2021 Section Annual Report for
Peace, War, and Social Conflict

This annual report covers the period of section activity from September 2020 to August 2021 and a fiscal year from January 2021 to December 2021.

Section Governance
Provide details of your section’s governance activity during the period between September 2020 and August 2021.

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.

PW&SC Business meeting, August 10, 4:15-4:45p EDT
Attendees: Jeff Goodwin, Selina Gallo-Cruz, Josh Bloom, Sharon Nepstad, Scott Landes, Laura Acosta, Laura Heideman, Ann Mische, Tom Maher, Eric Schoon, Lynne Woehrle, Anna Johnson, Ashley Reichelmann, Kristin Foringer, Aliza Luft, Marie Berry, Beverly Lindsay, Lee Smitey, Shirley Lung, Alvin Camba, Mixon Ware, Ori Swed, Colin Beck, Robert Braun, Basak Gemici, Stephen Scanlan

4:15 I. Chair’s report (Jeff Goodwin)
- Section in good shape. Update on possibility of section journal under review with ASA.

4:20 II. Secretary-Treasurer’s report (Scott Landes)
- Budget in good shape largely due to lower levels of spending from COVID and virtual conference.
- However, also important to recognize that membership has declined. As ASA provides funding for sections based upon number of mem, this impacts future income. Will need to work to rebuild membership levels to ensure adequate future funding for section.

4:25 III. Presentation of Section Awards:
Presentation of the Robin M. Williams Jr. Award by Jeff Goodwin to Sharon Erickson Nepstad
Presentation of the Outstanding Book Award by Lisa Hajjar to Selina Gallo-Cruz for Political Invisibility and Mobilization: Women against State Violence in Argentina, Yugoslavia, and Liberia
Presentation of the Outstanding Published Article Award by Ann Mische to Joshua Bloom and Aliza Luft (co-winners), with an honorable mention to Laura Acosta
Presentation of the Elise Boulding Student Paper Award by Eric Schoon to Alvin Camba and Kristin Foringer (co-winners), with an honorable mention to Basak Gemici

4:45 IV. Introduction of our new section chair, Laura Heideman

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.

PW&SC Council meeting, August 10, 10:00-10:45am EDT
Attendees: Jeff Goodwin, Scott Landes, Lisa Hajjar, Dana Moss, Michelle Gawerc, Ann Mische, Kristin Foringer, Laura Heideman, Ori Swed, Eric Schoon, Marie Berry, Ashley Reichelmann, Tom Maher

10:00 I. Welcome & introductions – personal introductions

10:10 II. Chair’s report (Jeff Goodwin): election results, award winners, journal initiative
- Section in good financial shape
- Section membership is down – 258 as of August 5, 2021; below 300 which has been norm for recent years
- Suggestion for council meeting in fall to address membership decline
- Election results; thanks to Kurt Shock, nominations chair, Lisa Leitz and Michelle Gawerc also on committee
  - Lisa Hajjar – chair elect
  - Tom Maher – secretary/treasurer
  - Dana Moss, Ashley Reichelmann – council members
  - Kristin Foringer – student representative
- Thanks to Michelle Gawerc, Lisa Leitz, Amanda Bell, and Scott Landes who are rotating out of leadership positions for their service
- Award winners – will announce at business meeting
- Thanks to award committees – Laura Heideman, Steve Carlton-Ford, Jeff Goodwin, Lisa Hajjar, Michelle Gawerc, Robert Braun, Ann Mische, Ori Swed, John Gordon, Eric Schoon, Marie Berry, Blair Sackett
- Journal initiative – aim to create sociological journal focused on peace and violence; adhoc committee (Sharon Erickson Nepstad, Ann Mische, Eric School, Ori Swed, David Cunningham); created description of potential journal; presented short proposal to ASA; awaiting ASA decision which will also have to be vetted by Sage; Jeff will continue work on this initiative as past-chair

10:20 III. Secretary-Treasurer’s report (Scott Landes)
- Good news - after clearing 2021 expenditures, estimate $9000 in account by year’s end. Low levels of spending past 2 years due to COVID.
- Membership down substantially, which will impact income for 2022.
- Likely that income for next year will not meet planned expenditures - anticipate $1600 in income for 2022; $2400 in expenses, which would put us $800 short.
- Proposed budget – same number as last year except slight increase in plaques (will need vote)
  - Reception $1500
  - Mentoring event (up to amount raised if pursued)
  - Student awards $200
  - Award plaques $200
  - Website $300
  - Membership $200
• We can make this up via the reception money for 2021. As last year, we would like to make a donation to the ASA minority fellowship program with part of the 2021 reception funds. Two options to consider that discussed with Jeff and Laura: 1) donate $1000 and draw $300 surplus from reserves; or 2) donate $700 to ASA and not draw from reserves.
  o Discussion – donation versus funding ASA minority fellowship versus grants for section members to diversity section representation
  o Table decision regarding donation to ASA until council meets to discuss section membership

10:25 IV. Vote on section budget
• Unanimous approval of budget

10:30 V. Award committees for 2021-22 (Jeff Goodwin): council assignments
• Dana Moss, Ashley Reichelman, + 2021 year winners – graduate student paper award
• Eric Schoon, Marie Berry + 2021 year winners – best article
• Ann Mische, Ori Swed, Salena Gallo Cruz – book award
• Jeff Goodwin, Lisa Hajjar, Laura Heidelmann – Robin Williams

10:35 VI. Communications committee report (Ori Swed): our website, blog, and virtual coffee hours
• Thank you from Jeff to Ori for communications work – website, blog, coffee hours
• Ori – use of communication mechanism to increase and connect members

10:40 VII. New business
• Michelle Gawerc – reminder that bylaws limit award selections to section members

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

Robin M. Williams, Jr. Award for Distinguished Contributions to Scholarship, Teaching, and Service – Sharon Erickson Nepstad

Outstanding Book Award –
Selina Gallo-Cruz: Political Invisibility and Mobilization: Women against State Violence in Argentina, Yugoslavia, and Liberia (Routledge)

Outstanding Published Article Award –

Elise Boulding Student Paper Award –
2021 Finances
Provide a narrative on how the 2021 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2021. Please account for any substantive differences.

Our estimated expenses for 2021 were $3,850, with $1500 budgeted for a joint reception, $1500 budgeted for a mentoring event, $200 for student awards, $150 for plaques for paper awards, $300 for the section website, and $200 budgeted for membership. Our estimated net income was $3,165 with a carryover of $7,500 from the previous year.

Our actual income was $1823. We did not spend the 1500 budgeted for the joint reception because the meeting was online, and we did not receive (or spend) the $1500 budgeted for the mentoring event. Our annual expenses were $409. We spent $200 on student awards and $208 on award plaques. We did not spend the $300 allocated for the website or the $200 for membership expenditures. After paying a website fee, we anticipate a carryover of $10,150 from this year into 2022.