Section Annual Report for
Peace, War and Social Conflict Section

This annual report covers the period of section activity from September 2017 to August 2018 and a fiscal year from January 2018 to December 2018. The report is typically completed by the immediate past chair of each section as it covers the period this person served as chair. However, it is often completed in consultation with other officers and it may be submitted by anyone on the section council.

Sections that do not file an Annual Report will have their budget allocation withheld until a complete report is received. Please submit the report by November 15.

Section Governance
Provide details of your section’s governance activity during the period between September 2017 and August 2018.

Business Meeting
Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and approved meeting minutes from the section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting.

PWSC business meeting

3:30: Overview of where section is at
3:40: Announcements of award winners
   2 book awards
   1 article and 1 honorable mention
   1 student paper and 1 honorable mention
   Lifetime Achievement Award
4:00: Service opportunities in the section
   Public Engagement Liaison
   Virtual coffee hours

Handing gavel to Amy Bailey

Attendees (26 members):
1. Steve Scanlan
2. Michelle Gawerc
3. Lee Smithey
4. Anjuli Fahlberg
5. Kevin Thomas
6. Lisa Leitz
7. Eitan Alimi
8. Maryam Alemzadeh
9. Seth Behrends
10. Amy Bailey
11. Ricarda Hammer
12. Alexandre White
13. Scott Landes
Peace, War and Social Conflict Section's Awards, 2018

The Peace, War and Social Conflict Section’s Robin M. Williams, Jr. Award for Distinguished Contributions to Scholarship, Teaching, and Service: Greg Maney, Hofstra University (awarded posthumously).

The Peace, War and Social Conflict Section’s Outstanding Book Award: Kevin J.A. Thomas (Pennsylvania State University), Contract Workers, Risk, and the War in Iraq; and Siniša Malešević (University College Dublin), The Rise of Organized Brutality.

The Peace, War and Social Conflict Section’s Elise Boulding Student Paper Award: Ricarda Hammer (Brown University) and Alexandre White (Boston University), “Black Revolutions, Black Republics.”


Council Meeting
Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and approved meeting minutes of all Council Meetings conducted between August 2017 and September 2018. 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.

Agenda
7am: Welcome, overview, introductions

7:10am: Ideas for 1-2 ASA sessions, plus roundtables, reception, volunteers to coordinate October 15, submission deadline, early January, deadline to choose papers
Decision item: Choose 2 volunteers for 2 sessions; 1 volunteer for round-tables

7:20am: Nominations for ASA election
November 15-January 15, submission deadline
Selina is current chair
Action item: Solicit council involvement

7:30am: Status of membership – update, we are at >300 members
Jan 1 (beginning of membership year)-July 31 (deadline for gift memberships)
Action item: Solicit council involvement

7:40am: Awards committees, spelled out in by-laws
March 31 (deadline for nominations)-July 15 (deadline to submit to ASA)
Current chairs: Michael, Brenda, Marie, Alair
Decision item: Choose chairs for 2019

7:50am: Mentorship committee, update on status: closed for this year with 8 pairs
Alair
Action item: Soliciting interest in participating in virtual coffee hours

8:00am: Communications, status of web-site, newsletter (not published since 2014)
Alair
Action item: Assess interest in working on a committee

8:10am: By laws
Alair/Amy
Decision items:
1. Potential change to by-laws – Robin Williams award currently only to section member, proposal to open it to others, member-proposed change
2. Any other changes to by-laws?

8:15am: Adjourn
Minutes:

1. Section currently has 316 members, and we’ll have two sessions for next year.
2. Secretary-Treasurer report:
   1) Financial
      a. Budget:
         i. Good shape!
         ii. Start year with $5086
         iii. Estimated income: $2238 (plus a 2.3% cost of living adjustment)
         iv. Estimated expenses: $1452
         v. Not spent: budget for website, membership
      b. Changes to budgeting
         i. All expenditures need approval from Chair and Secretary-Treasurer to prevent fraud
         ii. Dues income spread over 12 months
      c. Future cautionary notes on budget
         i. Income monthly—
            1. Trickier to track
            2. Make sure we keep healthy reserves
            3. For example, this year, our income to date is $1991
         ii. Next year—New York—very expensive for reception
      d. Discussions
         i. What do we want to save for?
         ii. How to we use our budget to support our membership?
   2) Projects
      a. Records
         i. Worked with Meredith Kleykamp—access to old Google drive and her records
         ii. Combined records and will upload dropbox:
            1. Now have annual reports going back to 1977 (missing 80, 82, 84, 85, 86, 89, 91, 93, 95, 96, 04, 10)
            2. Documentation of preconference in 2014
         iii. Will add newly elected council members. Scott will remove departing council/officers when he takes over in December.
      b. Mini conference expenses:
         i. $2900 catering
         ii. venue: free
         iii. $3198 total for mini conference with $1500 budgeted
         iv. Had ~13000 in reserves at the time
   3) Other
      a. Working with Scott to ensure smooth transition
      b. Reminder to all outgoing council/officers—please upload files to dropbox!
   4) Budget for 2019:
      a. $2400
         i. $1500 reception
         ii. $200 awards
         iii. $500 website
iv. $200 membership
b. unanimously approved by attendees

3. Sessions: 2 plus roundtables:
   a. Possibility for joint sessions: joint with International Migration
   b. Discussion: would prefer to have it as a topic for the conference in 2019
   c. Possible sessions for 2019
      i. Laura H. could coordinate refugee sessions
      ii. Marie B. could coordinate gender, conflict, and peace
      iii. David C. could coordinate on white nationalism
      iv. Oct 15 deadline—will handle over email

4. Nominations:
   a. Slate of candidates by Jan 15
   b. Next year: chair, two council members, student member
   c. David C. will chair nominations committee

5. Membership:
   a. We do a lot of membership is through gift memberships to grad students
   b. Continuing the welcoming tradition of the section
   c. About 230 members before recruiting.
   d. Scott would like to see a report—how many re-up on their own

6. Awards committee:
   a. Will do through email since attendance is low
   b. Marie—tap into award members for section leadership
   c. Remember that past winners are on committee
   d. Books—9 this year—lots of IR
   e. Articles—11 this year
   f. Clarify—how do we inform people who didn’t win

7. Mentorship:
   a. Chandra Russo
   b. 8 pairs this year
   c. Virtual coffee hours—have webinars
      i. Looking for people to present their work
      ii. Marie—conflict consortium model (Christian Davenport)—have online paper
discussion, rules of discussion—recorded and available online
      iii. Scott—invite award winners, invite more advanced grad students to present

8. Communications
   a. Public education liaison—Marie will do
   b. Website—out of date
   c. Newsletter—not published since 2014
      i. Discussion: what is the utility of the newsletter

9. Bylaws
   a. Robin Williams award—currently says “section member”
      i. David—make contributions to the section a criteria
      ii. Will send out in email to discuss further.
The Previous Year
Describe section activities during the period between September 2017 and August 2018.

- **Membership recruitment and retention** – What efforts did the section make to retain members and reach out to new members? What were the results of the efforts?

  Ashley Reichelmann chaired the membership committee, which focused on recruiting new grad student members, and reviving the mentoring committee. As a result, on September 30, the section had 330 members, an increase from 302 the year before.

- **Communications** – How does the section communicate with its members? Did it begin using any new technologies or strategies? If so, were they effective? Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.

  Communication during this period was direct e-mails to the membership, providing information about conferences, job opening, and communicating regarding the revived mentorship program. The web-site was also updated during this time: [http://www.asanet.org/asa-communities/sections/peace-war-and-social-conflict](http://www.asanet.org/asa-communities/sections/peace-war-and-social-conflict)

- **Mentoring** – What, if any, mentoring opportunities does the section offer to students, early career faculty, nonfaculty, etc.?

  The mentoring committee was revived during the period of this annual report. The committee is chaired by Chandra Russo. The committee made mentoring matches between 8 pairs.

- **Programming** – Provide an overview of the section’s programming at the annual meeting, scholarly/professional development activities outside of the annual meeting, development of substantive resources, partnerships with other sections or groups, etc.

  The section was responsible for the following sessions at the annual meeting.

  **Saturday, August 11:**
  8:30-10:10am
  Community-engaged Scholarship on Movements, Conflict and Peace
  Pennsylvania Convention Center, Level 100, 104B
  This session includes research that is socially engaged and that touches on how groups and individuals work to advocate for peace in the context of conflict. It is inspired by the life and work of long-time section member Greg Maney.

  10:30am-12:10
  War, Conflict, and Disability (Cosponsored with the Section on Disability and Society)
  Pennsylvania Convention Center, Level 100, 104B

  2:30-3:30pm
  Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict Refereed Roundtable Session
  Pennsylvania Convention Center, Level 100, 110AB
3:30-4:10pm
Business meeting and awards ceremony
Pennsylvania Convention Center, Level 100, 110AB

Sunday, August 12, 2018
7:30-10:00pm
Joint Reception: Section on Sociology of Development; Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict; and Section on Political Economy of the World-System
Ladder 15, 1528 Sansom Street

Plans for the Coming Year
Describe section plans for the period between September 2018 and August 2019. These plans should align with the 2018 budget and proposed 2019 budget below.

- **Membership recruitment and retention** – What efforts will the section make to retain members and reach out to new members? What are the goals of the efforts?

  We anticipate building on our successful recruitment campaigns from recent years, to increase the level of involvement among graduate students and incorporate more senior scholars into our section. These activities will be conducted in collaboration with the mentoring and communications functions, and we envision developing a structure to facilitate efforts that incorporate all three components. We plan to develop a multi-year section development strategy to facilitate this integrated approach.

- **Communications** – How does the section plan to communicate with its members? Does the section plan on using any new technologies or strategies? If so, how?

  We seek to formalize our communications, and more fully integrate the communications efforts with membership recruitment and retention and the mentoring program. We plan to develop a more regularized communications structure within the section, and also to explore opportunities for communicating with broader publics.

- **Mentoring** – What efforts will the section make to mentor students, early career faculty, nonfaculty, etc.?

  We have planned a series of “virtual coffee hours” to allow section members in a variety of positions, including academic, NGO, and research consultancies, to share their perspectives with graduate students and other colleagues. We also plan to coordinate a mentoring activity at ASA. As discussed above, our mentoring activities will be integrated with communications and membership functions.

- **Programming** – Provide an overview of the section’s upcoming plans for programming at the annual meeting, scholarly/professional development activities outside of the annual meeting, development of substantive resources, partnerships with other sections or groups, etc.
We have been allocated a total of three sessions on the conference program for 2019. One of these will be utilized for a combination business meeting and refereed round table session. The other two will be regular paper sessions, titled “Armed Conflict, Displacement, and Peacemaking” and “White Nationalism, Racism, and Xenophobia.” In addition, we are co-sponsoring a reception with three sections: Political Economy of the World System; Sociology of Development; and Global and Transnational Sociology.

2018 Finances
Provide a narrative on how the 2018 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2018. Please account for any substantive differences.

Our estimated expenses for 2018 were $1900, with $1000 budgeted for a joint reception, $500 budgeted for the section website, $200 budgeted for section awards, and $200 budgeted for membership. Our estimated income was $2178, with a carryover of $4943 from the previous year.

Our actual income was $2166, very close to our estimated income. Our actual expenses were $1168, as our section reception came in just over budget, and our section awards came in significantly under budget. We did not spend of our money allocated toward our website or membership.

Budget for 2019
Creating a budget will help the section plan its activities for the year. Your 2019 budget should reflect the narrative in the “Plans for the Coming Year” section. The following table will help you organize and calculate a budget.

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Miscellaneous

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Total 2019 Budgeted Expenditures | $ 2400 | Sum estimated expenses |

Estimated 2019 Income

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<td>Section Allocation – Per Member</td>
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Total 2019 Estimated Income | $ 2166 | Sum estimated income |

Budget Summary

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<td>Total</td>
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Notes
The following explains how income is calculated. By October 20, the ASA Office will provide the following information, so sections do not have to calculate estimates themselves.

1 Section Allocation – Base
Based off of this year’s final membership count as of September 30, sections receive a base allocation as follows:
- Sections with 300 or more members receive a base allocation of $1,000
- Sections with fewer than 300 members and more than 200 members receive: \( \text{[# of section members - 100]} \times 5 \)
- Sections with fewer than 199 members receive a base allocation of $500

2 Section Allocation – Per Member
Based off of this year’s final membership count as of September 30, sections receive two dollars for each member.


**Premium Dues**
The base rate is $10 for regular members, $5 for students and $10 for associate, low income, and high school teacher members. Any dues raised by the sections in excess of the base rate go directly to the section throughout the year based on actual membership numbers. Subscription Fees for Section Journals are not added here.

To see current and historical membership counts, please visit [www.asanet.org/SectionMembership](http://www.asanet.org/SectionMembership). Please note that membership year ends on September 30.

**Miscellaneous**
Is there any additional information about the section or the area of study you would like to share with the Committee on Sections? Is there any feedback you would like to provide to the Committee on Sections?

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