PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

American Sociological Association
Publications Committee Meeting
January 30, 2023
Zoom video meeting

Members Present: Marlese Durr (Chair), Elizabeth A. Armstrong, Jean Beaman, Ellen Berrey, Gary Alan Fine, Angela Jones, Monica McDermott, Cecilia Menjívar (until ST editorship discussion), Jennifer Randles, Brandon Andrew Robinson, Saher Selod, Nancy Kidd (executive director, non-voting); Staff Present: Jamie Aughenbaugh, Karen Gray Edwards, Heather Washington; Guests: Arthur Alderson and Dina Okamoto (for ASR editorship discussion only), Iddo Tavory (for ST editorship discussion only).

Chair Durr called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Eastern.

1. Approval of the agenda

A motion was made by McDermott to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Fine. Motion carried unanimously.

2. August 8, 2022 Publications Committee meeting minutes

A motion was made by Armstrong to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Randles. Motion carried unanimously.

3. DEI subcommittee extension

A motion was made by Jones to continue the DEI subcommittee of the Publications Committee with an expanded charge that aligns with its name. Seconded by Randles. Motion carried unanimously.

Berrey, Jones, and Randles volunteered to serve.

4. Committee chair term

A motion was made by Armstrong to approve a policy that indicates Publications Committee chairs will be elected for one-year terms and may seek reelection for a second year if they have remaining time left on the Committee. Seconded by Fine. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Editor eligibility

Publications Committee debated the pros and cons of mandating time between serving as editor of two different publications.

A motion was made by Armstrong to recommend to Council a policy indicating that current editors are ineligible to apply to be editors of other journals until their current editorial terms expire. Seconded by Beaman. Motion failed with 3 for and 8 against.
6. Editor guidelines

Publications Committee discussed some proposed revision to the language in our editor guidelines that explains what potential editors should include in their applications related to DEI.

A motion was made by Fine to recommend to Council the revisions as presented. Seconded by Randles. Motion carried with 10 for, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

7. Executive session

Publications Committee moved into executive session at 3:40 p.m. to discuss editor extension proposals, new editorships, and editorial board nominations.

Publications Committee moved out of executive session at 5:20 p.m.

8. Sex and Sexualities journal

Publications Committee discussed a proposal submitted by the ASA Section on Sexualities for a new section journal. The proposal went through substantial analysis indicating that it is a viable publication that would fill a gap in sociology and sexualities research and would align with the association’s DEI objectives.

A motion was made by McDermott to recommend to Council launching a new Sex and Sexualities journal pending final membership approval. Seconded by Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Author question(s) about IRB

Publications Committee discussed options for modifying the submission question posed to authors related to IRB approval.

A motion was made by Randles to recommend to Council revised language for consideration. Seconded by Selod. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Financial support

Publications Committee had a discussion about the business model for supporting editorial offices.

11. ASA Rose Series review

Publications Committee discussed the history and current manifestation of the Rose Series. A subcommittee was formed to more fully study this program and report back to the full committee. Armstrong, Fine, and Robinson will serve.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Eastern.