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Preface

The Political Organization and Parties Section of the American Political Science Association sponsored the second in a series of workshops on Wednesday, September 2, 1992. This workshop, entitled "Representing Interests and Interest Representation," included a panel of scholars presenting brief papers on researching interest groups and a panel of Chicago-area interest group leaders responding from their personal experience. The results of these panels are included in this publication, the goal of which is to make the results of the workshop available to students of interest groups.

The second POP workshop resulted from a great deal of work on the part of many people. Special recognition goes to Bill Crotty and Mildred Schwartz, who organized the scholarly and practitioner panels, respectively, and helped edit the resulting materials. The leadership of POP, particularly the Chair, Gerry Pomper, and the Program Chair, Ruth Jones, were instrumental in organizing the workshop as well. We are grateful to the participating scholars and practitioners who graciously consented to have their remarks reprinted here. Special thanks goes to James Guth for reading and commenting on the entire manuscript, Kimberly Haverkamp and Shannon Little of the Bliss Institute for their careful work on the manuscript, and to Maureen Munchaster and the University Press of America, with whom this volume is co-published.

The Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics is a bipartisan research and teaching institute at The University of Akron, dedicated to understanding the "nuts and bolts" of practical politics with a particular emphasis on political parties and related organizations. Thus we are pleased to make available the results of the second POP workshop. This volume parallels one from the first POP workshop, *Machine Politics, Sound Bites and Nostalgia: On Studying Political Parties*, which was co-published in 1993.

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