

**BY - LAWS**  
**SECTION ON ORGANIZATIONS, OCCUPATIONS, AND WORK**

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The purpose of the Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work is to foster the development of these branches of sociology through the stimulation of research and the communication of knowledge. Encouragement shall be given to the attainment of this general purpose by facilitating meetings, publications, and such other means as are deemed appropriate by the Executive Council of the Section. The terms, organizations, occupations and work shall be interpreted in the broadest way to include concepts and theories in such areas such as jobs and earnings, industrial sociology, sociology of professions, stratification, labor markets, and economic sociology.

**Officers of the Section:** The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Chair-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer. Only those ASA members who are also members of the Section shall be eligible to hold office. The student member serving on Council need only be a member of the ASA. The Chair-Elect will automatically become Chair in the year following election and will take office on the last day of the annual meetings of the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for a term of three years. There shall be a Council consisting of six members who are regular members of ASA and one student member. Each of the regular members serve for three years with two council seats being vacated each year. The student member serves for one year. Officers shall not succeed themselves. The outgoing Chair, the Chair-Elect and the Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as members of the Council along with the elected members, with the Chair acting as Chair of the Council. If the Chair is vacated it shall be filled by the Chair-Elect. It is the responsibility of the outgoing Chair to assist the incoming Chair with Section activities that extend into the Fall following the ASA meetings.

**Powers of the Officers:** The Council is vested in principle with the power to carry out all necessary operations for the Section, acting as the representative of the members of the Section. Any action of the Section, including changes of the By-Laws, may be brought to the vote of the Section by the Council, by 10 per cent of the members of the Section or by 25 members of the Section, whichever is less. Questions that are interpreted by the Council to be matters of new program development or policy shall be brought before the membership for discussion.

**Elections and Voting:** The elections of the Section shall be carried out in cooperation with the American Sociological Association and coordinated to their schedule.

**Standing Committees:** Members of committees shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Council. Other committees may be established on an ad hoc basis.

There shall be a Committee on Nominations constituted of at least three members. The members of the Nominating Committee shall serve one year.

Coordinating its schedule with that of the ASA, it will solicit nominations from membership and present two candidates for each office.

There shall be a Committee on Publications of at least three members. The Chair of the Publications Committee shall serve as editor of the Section Newsletter. The Chair of the Publications Committee may serve as long as three years.

There shall be a Program Committee of at least three members charged with developing sessions. The Chair is encouraged to consult with organizers of other sessions in order to place papers and create coherent sessions.

There shall be a Membership Committee of at least three members. The Chair of the committee will coordinate membership activities with the program committee and any other committees that are appropriate for the purpose of identifying potential members.

**Award Committees:** The Chairs of the three award committees are encouraged to coordinate deadlines and publicity to encourage submissions for award nominations. Plaques are ordinarily given to the winners of all three awards.

There shall be a Max Weber Award Committee of at least three members charged with soliciting and evaluating nominations for an outstanding book or article (in alternative years), published within three prior calendar years of the award. The author need not be a section member; authors may nominate their own work.

There shall be a James Thompson Award Committee of at least three members charged with soliciting and evaluating nominations for an outstanding paper written by a graduate student(s) during the three calendar years prior to the award. The author(s) need not be section member(s); nominations may be made by the author(s) or any section member. The award recipient serves for one year on Council and receives a monetary award to attend a professional meeting.

There shall be a W. Richard Scott Award Committee of at least three members charged with soliciting and evaluating nominations for an outstanding article, published within three prior calendar years of the award. The authors need not be section members; authors may nominate their own work.

**Membership:** The membership of the Section shall be drawn from membership of the American Sociological Association in accordance with the Association's membership rules. Members who do not pay their Section dues shall be suspended.

**Dues:** Dues shall be set by the Council, in accord with the requirements of Article V, Section 15, of the By-Laws of the American Sociological Association.

