

2025 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Sociological Practice and Public Sociology (SPPS)

Introduction

Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section's vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2024 to August 2025 and a fiscal year from January 2025 to December 2025. This report is shared publicly.

Section Governance

Provide details of your Section's governance activity during the period between September 2024 and August 2025.

Business Meeting

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

See Appendix A.

Council Meeting

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes of all council meetings. 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.

See Appendix A.

Awards

Provide a list of Section awards and awardees conferred in the past year.

The Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section Robert F. Dentler Student Practitioner Award was awarded to **Megan Kang, MA** (Princeton University), for her work focusing on how violence and gun availability shape daily life in poor, urban neighborhoods across the U.S., in addition to her commitment to integrating rigorous academic research, public engagement, and applied evaluation research.

The Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section Publication Award had two award recipients and an Honorable Mention. The award recipients were:

Harry Barbee, PhD (Johns Hopkins University) and **Kathleen E. Hull, PhD** (University of Minnesota) for their collaborative work on "Public Policy and the Well-Being of Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth in the United States: A Sociological Resource for Public Understanding"; and

John N. Robinson III, PhD (Princeton University) and **Todd Swanstrom, PhD** (University of Missouri), for their series of work examining the need for housing repair programs to improve overall quality of life through environmental and racial justice for redlined communities and older homeowners in St. Louis.

Honorable Mention was awarded to: **Martha A. Martinez, PhD** (DePaul University) for her book *The Employable Sociologist: A Guide for Undergraduates* (2023, Palgrave Macmillan).

The Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section William Foote Whyte Career Award was awarded to **Hollie Nyseth Nzitatira, PhD** (The Ohio State University), for her commitment to highly impactful sociological practice through extensive scholarship focusing on genocide prediction and prevention models, in addition to community recovery for governmental and non-governmental organizations.

2025 Finances

The 2025 budget for the majority of the line items aligned with the actual expenses. Most of the Section's funds were spent on the 2025 reception. The cost was slightly higher than the anticipated amount due to rising costs of labor and food associated with events, but our rollover did help with the buffer. Our 2026 budget will also account for increased costs with respect to the annual meeting location in NYC.

The section continues to maintain a comfortable balance due to no receptions being held during some of the years during the COVID pandemic. We do not anticipate needing to dip into the assets for the upcoming year.

The Previous Year

Describe Section activities during the period between September 2024 and August 2025.

Provide an overview of the Section's communications with its members and include an explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Section. Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.

Our primary method of communicating with Section members is email. Every other Tuesday, we send out an email blast, curating information sent in by section members. This information includes section webinars, professional development opportunities, job opportunities, and member publications and achievements.

We host a section website at <https://sspps.wordpress.com/>.

This past year, we renewed our efforts to produce a section newsletter. We produced two issues of the newsletter, and hope to increase this number in the coming year.

Two ad-hoc committees were formed to improve engagement and outreach. A Webinar sub-committee and an Outreach and Engagement committee were proposed by the 2023-2024 Chair, who also moderated the meetings for 2024-2025. The role of the Webinar Committee is to help coordinate webinars with award winners and consider additional webinars that would be useful for section members. The Engagement and Outreach Committee would help to raise awareness of the section, collaborate with other sections, and increase membership.

Describe the Section's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?

Our section's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals included amplifying diverse voices, inclusive recognition, accessible information, community engagement, and collaborative efforts. The steps below outline how we worked towards those goals.

1. **Webinars and Training:**

The section sponsored two webinars this year. "Advising the Employable Undergraduate Major" with Martha A. Martinez and Marybeth Stalp and "Plain Language: A Prerequisite for Community-Centered Work" with Council member Carmel Price and her collaborators from the Clear Language Lab at Literacy Works. The former focused on advising undergraduates for careers in Sociology, and the latter on using clear language in community-engaged research. We publicized these webinars extensively, sharing information particularly with members of the ASA's communities on first-generation and working-class sociologists, Sociologists Working Everywhere, and community-engaged teachers and scholars. Both webinars were very well received, with well over 100 pre-registrations and about 40 members in attendance.

3. **Awards and Nominations:**

The section widely publicized the section awards to ensure a broader and more inclusive pool of nominees. We also encouraged self-nominations to promote diversity in the nomination process.

4. **Sociologists Working Everywhere (SWE):**

SWE hosted virtual happy hours and planned a speaker series to foster a sense of community and networking among members. These events provided opportunities for members from diverse backgrounds to connect and share their experiences. We promoted these events to our section.

5. **Annual Meeting:**

Provide an overview of the section's programming at the annual meeting and include an explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g., intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

Panel members varied in titles and occupations, workplace, and institution type. The sessions created allowed presenters to shed light on the issues of concern in conducting research in the community, particularly when the community is a research partner, as was the case in the session, "**Doing Public Sociology: Sociological Practice in the Community**" and "**Whose Story and Whose Project?: Ethnic Issues and Considerations in Research Collaborations**". The first of our conference sessions, "**How Did They Get That Job?: Sociologists Get Hired (or Hire) Outside Academia?**" included individuals in myriad positions to make visible myriad kinds of employment opportunities outside academia. The Program Committee coordinated with other sections for co-sponsoring events at the ASA conference, promoting collaboration and inclusivity within the sociological community.

The Section offered a variety of sessions geared towards providing Section members and potential members with sessions on employment opportunities, particularly those outside academe, and conducting research in the community. Sessions were well-attended and participants were actively engaged in asking questions of the panelists. Panelists/presenters and audience members represented the diversity of the Section. There was an active attempt to diversify the age, race/ethnicity, nationality, and gender of presenters and presiders. This was evident in all of the sessions at the conference, including the **Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Roundtable** (It should be noted that the room set up was that of a panel, so it was held as such).

The Section also participated in the ASA Section and Community Open House. The Section Reception at an off-site location was very well attended and resulted in the recruitment of new members to the Section. We provided Section members with handouts of "Other Session That May Be of Interest" that included: Public Sociology and Engaged Scholarship Parts I and II, Reimagining the Future of Our Work: Are We Preparing Sociologists for Work in Diverse Settings?, Advancing Sociological Practice Through Computational Research and Community Engagement, Application of Sociological Perspectives in the Development of Non-Academic Research, and Building the Tools and Skills for Communicating Research Beyond Academia,

Provide an overview of the Section's programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g., webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include an explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

1. **Webinars:**

The Section held two webinars in Spring 2025. The webinars provided valuable educational content and professional development opportunities for members. This aligns with the section's goal of promoting continuous learning and knowledge sharing within the community. As discussed earlier, these two webinars were well-received, and the attendance was high.

2. **Engagement and Outreach:**

Sociologists Working Everywhere (SWE) hosted virtual happy hours and planned a speaker series, which the Section promoted. The Sociologists Working Everywhere (SWE) initiatives, such as virtual happy hours and speaker series, foster a sense of community and networking among members, including in our section.

3. **Newsletter:**

The Section newsletter was revived with two issues published during the 2024-2025 year. This helped us share information on our award winners and also fostered discussion about issues concerning sociological practice and public sociology.

APPENDIX A: SPPS Council Meeting Agendas 2024-2025

SPPS Business Meeting: Tuesday, August 12th, 11-11:30am

Attendance: Jill Waity, Shirley A. Jackson, Erica Ramos, Marie Skoczylas, Hollie Nyseth Nzitatira, Carmel Price, Martha Martinez, Harry Barbee, Sandra Stone, Darcie Vandegrift, David Jed Schwartz, Asmita Aasaavari

Agenda:

Awards: Jill

This year we have 4 award winners and 2 honorable mentions for the 3 section awards. We encourage you to nominate yourself, your students, or your peers for these awards. We want to start by thanking everyone who nominated an article/book or set of publications, students and/or distinguished sociologists for those nominations. Thank you to everyone who reviewed for the awards as well.

Give Megan her award first (has a conflicting Business meeting where she will also receive an award).

Robert Dentler Award (Student Award)

Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section Robert F. Dentler Student Practitioner Award

The Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section recognizes up to two graduate students who have made a promising contribution to the field, such as a project or paper in the area of sociological practice or public sociology. Work can be done in the three years prior to the conferral of the award.

This year the Dentler Student Award goes to Megan Kang of Princeton University. Ms. Kang's research focuses on how violence and gun availability shape daily life in poor, urban neighborhoods across the U.S. While she has an impressive academic publication list, Ms. Kang has taken the time and effort to get the findings of her research into the public sphere. She has published essays and op-eds in Axion, Vital City and HuffPo, and appeared on podcasts. Additionally, she led an evaluation of a community initiative that included 6 organizations; she and her colleagues are planning to publish these results for both academic and policy audiences. Her integration of rigorous academic research, public engagement and applied evaluation research exemplifies how sociologists can work both within the discipline and outside of the discipline to increase impact. Congratulations to Megan Kang!

Publication Award

Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section Publication Award

The Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section recognizes up to two publications that have made significant contributions to applied and public sociology. The award is given for a white paper, policy report, essay published as a book chapter or official report, or an article published in a scholarly journal during the preceding 3 years.

This year we received 15 excellent nominations for the article award. We enjoyed reading all of the publications (including article and applied pairs), nomination letters and supporting documentation we received. Choosing 2 winners and an honorable mention was difficult. We want to thank everyone who nominated publications along with the authors.

Honorable Mention: Martha Martinez, *The Employable Sociologist* (Book), Chapter 7
<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-41323-0>

The honorable mention goes to a publication written for sociology undergraduates. The award committee agreed with the 2 nominators that the “Employable sociologist provides a “a much needed approach to preparing our undergraduate majors and to emphasizing the importance and utility of the discipline.” and found this publication important “for aiding our discipline in adapting for the future and staying relevant. As sociology, and the social sciences more broadly, continue to face attacks in the US and beyond, it is now more important than ever to showcase the transferable skills of the sociology major.”.

Congratulations to Dr. Martinez!

Award #1: Harry Barbee, Kathy Hull for “Public Policy and the Well-Being of Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth in the United States: A Sociological Resource for Public Understanding (ASA Report)”

Our first publication award goes to “Public Policy and the Well-Being of Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth in the United States: A Sociological Resource for Public Understanding” ASA Report written by Drs. Barbee and Hull, the former co-chairs of the ASA Committee on the Status of LGBTQ People in Sociology. As they boldly state in the text, the report uses sociological reasoning and research to argue that “The discriminatory policies targeting transgender and gender diverse youth do real harm to these youth, their families, and their communities.” The committee agreed with their nomination letter, that this report is written in prose accessible to non-sociologists, usable by sociologists, and that this “work is testament to the power of sociology to inform and inspire public action, demonstrating how research can serve as a catalyst for societal change.”

Congratulations to Drs. Barbee and Hull!

Award #2: John Robinson, Todd Swanstrom for their article Pragmatic Knowledge Production: Bringing the Problem of Housing Deterioration into Focus, and the related series of publications including op-eds and a technical report

Our second publication award goes to “Pragmatic Knowledge Production: Bringing the Problem

of Housing Deterioration into Focus” and the associated works by Drs. Robinson and Swanstrom. In their article, report and op-eds, the authors make an argument using the sociology of knowledge and a city-wide survey to highlight the importance of housing deterioration on conversations about housing quality. Their research project goes beyond the technical report and sociological publication to reach critical audiences in St. Louis (where the research was conducted) and among housing advocacy groups. Drs. Robinson, Swanstrom and their research team demonstrate with these publications how community based research is sociological and how sociological research can be disseminated to positively impact communities.

Congratulations to Drs. Robinson and Swanstrom!

William F Whyte Award (Career Award)

Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section William Foote Whyte Career Award The Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section recognizes up to two individuals who have made notable contributions to sociological practice which can include several of the following elements: outstanding clinical, applied or public sociological work; exceptional service to the section; publications that advance both the theory and methods of sociological practice or public sociology; or mentoring and training of students for careers in sociological practice or public sociology.

This year, the Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section William Foote Whyte Career Award goes to **Dr. Nyseth Nzitatira** of The Ohio State University.

We believe her scholarship on and public engagement with the topic of genocide could not be more timely or essential to understanding current global realities.

Dr. Nzitatira has used the tools of sociological investigation to research and report on genocidal violence with a focus on the mass atrocities committed in Rwanda in 1994. Beyond rigorous documentation, Dr. Nzitatira’s work has led her to develop genocide prediction and prevention models that governmental and non-governmental organizations can apply to stem the rising tide of political and ethnic violence. While this line of inquiry may appear rather bleak, hope and resilience are also present in Dr. Nzitatira’s studies, which show how communities and entire nations can recover and rebuild after experiencing enormous strife.

This body of work is remarkable, and its public dissemination, policy significance, and international impact are especially relevant to this award. Dr. Nzitatira’s knowledge in genocide prevention and recovery is a shining example of committed, engaged, and highly impactful sociological practice. Such advances have informed school curricula, national and international training programs, and consultations with US and foreign governments and humanitarian groups. These efforts complement Dr. Nzitatira’s activities in institutions of higher education, where she has established a stellar record of academic publishing, teaching, and mentoring. The breadth and power of Dr. Nzitatira’s contributions cannot be overstated, making her the ideal candidate to receive the William Foote Whyte Career Award.

(make sure to ask folks to nominate people for these awards: Shirley is the chair of the awards

committee for this coming year. For the student award, can be an MA student, doesn't have to be a PhD student)

Council member transition: Jill

Thank members rotating off, introduce new members

Thank those who are rotating off:

Kristin Sajadi	Student Rep	University of Louisville	2025	kristin.sajadi@louisvl
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Carrie Smith
Secretary/ treasurer
Millersville
University 2025

(but she is becoming chair)

Lorella Palazzo
Roberts
Member Kaiser
Permanente
Washington Health
Research Institute
Department of
Health
2025

Marybeth C. Stalp
Member University
of Northern Iowa
2025 2025

Allison
Member Tennessee

Jill Waity Past Chair University of North Carolina-Wilmington
New folks:
Erica as secretary/treasurer (for the second time!)
Carrie Smith as new chair-elect
2025

Vandegrift
Member Metropolitan
Council of the Twin
Cities, Minnesota
2028

Darcie

Erin Maher Member Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
Health Sciences and Pharmacy
in
St. Louis
2028

Yujia Lyu Member University of

Titilayo
Odedoyin
Student Rep Texas Tech
University

(Thanks everyone for running. Caren will be running the elections for the next year, so if you want to run, please reach out to her)

Member update: Jill- current member count *287 (!) members as of 08/04/2025*

Finances update: Jill- *Healthy, section was able to keep costs under budget and account for costs from the previous year. Will be helpful for the next year's budget estimates as well. \$7,082 as of 06/30/2025 (not including the reception this year)*

Review upcoming SPPS and other relevant sessions this weekend: Shirley will remind everyone that there is one final session at noon, "Whose Story and Whose Project?: Ethical Issues and Considerations in Research Collaborations," and thank everyone for their participation in the section panels and roundtable discussions during the conference.

Shirley will remind everyone that we will be in NYC next year and ask if anyone is interested in being on the program committee for next year. If so, they should contact the chair-elect, Carrie Smith.

(Time permitting): Brainstorming session on setting priorities for the year for our council: *Awardees are welcome to lead a webinar as part of our webinar series and members encouraged to contact for any future webinar ideas that promote specific needs within public/applied sociology*

April 25, 2025, 1-1:30pm on Zoom

Present:

Shirley
Ashley
Caren
Danie
Linda
Martha
Lorella
Marie
Brandon
Jill

Section and Community Open House: 8/10 from 2-3:30pm. Who will be able to represent us?
Jill, Shirley, Martha

Annual meeting Reception updates?

We don't know yet but having reception on Monday the 11th.

Annual meeting: Shirley

One roundtable: that was the most we could actually put together given the number of submissions. All of the other sessions are completed. All have folks who will be serving as presidents. A lot of people said they can do the invited session. Have jobs where funding is up in the air, may have as many as five people participating in the invited session. A few people have volunteered to serve as moderator or president.

Number of submissions are really low this year.

A lot of work to do alone

Put out a call and ask people to volunteer to be on the program committee.

Awards: Caren

Forgot to email the committee

Caren is going to do the student award herself. Shirley is going to review the Whyte award.

Caren needs to email everyone on the publications award committee so they can review them.

The deadline is June 1st to submit name to ASA

Budget and Member update: Carrie

Carrie: webinars

Martha: 40 people attended webinar, 100 people signed up

Outreach and Engagement: Caren, combined with Newsletter: Danie

Community and Urban sociology section: Joint featured newsletter: Caren, Shirley, Danie, start collaboration there. Cross pollination of members. Release newsletter at the end of May. Then summer newsletter before ASA.

Announcements, new business, etc.?

SWE

People can't be involved in leadership in both a section and a community. Current folks grandfathered in but not going forward

July 18th: Chloe Bird and Katherine Mobley

Hiring manager for institutional research at MIT: leading a panel about that.

Mentor mentee matching project again this year

If there is interest in being a mentor, that would be great

March 5, 2025, 3:30-4pm: On Zoom

<https://uncw.zoom.us/j/85664774278?pwd=I2EBFZy2I9ef0Zupr2KbyvJtMOJTRU.1&from=addon>

3:30-3:35: Annual meeting: Shirley

Names of folks who can be invited to serve on the invited panel

Submission information

Reception Information

3:35-3:40: Awards: Caren

Request for additional reviewers

Email from section member about awards:

I wanted to make a suggestion about the publication award. One of the other section awards from our section says it is for applied, clinical and public sociology. I think whoever drafted the publication award did not look at the language of the other awards in doing so. By not including clinical here (when it is included in the other award), it makes it appear (even though you have clearly said that this is not the case) that clinical should not be considered. I think the publication award also should specifically include clinical as it is the other half of sociological practice.

Also, I would suggest that the section include books as a possible publication. I know some people think book awards are only something the ASA offers, but that is not true. Some sections offer separate book awards or include books as part of their publication award.

I certainly don't want to suggest that this be discussed before the current awards are chosen. I do hope after that process is completed and has followed the current guidelines, that these two points might be considered in relation to the description of the publications award.

3:40-3:45: Budget and Member update: Carrie

3:45-3:50: Carrie: webinars

3:50-3:55: Outreach and Engagement: Caren, combined with Newsletter: Danie

3:55-4:00: Announcements, new business, etc.?

January 22, 2025, 2:45-3:30 pm Eastern Zoom:

<https://millersville.zoom.us/j/98854977998?pwd=n6EBHEvnibK50fNpH4K9kTzpsMcbRK.1>

2:45-2:50: Introductions: Remind everyone who is on council, do a brief round of introductions

2:50-2:55: Elections: Jill won't be at the meeting, but thanks to everyone who solicited folks to run for council. We have folks running for all of the spots, and most are contested, which is what ASA would like.

2:55-3:05: Awards: Caren: who is on awards committee, thinking about timeline

3:05-3:10: Budget and Member update: Carrie

3:10-3:15: Carrie: webinars

3:15-3:20: Outreach and Engagement: Caren, combined with Newsletter: Danie

3:20-3:25: Annual meeting: reception, anything else?

3:25-3:30: Announcements, new business, etc.?

November 21, 2024, 12:30-1:30pm Eastern on Zoom

<https://uncw.zoom.us/j/84533508075?pwd=ilaOsa7EiwxxamPqc40qfPzsbZRh5.1&from=addon>

12:30-12:35: Elections: Jill

12:35-12:40: Recap of SPPS sessions at ASA: Caren

12:40-12:45: Awards: Caren

12:45-12:50: Budget and Member update: Carrie

12:50-12:55: Webinars

12:55-1:00 Outreach and Engagement

1:00-1:10 Ideas for the new year?

Announcements, new business, etc.?

October 22nd, 2024, 1:00-1:30pm Eastern on Zoom

<https://uncw.zoom.us/j/81522509450?pwd=gaVKvTVi4XmvHHXth8moLYuhGJ8Rdl.1&from=addon>

Reminder to record meeting for those who can't make it

1:00-1:05 Introductions

Since this is the first council meeting of the 24/25 Academic year, I'd like us to take a minute to introduce everyone. Name, affiliation, year on council

1:05-1:08 Recap of SPPS sessions at ASA: Caren

1:08-1:10 Annual report: Jill, Caren, and Carrie will be working on this (Jill put notes in google drive about who will be doing what)

We will need Shirley to answer this about the annual meeting for the report:

Provide an overview of the Section's upcoming plans for programming at the Annual Meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the Section (e.g., intellectual exchange of diverse ideas, perspectives, and methodologies, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

Annual Reports: Submit by November 15

The Annual Report is important for demonstrating vitality and activity of each Section. In addition, it serves to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members. Please submit your annual report to sections@asanet.org no later than November 15. We are providing this information early so that Section leaders are aware of the various required components as they plan Section council and business meetings agendas.

As announced in April 2022, there is no longer a minimum number of members a Section needs to maintain before triggering probationary consideration. The mandatory three-year probation review has also been abolished. Instead, Annual Reports will be used by the Sections Committee to assess the health and vitality of a Section. ASA Council may still put a Section on probationary status if recommended by the Sections Committee. If a Section is put on probationary status, an explanation will be provided and a timeline for improvement articulated.

The Annual Report is divided into two parts. Part I is a report on Section governance, award winners, previous year's finances and activities, and it will be posted on the ASA website to promote transparency. Part II is reflective and will be reviewed by the Sections Committee for assessment and made available to future Section officers or Sections committees upon request and used as a tool for continuity of information and for getting support and assistance from ASA leadership if needed. The report must be completed using the templates available [here](#).

Completion of the report is not the responsibility of just one officer. It covers a broad range of items and needs to be completed in consultation with the broader Section leadership. To help the Section complete its 2025 budget, the ASA Office will send the Section projected 2025 financials income figures mid-September.

Please visit www.asanet.org/sectionleaders to download the template. Then complete and submit both parts to sections@asanet.org no later than November 15. Sections that do not file an annual report will have their budget allocation withheld until a complete report is submitted.

1:10-1:15 Annual Meeting: Shirley

Program committee: first-year council members serve on the program committee. Chair-elect Shirley A. Jackson leads that committee.

Annual Meeting Planning Reminder

*The 2025 Annual Meeting online portal is now open for Section Organizers to submit the necessary information for their Section's programming. Please ensure that calls for paper submissions, meetings, and invited sessions are entered into the portal by **October 16**.*

Section reception guidelines: <https://www.asanet.org/section-receptions-at-the-2024-annual-meeting/>

Our section day is: Day 4 – Tuesday, August 12

Since our section day is on day 4, we probably have one extra session for a total of 3 regular sessions plus roundtables along with our business meeting.

1:15-1:18: Awards: Caren

Third year council members are on awards committee. Our past award winners were interested in serving on this committee

Award Nomination Calls: Submit by October 27

If the Section wishes to post its call for awards on the ASA website, please submit the information by October 27 to sections@asanet.org. All calls will be posted at <https://www.asanet.org/communities-and-sections/sections/section-award-nomination-calls/> and promoted via various communication channels.

Awards: third year council members serve on the awards subcommittee that Caren will chair. We will be sending out the announcements later on, but wanted to share that here:

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1:18-1:20: Elections: second year council members serve on the elections subcommittee. Jill chairs that committee.

If you are currently on council, think about if you want to run for chair.

1:20-1:22 Budget and Member update: Carrie

(We need to have the budget approved before we turn in our SPPS annual report, so we should do that during this meeting).

1:22-1:24 Webinars: We need a subcommittee of folks who are interested in taking over organizing our section webinars. We have invited all past award winners to give webinars. We had one last week with only one attendee. We need to consider how to increase attendance.

I would like folks to volunteer to be on the webinar committee. This committee will help to coordinate webinars with award winners, and also consider additional webinars that would be useful for our section members.

Submit Section Events for the [ASA Calendar](#)

If you would like to have upcoming Section events, such as webinars or panel discussions, featured on the [ASA Calendar](#), please email details to web@asanet.org. Please include the event name, time and date, names of speaker(s), registration details, and indicate if the event is open only to Section members or a general audience

1:24-1:25 Outreach and Engagement Committee: We need folks to be on this subcommittee as well, spreading the word about our section and getting more folks to sign up

We want to consider how we can raise awareness of our section, collaborate with other sections, and increase our membership.

If you are interested in being on this committee, please let me know now or in a separate email.

Need to update our website and LinkedIn pages

1:25-1:30 Ideas for the new year?

Announcements, new business, etc.?