Annual Report for the History of Sociology Section

For membership year 2016-2017

Prepared by Peter Kivisto, Past Chair of the Section.

November 20, 2017
Section Governance
This first section of the report details your section’s governance activity during the last year.

Business Meeting
This portion of the report should include an agenda, a count or list of members present and a copy of the meeting’s minutes. If no minutes are available, please provide a summary of decisions made at this meeting.

History of Sociology Business Meeting

14 August 2017, 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.
Montreal, Canada; Palais des Congrès, Rom 512G

Agenda

I. Welcome

II. Election Results

III. Membership and Budget

IV. Newsletter

V. Section Initiatives and Projects

VI. Section Awards

VII. Plans for the upcoming period

VIII. Other Issues

IX. Closing

Participants (in alphabetical order):

J. I. (Hans) Bakker
Jill Brantley
MINUTES

I. Welcome

Peter Kivisto, chair of the section for the period 2016-2017, welcomes all the participants.

II. Election Results

Kivisto announced that in the elections earlier this year, the following persons have been elected to positions in the section:

- Chair-Elect: John Mohr, UC Santa Barbara
- Secretary-Treasurer: Daniel Huebner, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- Council Members:
  - Christian Daye, Alpen-Adria University
  - Laura Ford, Bard College
- Student Representative: Brandon Sepulvedo, University of Notre Dame

David Swartz will take over as the new chair at the end of this business meeting.

III. Membership and Budget

Kivisto notes, in reiteration of the previous council meeting, that there is a perennial concern about small sections including the History of Sociology section, and that the ASA has approved a moratorium on new section formation. There is a need to indicate that the History of Sociology is a vibrant section. At its present size, the section receives only one paper session at ASA and has a small budget, which includes a joint reception August 14, 2017, 6:30pm at the Palais des Congrès 517B.
Dayé reports that as of August 14, 2016, the History of Sociology section as 160 members. At the beginning of the year, the section had a balance of $1731 and expects to hand over to the next year a balance of approximately $1606 after the expenses of awards and reception.

IV. Newsletter

The History of Sociology section produced a newsletter this year, which relies upon the work of student representatives, Christine Bucior and Brandon Sepulvado. Section members are urged to contribute notices of publications and other items to Christine Bucior or to David Swartz, because the newsletter is intended to serve the section members. Kivisto thanks the student representatives for their continued efforts.

V. Section Initiatives and Projects

Kivisto reported that each ASA section has been asked to identify a liaison for the new public relations employee at the ASA central office, and that the section council decided that the liaison will be the current chair for the section. This means David Swartz will be the first liaison for this position starting at the end of the present conference.

Dayé noted that the History of Sociology section succeeded in filling the candidate rosters, having committees that were successful in choosing awardees for the section awards, and in general fulfilling what ASA expects of a working, vital section. However, the section did not realize any larger projects.

VI. Section Awards

The ASA History of Sociology Section awards three prizes each year, and at the start of the year establishes a panel for each award. This year the results are as follows:

GRADUATE STUDENT PRIZE
Taylor Paige Winfield, Princeton University

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Award presented by committee chairperson Gary A. Fine

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARLY PUBLICATION AWARD
Stephen P. Turner, University of South Florida
Award presented by committee chairperson Natalia Ruiz-Junco

Fine made a motion to expand the time period of publications to be considered for the Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award from 2 to 4 years. The motion was seconded and put to a vote, and passed 19 to 1.
Kivisto expresses his gratitude to the members of the award committees.

**VII. Plans for upcoming period**

Kivisto asked the incoming chair to provide a brief statement on plans for the upcoming period. David Swartz asked Kivisto to put together notes on the history of the section. He asks section members to keep an eye out for good presentations from graduate students and others for award nominations. He suggests collecting syllabi on the history of sociology for possible posting on the section’s website. He notes that section members should expect an email with suggestions on how to organize session for next year’s conference, noting that the section will have an additional session because it will be on the last day of the conference. Finally, there are plans in the works for a joint mini-conference with the Comparative-Historical Sociology section concurrent with the upcoming 2018 ASA meeting.

**IX. Other Issues**

Kivisto opened discussion of other concerns to section members. Jill Brantley suggests that the section would seek to participate with the smaller universities and colleges to help put together histories of sociology at those institutions. Most sections do not have histories of their section, either, and the section could reach out to others about preparing them. Brantley also noted that Michael Murphy, who is taking over as contact person for the section at the ASA central office, is a supporter of the history of sociology and received a special section award at one point for his efforts to produce the short biographies of past presidents of ASA that appear on the association’s website.

**X. Closing**

Kivisto thanks the participants for coming and closes the meeting.
Section Council Meeting

In this portion of the report, please discuss your section’s deliberations at its Council Meeting. This portion of the report should include an agenda, a count or list of members present and a copy of the meeting's minutes. If no minutes are available, please provide a summary of decisions made by the Section Council. Please include information on all other Council Meetings conducted during the previous year.

History of Sociology Council Meeting

14 August 2017, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Montreal, Canada; Palais des Congrès, Rom 512G

Agenda

I. Welcome
II. Present State of the Section
III. Section Awards
IV. Plans for the coming two years
V. Budget
VI. Public Engagement Liaison
VII. Closing

Participants (in alphabetical order):

- J. I. (Hans) Bakker (council member)
- Martin Bulmer (outgoing chair)
- Christine Bucior (student representative)
- Christian Daye (outgoing secretary/treasurer)
- Marcel Fournier
- Daniel Huebner (secretary/treasurer)
- Peter Kivisto (chair)
- John Mohr (chair elect)
- George Steinmetz (council member)
- David Swartz (incoming chair)
I. Welcome

Peter Kivisto, chair of the section for the period 2016-2017, welcomes all the participants. He gives special thanks to outgoing secretary treasurer Christian Daye.

II. Present State of the Section

Kivisto reports that the History of Sociology section is one of six sections that do not meet the minimum requirements for sections size at ASA (300 members), a perennial issue raised at council meetings. The current number is 160 members. There is a new ASA executive officer, Michael Murphy, replacing Justin Lini, so this may have an impact on these issues. There is now a moratorium on new section formation. Martin Bulmer previously wrote a rationale for the existence of the section. One of the problems with recruiting graduate students is that the history of sociology is not taught as a separate class in most curricula. About 40% of the section’s members overlap with the Theory section, and last year Neil Gross suggested combining with the Theory section. Daye notes that it is important to be sure that the section maintains a newsletter, awards, and fills the candidate rosters to signal that it is a vital section to the ASA.

Kivisto approached a number of people to develop an understanding of the history of the section. The section began in the late 1990s. Pat Lengermann and Jill Brantley, who talked with Kivisto, were instrumental in helping form the section. The section first began as an interest group for a while. When the section was founded there was already under 300, the second year of its existence is the only year it had over 300 members. Kivisto suggested writing up a history of the section. Mohr suggests that the list of members could be circulated to the section council members, who could then invite people who are not on the list but should be.

Kivisto notes that there is a new public relations person for ASA, and that every section is requested to have a liaison with that employee in case requests for media coverage are made through the ASA. The general consensus was that the chair should serve as liaison.

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The committees were satisfied overall this year with the number of nominations for the awards, but people should be further encouraged to nominate or self-nominate. Steinmetz suggested reaching out to people who publish in the history of sociology but are members of other sections. There may be points of contact with other organizations, including the Research Committee in the History of Sociology at ISA.

IV. Plans for the coming years
Last year, the section council agreed on co-sponsoring a pre-conference with the Comparative-Historical section in Philadelphia. Steinmetz noted that what they will need is need volunteers to recruit papers and keynote speakers. The idea was discussed to organize a roundtable session during the first hour of the time allocated at future ASA conferences for the section’s council/business meeting. Daye also noted that the section council meeting does not have to happen during an allocated session, or could also happen concurrently with a roundtable session. However, action was postponed until after 2018, because the section’s meetings are on the last day of the conference, meaning the section will have an additional section timeslot. Kivisto turned over the discussion to the incoming section chairs to discuss what they would like to suggest for the future. Swartz offered suggestions including collecting syllabi for courses that teach the history of sociology, perhaps making them available through the section’s website. He suggested reviving an older ASA resolution on the teaching of the history of sociology. Swartz picked up on the earlier suggestion to circulate the membership of the section to the council members in the fall in the interest of having council members contact people who should be on the list.

Mohr proposes looking into was happening in the profession 100 years ago, looking into the move toward digitization of archives, and being attentive to what is coming out of the section itself.

V. Budget
The decision on the budget for the next year was postponed until the final costs for the reception were determined. The decision will then be taken via circular resolution.

VI. Closing
Kivisto thanks the participants for coming and closes the meeting and transitions to the Business Meeting.
State of the Section Budget
Did your section operate within its budget for this year? Please include a copy of last year’s projected budget and compare it with actual expenses.

The attached provides evidence that we stayed within budget during the past year and go forward with $1,930 rolled over to the new fiscal year.

An operating budget for the coming year approved by the Section Council.
A separate spreadsheet is provided to calculate the planning budget and track expenses. Please work with your Section’s Secretary Treasurer on this point. The budget is of critical importance to the Committee on Sections and must be included with the section’s annual report.
# History of Sociology

## Report for Current Year

Note: All checked areas are self-calculating. This budget template only covers activity for your section’s primary account. Any restricted accounts and endowed funds must be monitored and reported on separately. Please use the notes box to provide information on miscellaneous or other expenditures.

For more information please contact the Section Coordinator, Justin Lii (JLii@asanet.org)

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#### Notes
- Memberships may not be funded from allocated funds. Funds must be raised for this purpose.

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**Total:** $1064.00
**History of Sociology**

Use this sheet to assist with planning for the next year. **All operating budgets must be approved by the section council.**

For more information please contact the Section Coordinator, Justin Lini (lini@asanc.org).

**Budget for Next Year**

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**Description**

*A* is determined by the overall membership size. Sections with fewer than 200 members receive a base allocation of $500. Sections with less than 300 members but more than 200 members receive a base allocation of: (# of section members minus 100) multiplied by 5. Sections with more than 300 members receive a base allocation of $1,000. In addition, the section receives two dollars from dues of each member. To calculate this amount enter your section’s membership in the shaded box on the left. See your monthly membership report update for these numbers.

**Levied Dues**

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**Description**

Any dues raised by the sections in excess of the base rate go directly to the section’s coffers. The base rate is $10 for regular members, $5 for students and $10 for associate (low income) members. Subscription fees for Section Journals are not added here. To calculate this, add regular members to the light shaded box, student members to the middle shaded box, and low income members to the dark shaded box on the left hand side. See your monthly membership report update for these numbers.

**Contributions**

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**Description**

These are funds raised from members.

**Royalties**

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**Description**

Royalties donated by members or generated through other activities.

**Outside Contributions**

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**Description**

Funds donated from individuals/entities outside the section.

**Miscellaneous Income**

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**Description**

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**Miscellaneous Income**

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**Total**

$1,314.00

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The Previous Year
This section discusses your section’s activities during your term as Section Chair.

Our activities are covered in the preceding minutes.

Overview
Please provide an overview of your section’s programming for the last year. We also invite you to include information on the state of the section, sentiments of the members, important issues in the field.

The overview is provided in the minutes of both our Business and Council meetings.

Recruiting and Retention Efforts
What efforts did your section make to retain last year’s members and reach out to new members? What were the results of the section’s retention efforts?

This, too, was covered in the minutes.

Communications Strategy
How does your section communicate with its members? Did it begin using any new technologies or techniques, if so were they effective? Please include links to your section’s website, newsletter and other electronic media used.

We have not implemented any new communication technologies.

Statements, Notes, Observations
Please feel free to use this space for anything that does not fit above.
The Coming Year
This portion of the report discusses your section’s plans for next year.

Again, our plans for the coming year are covered in the minutes.

Elections and Nominations
This section details who is on the section’s Nominations Committee and how they were appointed. If your section does not have a standing Nominations Committee, please discuss your process for nominating candidates for next year’s elections.

David Swartz, the current HoS chair, is as this report is being written putting together a Nominations Committee.

Plans for the coming year.
What sort of programming will your section conduct for next year’s Annual Meeting. Will the section begin any new projects before then?

See the minutes for a review of our future plans.

Statements, Notes, Observations
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A link to an example report will be provided here.
The Association and the Executive Office
This is your opportunity to put items onto the agenda of the Committee on Sections and ASA Staff.

What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to the ASA Council and Committee on Sections?
This is your opportunity to make policy suggestions or discuss any difficulties that your section encountered during your tenure as Section Chair.

We are a small section and will continue to remain small. This is not to say that we have not and will not continue to make efforts to increase membership. But this is a reality. Yet, as Martin Bulmer persuasively argued two years ago, we are important to the ASA since we represent the place where the discipline at large and the ASA connect to their respective histories. If the section could be assured that it will be permitted to continue, I can say with some assurance that it will prove to be a vibrant though small section.

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What issues would you like raised or recommendations would you like to make to ASA Staff?
Please feel free to suggest improvements to sections procedures or services provided to sections.

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