Mission

Improvement in understanding the implications of evolutionary biology and psychology for sociology is crucial for the continued progress of sociology as a social science. The Section on Evolution and Social Behavior will facilitate this process. Of particular concern is the interaction between material and social environments with evolved predispositions common to all humans. The section is designed to create a community of scholars within sociology who can critique and develop new research in the area. To this end, the section may sponsor meetings and conferences, newsletters and publications, and other means of communication deemed appropriate by the council of this section.

Officers of the Section

The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, a Chair-Elect, a Past-Chair, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Chair-elect shall serve for one year, after which he or she will assume the Chair. The Chair shall serve for one year, after which he or she will become Past-Chair. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve for a period of three years.

There shall be a council, consisting of six members each serving for three years, with two council seats being vacated each year. Officers shall not succeed themselves. The Chair, Chair-elect, Past-Chair and the Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as voting members of the Council, with the Chair of the Section acting as Chair of the Council. The duty of the Chair-elect will be to plan the program for the Annual Meeting of the Association. All other Section business will be handled by the Chair. Newsletter editor(s) and webmaster shall be appointed by the Council and serve ex-officio on it. No member can hold two officers simultaneously or serve more than two terms in any ten year period for all official roles in the section (except for newsletter editors and webmaster). If an elected officer is elected to another office, the prior office shall be declared vacant. If an elected office is vacated before the term is complete, it shall be filled through appointment by the Chair for the unexpired term, subject to confirmation by the Council at its next meeting. Only voting members of the Association shall be eligible to hold office.

Powers of the Officers

The Council shall make decisions by majority rule of its attending members, acting as the representative of the membership of the Section in order to carry out all necessary operations. Any action of the Section, including changes in the By-Laws, may be brought to the vote of the Section by the Council, or by a petition of 10 percent or twenty-five of the members, whichever is less. Questions that are interpreted by the

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Council to be matters of new program development or policy shall be brought before the membership for discussion.

**Elections and Voting**

The elections of the Section shall be carried out in cooperation with the American Sociological Association and coordinated to their schedule. Newly elected officers and Council members shall assume office on the day following the annual business meeting of the Section at the American Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting. Newly elected officers and Council members are urged to attend meetings of the Council as non-voting members prior to assuming office.

**Committees**

There shall be a Committee on Nominations, formed each year at the annual business meeting of the Section. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members: the Past Chair, one member appointed by the Council, and one elected from the floor at the business meeting. No member shall serve on the Nominating Committee for more than two consecutive years. Two candidates will be presented for each office by the Committee on Nominations. Other Committees shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Council on an ad hoc basis.

**Membership and Dues**

The membership of the Section is open to any member of the American Sociological Association without regard to the classification of the membership. Members who do not pay their Section dues shall be suspended, and dropped from the rolls after two years.

Dues shall be in accord with minimum requirements as set by the American Sociological Association.

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