

## **PEACE, WAR, AND SOCIAL CONFLICT BY-LAWS**

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 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 members, each serving for three years, with two council seats being vacated and filled each year. 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.

**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).

**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

**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 non

overlapping from year to year, and shall be constituted of at least five members. Two candidates shall be presented for each office by the Committee on Nominations

**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. The

**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 (who do not need to be members to be eligible). An Elise Boulding Paper Award Committee of at least three Section members 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). 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. Membership Committee shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Council.

**Robin Williams Award for Distinguished Contributions to Scholarship, Teaching, and Service.** The Section shall give an Award for Distinguished Contributions to Scholarship, Teaching, and Service named to honor Robin Williams to recognize his contributions to the study of social conflict, conflict resolution, and war and his role as a founding members of the section. This award shall honor a Section member who has had an outstanding scholarly career in the study of peace, war, genocide, military institutions, or social conflict, and/or has given outstanding service to the A.S.A. Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict. Nominations shall be solicited from Section members. The choice of award recipient shall be made by a committee consisting of the Section Chair (who shall chair the committee), the Chair-Elect, and the immediate Part-Chair.

Other Committees shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Council on an ad hoc basis.

**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.