the topics related to the broad theme of the conference. Through the media exposure, website exposure, by mouth of attendees, and the successful organization of this academic event, the conference shall bring a welcome visibility to our association. For more information about preliminary programs and paper abstracts, please visit the conference website: http://acps.sfsu.edu/acps/meetings/ACPS2005/ACPS%2018th%20meeting.htm


Dr. Fei-ling Wang of Georgia Institute of Technology recently published the following book: Organizing Through Division and Exclusion: China’s Hukou System, Stanford University Press, 2005.

Dr. Shiping Zheng, has recently been appointed as Chair of International Studies Department, Director of Cronin International Center, Associate Professor of International Studies at Bentley College in Massachusetts.

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board, occasionally in consultation with the Advisory Committee which is made up by some past presidents of the organization. When the annual meeting is in session, major decisions are made by all members present. In principle, we accept financial support from any organization or individual, with the understanding that the record is subject to scrutinizing by the members and as long as no conditions are attached. We promise to use

ACPS functions on the basis of democracy, professionalism and pluralism

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2003 annual meetings. Recently, we have been offered a book contract and an advance book contract for the 2004 and 2005 annual meetings. I will be responsible to find an academic publisher for the 2006 annual meeting.

3. Pluralism (duoyuan hua). Our seven board members are diversified in terms of (1) ethnicity * we have a Caucasian; (2) gender * we have two women; and (3) backgrounds * we have two members who grow up in the United States, unlike those traditional ACPS members, i.e., those who grow up in China then come to the United States to pursue graduate studies. Because of this, we have attracted members with a great variety of backgrounds. For instance, about 20% of our members are non-ethnic Chinese. This process started in 1996 when ACPS changed to its present name from the original “Chinese Scholars of Political Science and International Studies.”