

**2025 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for
Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations (IPNN)**

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 portion of the 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.

IPNN Business Meeting Aug. 9th, 2025 3pm

Council presence: Carmela Roybal, Sofia Locklear, Piper Sledge, Heidi Nicholls, Theresa Rocha Beardall . 10 members present from section.

- Introductions
- update on IPNN 's accomplishments for the year
 - Writing community hours
 - ASA Indigenous sessions
 - Solo section reception cost us \$0
 - Communication committee- curated emails, graphics, program of IPNN
 - Council meets every other month and will continue this
 - Stayed under budget for the year

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 attached

Awards

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

Best Article Award

Title: "The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relative Crisis and the Life Expectancy Gap for Native Americans.

Authors: Aggie Yellow Horse, Francesca Acciai, and Kimberly Huyser

Graduate Student Award

Title: Indigenous Identity and Struggles for State Recognition in Ecuador

Authors: Caroline Martinez

Native Nations Outreach Award

Title: Guahan Survey

Authors: Kevin Lujan Lee

2025 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2025 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2025. Please account for any substantive differences.

We stayed underbudget this past year due to the generous donation of the reception space in Chicago and the food/drink being paid for through research funds of a faculty member. We were about \$2300 under budget.

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 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 communications committee sends out bi-weekly emails and our social media platforms such as X (Twitter), etc to communicate with our members. We share members publications, events, and settler colonial issues that impact Indigenous people, as well as information about the annual ASA meeting. We also posted updates in real time about our meetings while they occurred.

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

Creating a presence for Indigenous peoples and Indigenous sociology and scholarship is the core of our mission. As articulated in our bylaws: "The purpose of the Section is to advance scholarship to address erasure of Indigenous Peoples within the discipline and resist the settler colonialist foundations of sociology. In doing so, we challenge the illusion that "colonialism happens elsewhere" while still attending to decolonial struggles of Indigenous Peoples globally. The Section encourages and promotes research and teaching with, by, and for Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations. Any member of the American Sociological Association, regardless of rank or institutional affiliation, who shares these research or teaching interests are encouraged to join." The structure of our Council is set up specifically to create mentoring and support for younger scholars, additionally the meetings themselves were

incredibly important in this effort, as was our first solo reception that we held at the Center for Native Futures in Chicago and which was catered by an Indigenous chef. We are actively cultivating relationships with other ASA sections committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion. Indigenous peoples and Indigenous sovereignty in the U.S are the antecedent to equity, diversity, and inclusion principles due to settler colonialism. To ensure the impacts of settler colonialism are negated, DEI principles must specifically center justice and decolonial praxis and the existence and presence of the IPNN assists the ASA in their praxis.

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

We had two sessions and one roundtable focused on Indigenous scholarship, as well as held our annual business meeting. Additionally, we had our first solo section reception held at the Center for Native Futures who generously donated their space. Not only did this allow for an exchange of scholarship and ideas but also was centered around an Indigenous community space and art gallery, grounding us in local urban Indigenous community allowing IPNN to demonstrate our values through the reception. This reception was highly successful and allowed for networking and mentoring.

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 explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

Our council and communities are very active with bimonthly meetings. These meetings also act as networking and mentoring space which support our section's mission statement noted above. We promote members scholarship and activities on Twitter and last year we started a monthly community writing group for scholars in all stages (grad students, junior faculty, senior faculty, etc) to come together to learn from one another and be supported in their work. In the first half of these meetings, a scholar presents on their work and the second half is dedicated to co-writing.

IPNN Agenda/Meeting Notes Sept 2024-Aug.2025

July 9th, 2025 Agenda

Present: Heidi Nicholls, Sofia Locklear, Theresa Rocha Beardall, Allison Madia, Fernando Galeana Rodriquez, Piper Sledge, Charlene Shroulotet-Duran, Rowan Greywolf Moore, Sione Lister, Dwanna McKay

- **New/General Business (questions, ideas, etc):**
 - Gift for reception host
 - Hosting coffee hour again like last year-need to send an agenda
- **Membership/Community Committee (2024-2025)** Please report updates, questions, and needs.
 - Sign up for IPNN Monthly meetings to present/share/or facilitate here:
 - ASA meet-up: When should the grad student mentorship meet-up be? Can anyone help organize this who will be at ASA this year
 - Tag onto Business meeting
- **Awards Committee (2024-2025)**
 - Awards ordered on 7/4/25.
- **Program/Reception Committee (2024-2025):**
 - Offering/pottery
 - Reception seems set!

May 1st, 2025 Agenda

Present: Heidi Nicholls, Sofia Locklear, Rowan Greywolf Moore, Sione Lynn Pilli Lister, Piper Sledge, Dwanna McKay

- **New Business:**
 - Request from Sociologists for Trans Justice
 - Request to sign letter for increased and more accessible online options for ASA annual meeting (council voted in support)
- **Membership/Community Committee (2024-2025)** – Please report updates, questions, and needs.
 - Floating of turning these into regular works in progress meetings - members presenting ongoing or finished research
 - ASA Membership Planning
 - Grad Student Mentorship Meet-Up
 - Meeting between more senior scholars and graduate students
 - Workshop and help bridge back to Monthly community meetings
 - ASA Roundtables are Saturday Afternoon and then Business Meeting
 - No early meetings!

- **Awards Committee (2024-2025):**
 - Submission were due April 15th
 - Meetings for decisions
 - Questions/reflections re: next year awards
 - Book chapter vs. article (best article award)
 - Best book award?
 - May need a separate committee for best book award or more committees depending on number of awards
 - Published vs. unpublished articles (graduate student award)
 - Best student presentation paper?
 - Honorable mentions for each award
 - Next steps
 - Decide honorable mentions
 - Get them into ASA by June 1st for them Awards in the printed program
- **Program/Reception Committee (2024-2025):**
 - reception will be held at Center For Native Futures
 - catering from Ketapanen Kitchen
 - just finishing up administration paperwork for ASA accessibility etc.

March 3rd, 2025 Agenda

Present: Piper Sledge, Rowan Greywolf Moore, Allison Madia, Heidi Nicholls, Theresa Rocha Beardall, Sofia Locklear

- **Membership/Community Committee (2024-2025)** – Please report updates, questions, and needs.
 - Seven people present at February's meeting
 - March Meeting on 3/12
 - Recruit more faculty to provide guidance/mentorship
 - Send an individual announcement through the IPNN listserv?
- Start planning membership/community programming for ASA 2025 in Chicago
 - Coffee Hour? - later in the day, 2 pm?
 - Potentially a field trip to Center for Native Futures if the reception is not there
- **Communications Committee (2024-2025):** Please report updates, questions, and needs.
 - Migrating from X to BlueSky- will advertise the transition so people know.
 - Announcements for listserve
- **Awards Committee (2024-2025):**
 - Submissions are happening!
 - Invited 2024 submissions to resubmit as well

December 17th, 2024 Agenda

Present: Sofia Locklear, Heidi Nicholls, Allison Madia, Theresa Rocha Beardall, Piper Sledge, Rowan Greywolf Moore

- **ASA Your News Items Needed for the 2024 Year In Review** Our first Footnotes issue in 2025 is scheduled to be published in February. Reflect on what you are proud of and what your section or community achieved in 2024! Please send your 2024 section or community news, such as major membership milestone hit, successful in-person or virtual events you held, or mentoring or networking sessions hosted. Send us a description and a photo with caption (if you have one) to communications@asanet.org no later than Dec 19, 2024.
 - It's a no
 - Meeting Schedule?
- ii. Reception invitation with Enviro Soc
 - **Nominations Committee (2024-2025):** – Please report updates, questions, and needs.
 - All nominations are confirmed
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 - **Membership/Community Committee (2024-2025):** – Please report updates, questions, and needs.
 - two people shifting to membership/community committee and will let us know.
 - **Communications Committee (2024-2025):** Please report updates, questions, and needs.
 - Sending out Announcements email every 2 weeks. Continue to send announcements, news, publications etc
 - This past announcement included reminders about nominating people for Council, CFP for IPNN sessions at 2025 ASA, new pub, and job ad.
 - Future announcements to include (Jan 2025 ->) :
 - Submit to and attend ASA IPNN sessions, panels, and events! :
 - Average attendance = 10 (across all monthly meetings since 2023)
 - Meeting topics have included semester planning, global Indigenous solidarities and the Two-Row Wampum, Teaching and Doing Indigenous sociology
 - Graduate students have started their own dissertation writing group and resource sharing for the job market
 - **Awards Committee (2024-2025):**
 - Call has been submitted to ASA and is posted deadline is April 15th.
 - **Program/Reception Committee (2024-2025):**
 - Joint reception with race, class, gender/sexualities section?
 - Joint coffee meeting with the Environment Soc section?

Oct.24.24 Agenda

- **New Business:**
 - Acting Chair decisions
 - ASA- Heather Young knows that Piper is acting chair
 - Need to update ASA Section
 - Coffee/social/writing hour continuation
 - 2024 ASA Sessions
 - Bylaws Amendment Proposals: Submit by November 15
 - Annual Reports: Submit by November 15
- **Membership/Community Committee (2024-2025):** – Please report updates, questions, and needs.
 - As a council we can appoint a chair/committee, perhaps those names are being collected through the google form.
- **Communications Committee (2024-2025):** Please report updates, questions, and needs.
 - Reminder to send anything our way for bi-weekly listserv emails
 - Announcement about IPNN Chair (“P)
 - Announcement about Section Awards (after October 27)
- **Awards Committee (2024-2025):** Please report updates, questions, and needs
 - 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/>
- **Program/Reception Committee (2024-2025):**
 - Piper is amazing and got everything in by the extended deadline of Oct. 21st.
 - Piper will send Sofia what was submitted to ASA so she can document it.
 - Business meeting-Piper submitted council names and listed Sofia as business meeting chair.