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.

ASA Political Sociology Business Meeting Minutes
August 9, 11:00 to 11:30am EDT (8:00 to 8:30am PDT)
26 participants

1. Introduce new officers and thank outgoing officers

   Outgoing:
   Richard Lachmann - past chair
   Irene Bloemraad – council member
   David Brady – council member
   Stephanie Mudge – secretary-treasurer
   Maria Akchurin – communications director

   New:
   Fabio Rojas, Indiana University, chair
   Paul Almeida, UC Merced, chair elect
   Lauren Duquette Rury, Wayne State University, council member
   Nella Van Dyke, UC Merced, council member
   Jessica Kang, UC Irvine, grad student council member
   Maro Youssef, UT Austin, grad student council member
   Xiaohong Xu, University of Michigan, secretary-treasurer
   Kerice Doten-Snitker, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, communications director

2. Announcement of Awards
   a. Outstanding Contribution to Political Sociology (book award)
      Presented by Rachel Best and Marco Garrido

   b. Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for an Article
      Presented by David Brady

   c. Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for a Paper by a Graduate Student
      Presented by Ann Hironaka
d. Distinguished Career in Political Sociology
   Presented by Ann Hironaka

3. Report from Treasurer – Stephanie Mudge

4. Report from Communications Director – Maria Akchurin

5. Suggestions from section members on topics for future panels and requests for volunteers for
   section awards

   The low expenses due to having a virtual ASA conference have left a sizable balance for the section.
   There was some discussion at the business meeting on possible uses:
   a. Fund graduate student travel to ASA, perhaps targeting minority students
   b. Mini-conference, which might help rebuild the section and increase mentoring of grad
      students
   c. Sponsored graduate student memberships and/or hold a mentorship event
   d. Mutual aid network for those most affected by the pandemic

Additional suggestions invited by google survey sent to section members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 EDT

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.

ASA Political Sociology Council Meeting Minutes
August 9, 10:00 to 10:45am EDT (7:00 to 7:45am PDT)

Attendees:
Ann Hironaka, Richard Lachmann, Rachel Best, Maro Youssef, Jessica Kang, Paul Almeida, Nella Van
Dyke, Maria Akchurin, Marco Garrido, Xiaohong Xu, Fabio Rojas, David Brady

2. Introduction of new officers and recognition of outgoing officers

   Outgoing:
   Richard Lachmann
   Rachel Best
   David Brady
   Stephanie Mudge
   Maria Akchurin

   New:
   Fabio Rojas, Indiana University
   Paul Almeida, UC Merced
   Lauren Duquette Rury, Wayne State University
3. Report from Treasurer – Stephanie Mudge  
   Circulated by email

4. Report from Communications Director – Maria Akchurin  
   a. Section newsletters produced in fall and spring  
   b. Thanks to Jennifer Dudley, who has been (and is continuing) to serve as the webmaster

5. Discuss duties for new council positions  
   a. Graduate student council representatives  
      i. Term length: 2 years  
      Council agreed that student candidate should be a graduate student at the time of the election; however, they can continue to serve even if complete Ph.D. during term  
      ii. Duties:  
      Council agreed that graduate students be invited to serve on one of the award committees, choice of committee to be worked out with the Chair.  
   b. Communications Director  
      i. Term length: 3 years  
      ii. Duties: section newsletter

There was a fair amount of discussion about how the blog might be augmented and twitter incorporated.  
   a. If a twitter account is created, members could be encouraged to tweet about their own (or others) recent publications and professional activity  
   b. In addition, members could send an email to the listserv if they have an article to share, especially if linked to current events  
   c. Twitter # should be added to website and publicized  
   d. Twitter could send out periodic reminders to section members, and also link to newsletter  
   e. Possibility of asking members for earlier (pre-2006) newsletters for the archive  
   f. Use google form on blog to collect opinions from section members  
   g. Possibility of changing template for website

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 EDT

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

Political Sociology's Distinguished Career in Political Sociology Award

2021: Evelyne Huber, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2021: John Stephens, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for an Article Award**


**Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for a Paper by a Graduate Student Award**

Jordan Brensinger and Ramina Sotoudeh, "Affect in the Age of Partisanship: Investigating the Interdependence of Attitudes Towards Social Groups."

Matty Lichtenstein, "Legitimizing Tactics: Hasidic Schools, Non-Compliance, and the Politics of Deservingness."

**Outstanding Contribution to Political Sociology**


**2021 Finances**

Provide a narrative on how the 2021 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2021. Please account for any substantive differences.

The political sociology section’s 2021 expenditures were substantially lower than anticipated due to the COVID-related cancellation of the 2020 ASA Annual Meetings. We budgeted a total of $3,300 for a reception and council breakfast, but both were cancelled. All other expenses were in-line with our 2021 budget expectations.