

BY-LAWS OF THE SECTION ON ASIA AND ASIAN AMERICA
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The purpose of the section on Asian and Asian America is to enhance cooperation between Asia, Asian America, and global community through organized meetings and conferences, newsletters, and other means deemed appropriate by the council of the section. These cooperative undertakings may include professional exchanges, joint research, sociological dialogues, information networks, and scholarly visits.

The section will aim at strengthening theoretical and methodological aspects of Asian and Asian American studies.

Officers of the Section: The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Chair-elect, Past Chair, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Chair shall serve for one year. The Chair-Elect shall serve for one year, after which he/she will assume the Chairship. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve for a period of three years. The Secretary Treasurer shall also serve as Newsletter Editor. There shall be a Council consisting of seven members, each serving three years, with two Council seats being vacated each year. The exception is the student representative who is elected every year. The Chair, Chair-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as members of the Council. No member can hold two elective offices simultaneously. If an elected officer is elected to another office, his/her prior office shall be declared vacant. If an elected office is vacated before the term is completed, it shall be filled through appointment by the Chair for the unexpired term, but this appointment must be confirmed by the Council at its next meeting.

Powers of the Officers: The Council is vested, in principle, with the power to carry out all necessary operations for the Section. The Council shall make decisions by majority rule of its attending members. 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 twenty-five members of the Section, whichever is less.

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

Committees: There shall be a Committee on Nominations appointed each year by the Council when it convenes at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. One member of the Committee on Nominations shall be designated by the Council as Chair of the Section each year shall be a member (but not the Chair) of the Committee on Nominations in the following year. At least two candidates will be presented for each office by the Committee on Nominations.

There shall be a Committee on Asian and Asian American studies which shall aid those responsible for the sessions in this field at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, etc. The Committee shall be appointed by the Council of the Section.

There shall be a Committee on Current Research appointed by the Council. The purpose of the committee is to assist in compiling reports on current research for purposes of a Newsletter and similar periodic reports.

There shall be a Committee on Liaison, appointed by the council, to maintain liaison with other groups concerned with community research. The Committee may investigate possibilities for joint conferences and provide for other joint activities that are consistent with the goals of the Section.

Other Committees shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Council.

Activities: There shall be one business meeting and at least one substantive meeting to be held for members of the Section at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association.

Membership: The membership of the Section is open to any member of the American Sociological Association without regard to the classification of his/her membership, who has expressed an interest in Asia and Asian American. Elected officers and committee members shall be drawn from the members of the American Sociological Association who have voting privileges. Members who do not pay their Section dues shall be suspended and dropped from the rolls after two years.

DUES: Dues shall be sent by the Council to cover the operation of the Section in accord with the requirements of the American Sociological Association.