

PEACE, WAR, AND SOCIAL CONFLICT
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The purpose of the Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict is to foster the development and application of sociological theories and methods for the understanding and study of dynamics of collective conflict and its prevention, conduct, and resolution. Included is the study of military institutions and conflict between collectivities such as countries, ethnic groups, political movements, and religious groups. Also included are the roles of military organizations, other government organizations, non-governmental organizations and social movements.

The Section facilitates the work of its members in several ways. First, Section meetings bring together sociologists working in related, but too-often separate, traditions and subject areas related to peace, war, and social conflict. Second, the section assists in the development of new courses and innovative approaches to teaching by facilitating exchange of curricular materials. Third, the section encourages publication in the field. These objectives are pursued through organized meetings and conferences, publications and other means deemed appropriate by the Council of the Section.

Officers of the Section. The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, a Chair-Elect, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Chair-Elect will automatically become Chair in the year following his or her office as Chair-Elect. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for a period of three years. There shall be a Council with six regular members, each serving for three years, with two council seats being vacated and filled each year. A seventh member, who must be a graduate student during the entirety of his or her term, will serve a one-year term. The Chair, Chair-Elect, the immediate Past-Chair, and the Secretary-treasurer shall serve as members of the Council, with the Chair acting as Chair of the Council. The Chair shall preside over meetings of the Council and the Section Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer shall present to each new council member the current draft of the section by-laws, and the current draft of the ASA Manual on Sections. The Chair shall plan the program for the Annual Meeting. The Chair-Elect shall assume the duties of the Chair in the latter's absence or incapacity.

Powers of the Officers. The Council is vested in principle with the power to carry out all necessary operations for the Section, acting as representative for the membership 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 a petition of 10 percent 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 (at meetings, in the newsletter, on the website, and/or the listserv). In the event of death, resignation, incapacity or inactivity of the Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, or Council member, the council acting on the initiative of any member thereof, may designate an interim officer to perform the functions of that office for a period of at most one year. Such action shall require the approval of two-thirds of the council members. The interim officer so designated may be any member of the Section,

including a member already holding another office or membership on the Council. In case of death or resignation, or in the case of the continued incapacity or inactivity of an officer for a period longer than the one year permitted for an interim officer, the Council shall call for the election of a replacement at the time of the regular annual election, and the elected replacement shall fill the remainder of the term of office.

Elections and Voting. The elections of the Section shall be carried out in cooperation with the American Sociological Association, according to its rules, and coordinated to its schedule. Two persons shall be nominated for each vacant position. Newly elected officers shall assume their offices during the annual business meeting held each year at the American Sociological Association meeting, or the Section Council meeting if it occurs after the business meeting.

Committee on Nominations. There shall be a Committee on Nominations, appointed each year by the Chair with recommendations and approval of the Council. This is accomplished when the Council convenes at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. The membership of the Nominating Committee shall be constituted of at least three members. Two candidates shall be presented for each office by the Committee on Nominations. For the graduate student representative on the Council, two candidates who will be graduate students for the duration of their one-year term shall also be presented.

Membership Committee. A Membership Committee shall have the task of trying to maintain current Section members and recruit new members whose scholarly interests relate to the sociology of peace, war, military institutions, and/or social conflict. This committee shall be composed of a Membership Chair, an immediate past Membership Chair, two regular members, and one graduate student member. The term of the Membership Chair will normally be one year, followed by an additional year of service in an advisory capacity to the newly appointed Membership Chair, to ensure the communication of membership recruitment rules and procedures. The Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Council.

Communications Committee. The Communications Committee of the Peace, War, and Social Conflict (PWSC) section shall be responsible for: 1) Writing and distributing a section newsletter six times a year; 2) Conveying notable section-related information on email, Twitter or other appropriate social media outlets; 3) Maintaining the section's website (<https://www.asanet.org/communities/sections/sites/peace-war-and-social-conflict>) and its subsidiary pages; 4) Hosting periodic virtual coffee hours; 5) Identifying other avenues of communication appropriate for conveying information about the PWSC; and 6) Conveying section Communications activity to ASA as required. The committee shall be composed of the Newsletter Editor, the Social Media Communicator, the Website Editor, the coffee hour host, and the communications coordinator. The Communications Committee shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Council. In order to maintain continuity and minimize the number of new committee members to be identified in any specific year, terms will be as follows: Communication Coordinator: three year terms; Newsletter Editor: Two year initial, with all subsequent appointments for three years; Web Editor: Initial one year appointment,

with all subsequent appointments for three years; Social Media: Two year appointments; Coffee Hour Host: three year appointments.

Elise Boulding Student Paper Award. The Section shall give a student paper award named in honor of Elise Boulding to recognize her contributions to the study of peace and her role as a founding member of the Section. Submissions are solicited from students. While graduate students need to be section members to be eligible, in the case of undergraduates, only the nominator (e.g., faculty member), needs to be a section member. Both graduate students and undergraduates who are not currently section members can be gifted section membership if they are current members of ASA. An Elise Boulding Paper Award Committee of at least two regular Section members, usually those in their first year on the Council, and one graduate student member, if possible the winner of the previous year's award, shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Council. The term of office on the Committee shall be one year (though the same members may serve a second year). The graduate student member shall only adjudicate the undergraduate student paper submissions. This Committee shall read the submitted papers to determine whether to give an award that year. There shall usually be a minimum of one award each year, though there is the possibility of an honorable mention and , in the event that the quality of the submissions warrant, there can be separate undergraduate student and graduate student paper awards.

Robin Williams Award for Distinguished Contributions to Scholarship, Teaching, and Service. The Section will give an award to recognize an extraordinary sociologist's career of service, scholarship, mentorship, and teaching in Peace, War, and Social Conflict. Calls for nominations will be publicized to the section and the ASA; the winner should have been a member of the Section at some point during their career. Over several years this award should recognize scholars from the various subfields of the discipline (military sociology, social conflict, peace studies, international relations, security studies, etc.). The Career Award Committee will be comprised of the current Section Chair, the Past Chair, and the Chair-Elect. The Committee will read the nominations and examine aspects of each nominee's career to determine the winner.

Outstanding Article Award. The Section shall give an article award to recognize the contribution of an article or chapter in an edited volume to the fields of peace, war, and/or social conflict from submissions to a general call. The authors are required to be members of the Section to be eligible. The Outstanding Article Award Committee will consist of at least two regular Section members, usually those in their second year on the Council, and the winner of the previous year's award and shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Council. If there is a conflict of interest a different Section member will be appointed to the committee to replace the member with a conflict of interest. The term of office on the Committee shall be one year (though the same members may serve a second year). This Committee shall read the submitted articles to determine the award's winner. There shall usually be one award each year, though there is the possibility of an honorable mention and, in the event that the quality of the submissions warrant, there may be no winner.

Outstanding Book Award. The Section shall give an award to recognize the

contribution of a book, including encyclopedias and edited volumes, to the fields of peace, war, and/or social conflict from submissions to a general call. The authors are required to be members of the Section to be eligible. The Outstanding Book Award Committee will consist of at least two regular Section members, usually those in their third year on the Council, and the winner of the previous year's award and shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Council; if there is a conflict of interest, a third Section member will be appointed to the committee. The term of office on the Committee shall be one year (though the same members may serve a second year). This Committee shall read the submitted books to determine the award's winner. There shall usually be one award each year, though there is the possibility of an honorable mention and, in the event that the quality of the submissions warrant, there may be no winner.

Ad Hoc Committees. Other Committees shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Council on an ad hoc basis. Whenever practicable and appropriate, ad hoc committees shall include one graduate student.

Membership. The membership of the Section shall be drawn from members of the American Sociological Association who pay their dues

Dues. The Council of the American Sociological Association shall from time to time determine the base dues for membership in the Section. Additional dues may be recommended by the Section Council and shall take effect if approved by written ballot of the members of the Section.