

2023 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Drugs and Society

Introduction

Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section's vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2022 to August 2023 and a fiscal year from January 2023 to December 2023. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

Section Governance

Provide details of your Section's governance activity during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

Business Meeting

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

See attached files: ASA 2023 Drugs and Society Business Meeting - AGENDA; ADT 2023 Business Meeting Minutes (includes count of members present and decisions made)

Council Meeting

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes of all council meetings. Minutes must include a list of council members present and a summary of decisions made. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

Council members conducted discussions and made decisions via email as required. As such there were no official council meetings but Council provided input and developed materials for membership on an as-needed basis.

Awards

Provide a list of Section awards and awardees conferred in the past year.

Senior Scholar: Margaret Kelley, University of Kansas

Junior Scholar: two awardees were selected

- Guangzhen Wu, University of Utah
- Scott Duxbury, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Best Student Paper Award:

- DiMario, Anthony. 2022. To Punish, Parent, or Palliate: Governing Urban Poverty through Institutional Failure. *American Sociological Review*, 87(5): 860–888.

Distinguished Scholarly Paper Award:

- Lindsay, Sadé L and Mike Vuolo. 2021. Criminalized or Medicalized? Examining the Role of Race in Responses to Drug Use. *Social Problems*, 68(4): 942–963.

2023 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2023 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2023. Please account for any substantive differences.

Our total net assets up to the period ending on September 30, 2023 were \$8,273. This year there was expenditures (\$2,430) were over and above total income (\$1,296) owing to increased expenses associated with the annual reception. In future, we will be exploring strategies to reduce annual reception costs or consider alternate reception strategies.

The Previous Year

Describe Section activities during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

Provide an overview of the Section's communications with its members and include explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Section. Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.

The section undertook a number of initiatives over the year to fulfill its goal of encouraging research, teaching, and the examination of professional concerns in the study of the sociology of substance use and misuse, its context, and associated problems. While membership was not as active as hoped on the ASA connect platform, the section and its members nevertheless promoted communication and collaboration among scholars in this domain. They achieved this through: notices about upcoming webinars and meetings of note, available job opportunities, and recent relevant publications; sharing information about academic opportunities; and the solicitation and provision of advice about publication strategies and research opportunities. The section maintains an active social media presence on X (previously twitter; @ASADrugSoc), facebook (Facebook.com/ASADrugsSoc/) and newly on Mastodon (sciences.social/@asadrugsoc).

Describe the Section's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?

The section seeks to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion at all levels. This year, steps taken to achieve this include the recruitment of new diverse members, including targeted personal emails to prospective members to support recruitment efforts, the election of Council members who expand our representational diversity, and the promotion of research into marginalized populations, in order to bring attention to communities often overlooked in academia. We additionally undertook measures to expand our Council membership, proposing and passing bylaws to include student representation on Council, with the first election of a student representative to occur in spring 2024. Our annual meeting programming, as described below, also tended to considerations of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Provide an overview of the section's programming at the annual meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g. intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

At the ASA Annual meeting in Philadelphia, the Section held round tables on: Media Influences on Perceptions of Substance Use; Race-Ethnicity, Structural Inequalities, and Stigma; and Sociolegal Perspectives on Drug Use-Related Policy and Governance. It also held a session on Substance Use Initiation, Maintenance and Desistance across the Life Course. This programming

fulfilled the sections' values and goals by advancing scholarship on key sociological dimensions (i.e. inequity, institutional governance, etc.) with direct impact on substance use, offering a wide range of perspectives in sociological substance use scholarship, and providing professional development opportunities for scholars across career stages.

Provide an overview of the Section's programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g. webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

Drugs and Society provided information regarding a number of webinars, presentations, calls for proposals, research opportunities and professional opportunities through ASA Connect. Our annual reception was successful, with an attendance estimate of 75 individuals.

ASA 2023 Drugs and Society Business Meeting
19 August 2023
AGENDA

1. Chair's Report: Lindsey Richardson
 - a. 2023 Award Winners
 - b. 2023-2024 Office Holders
 - c. Changes to Drugs & Society Bylaws
 - d. Membership Updates
 - e. Annual Report
2. Treasurer's Report – Jason Ford
 - a. Updated Budget
 - b. Request for Budget Approval
3. Action Items
 - a. Transition Back to Listserv
 - b. Membership Engagement
 - c. Membership Growth
 - d. Committee Membership for 2023-2024
 - e. Reminder of Section Sessions and Annual Reception
4. Other Business

2023 Updated Budget Numbers

American Sociological Assn
 Section on Drugs and Society (30)
 For the Period Ended June 30, 2023

INCOME & EXPENSE	Year To Date	Acct #
Income		
Dues Income	\$81	37200
Other Income	400	37220
Section Budget Allocation	773	37250
Total Income	1,254	
Expenses		
Annual Meeting Reception Expens...	500	37300
Total Expenses	500	
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	\$754	
NET ASSETS		
Net Assets - Beginning Balance	\$9,807	
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	754	
Net Assets - Ending Balance	\$10,561	

ASA Drugs & Society Business Meeting Agenda

August 19, 2023

The meeting convened promptly at 11:00 am. There were 26 members in attendance at the beginning or for a part of the Business Meeting.

A. Chair Report – Lindsey Richardson

1. Congratulations to 2023 Award Winners

- i. Senior Scholar: Margaret Kelley, University of Kansas
- ii. Junior Scholar:
 1. Guangzhen Wu, University of Utah
 2. Scott Duxbury, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- iii. Best Student Paper Award:
 1. DiMario, Anthony. 2022. To Punish, Parent, or Palliate: Governing Urban Poverty through Institutional Failure. *American Sociological Review*, 87(5): 860–888.
- iv. Distinguished Scholarly Paper Award:
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2. Officers

- i. Chair – Thanks to Alice Cepeda for her service over the last three years.
 1. Chair: Andrew S. London, Syracuse University (2023)
 2. *Chair-Elect: Tanya Nieri, University of California, Riverside (2024)
 3. Past Chair: Lindsey Richardson, University of British Columbia (2022)
- ii. Secretary/Treasurer – We thank Jason Ford for his service over the last two years.
 1. Joshua Stout, Shepherd University (2023-2025)
- iii. Council Members – Thanks to Tanya Nieri for her service the past two years.
 1. Scott Duxbury, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (2022-2024)
 2. Ricky Bluthenthal, University of Southern California (2023-2025)

3. Changes to [Drugs & Society Bylaws](#):

- i. Cleanup of language around Section Council membership
- ii. Addition of student representation
 1. Addition of a student member:
 - a. One-year term, elected annually
 - b. First election will happen in conjunction with 2024 Elections, representation on Section Council will begin after 2024 Annual Meeting in Montreal.

4. Membership

- i. Current tally is 124 (down from 129 in 2022, but much smaller decline than the mid-COVID drop that happened across all sections).
- ii. Various actions taken this year to increase membership (e.g. individualized emails that got several new people to sign up).
- iii. Discussion at the end of the meeting to talk about ways to increase membership.

5. Annual Report Due Nov. 15th (asa.org/sectionleaders for templates)

As announced in April 2022, there is no longer a minimum number of members a Section needs to maintain before triggering probationary consideration. The mandatory three-year probation review has also been abolished. Instead, Annual Reports will be used by the Sections Committee to assess the health and vitality of a Section. ASA Council may still put a Section on probationary status if recommended by the Sections Committee. If a Section is put on probationary status, an explanation will be provided and a timeline for improvement articulated.

B. Treasurer's Report – Jason Ford

- Current financial position is good – slight increase in budget for annual reception due to increased costs of holding events.

C. Action Items – Lindsey Richardson

1. ASA Connect transition back to Listserve format

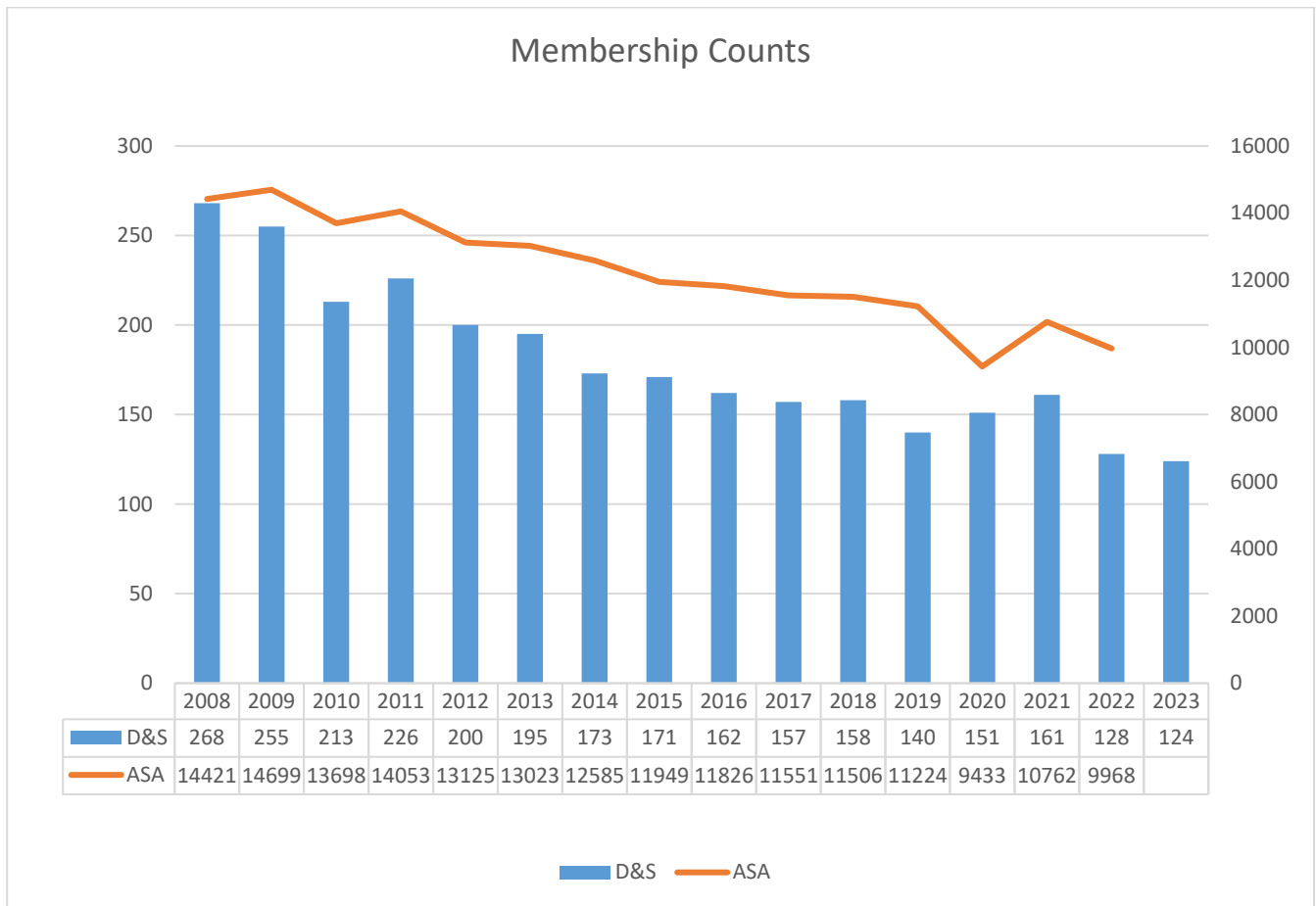
- i. Phasing out
- ii. Will happen immediately following the 2023 Annual Meeting
- iii. Be sure to download any documents in the library you wish to have, follow directions from ASA emails about making sure you are on all the listserves for relevant sections.

2. Membership Engagement

- i. Member activities: Currently hoping to increase information shared with membership about others' activities (i.e. through a newsletter or other fora). Do we have any volunteers to work on membership engagement? Or do we want to beef up our monthly update emails that come from Chair to highlight member activities?
 - o Research highlights – student hire?
 - o Newsletter?
- ii. Any interest in getting a webinar series going that features work among members of the Section? Really incredible scholarship happening. (Webinar featuring papers, research in progress, etc.?)

3. Membership Growth

- i. Total Members – D&S 2023 membership is currently 122 (see ASA total membership back to 1960 [here](#))



ii. Strategies to increase profile/membership discussed

1. Ad hoc “Membership Committee”
2. ASA webinar?
3. Joint Activities with other Sections
4. Gift Memberships

You can gift an ASA membership to students, or a Section membership to existing ASA members of any membership type. The deadline is July 31. However, the sooner you give a gift membership, the sooner the recipient can begin to enjoy the benefits of membership and learn more about the Section.

5. Others?

4. Committee Membership – 2023 Thank You and New 2024

- i. Program (Chair-Elect as default only member)
- ii. Distinguished Scholarly Paper Committee
- iii. Student Paper Committee

- iv. Senior Scholar Award Committee
- v. Junior Scholar Award Committee (last winner often Chair)
- vi. Nominations Committee (Past Chair as default Committee Chair)
- vii. Public Engagement Liaison/Social Media

2022	Scholarly Paper	Student Paper	Senior Scholar	Junior Scholar	Nomination	Program
Chair	Joshua Stout (chair)	Andrew Chelius (Chair)	Mike Vuolo (chair)	Suzanne Walters	Alice Cepeda	Andrew London
2	Tanya Nieri	Jason Ford	Richard Wilsnack	Andrew London	Logan	
3	Logan Neitzke-Sprull	Luke Novak	Craig Reinerman	Dina Perrone		

2023	Scholarly Paper	Student Paper	Senior Scholar	Junior Scholar	Nomination	Program
Chair	Joshua Stout	Andrew Chelius	Margaret Kelley	Scott Duxbury	Lindsey Richardson	Tanya Nieri
2	Alice Cepeda	Lindsey Richardson	Brian Kelley	Gary Wu		
3	Anthony Dimario	Mark Pawson	Henry Brownstein	Mike Vuolo		

5. ASA 2024 Meeting – August 9-13, 2023, Montreal, QC

- i. One session and roundtables
- ii. One regular session
- iii. Theme = Intersectional Solidarities: Building Communities of Hope, Justice, and Joy
- iv. Session Title Ideas discussed

D. Reminder of Monday Session, and This Evening’s Reception (Joint with SSSP)

- Monday, August 21st - **Multi-Institutional (Mis)Management of Substance Use**
 Pennsylvania Convention Center, 100 Level, 106B, 10:00-11:30am
 Contemporary Sociological Perspectives on Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery
- Reception at the Trestle Inn, 339 N 11th St, Philadelphia, PA 6-9 PM

E. Other Business?

F. Pass the Baton to New Chair: Andrew London