**BYLAWS OF THE EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION**

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ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Members of the Section

Members of the Section shall consist of all persons with an interest in experimental research who indicate a desire to be members and who pay the annual Section dues along with their American Political Science Association dues.

Section 2: Meetings of Members

The Business Meeting of the Section will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Announcements of the Section Business Meeting will be included in the printed program of the Association.

Section 3: Annual Dues

Annual Section dues will be established at the Business Meeting of the Section based on the recommendation of the Executive Council. The annual dues shall be payable at the time of payment of American Political Science Association dues.

ARTICLE II: OFFICERS

 Section 1: Executive Council

An Executive Council consisting of six members (President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and two at-large Council Members) shall assume office at the Business Meeting of the Section in even numbered years for terms of two years. These officers shall be nominated and elected in the odd numbered year preceding their terms.

A single council member at large shall assume office in odd number years for a term of two years and shall be nominated and elected in the even numbered years preceding their terms.

Section 2: Election of Officers

All Members of the Executive Council shall be elected by majority vote at the annual Business Meeting of the Section. A Nominating Committee composed of three members of the Section appointed by the current President shall recommend at least one person who consents to be nominated for those offices, the terms of which are to begin and expire at the Annual Business Meeting.

Voting may also take place on-line via the APSA Connect Website. On-line voting requires a 15-day advance notification of the vote, a minimum of 30 days in which to cast votes, and at least 100 votes cast.

Section 3: President

The President of the Section shall assume office in even numbered years for a two-year term after serving as President-elect. The President shall serve as Chair of the Executive Council and shall preside at the Business Meeting, call meetings of the Executive Council, and be responsible for implementing and coordinating the programs of the Section.

Section 4: President-elect

The President-elect of the Section shall be nominated in odd numbered years and assume office in even numbered years for a two-year term. The President-elect shall assist the President in all functions specified in Article II, Section 3 and shall be responsible for presiding over Business Meetings and Executive Council meetings in cases when the President cannot be present. The President-elect shall assume the Presidency for two-years after serving as President-elect.

Section 5: Secretary

The Secretary of the Section shall be nominated in odd numbered years and assume office in even number years for a two-year term. The Secretary shall maintain the minutes of the Business Meetings.

Section 6: Treasurer

The Treasurer of the Section shall be nominated in odd numbered years and assume office in even number years for a two-year term. The Treasurer is responsible for the funds of the Section and for filing necessary reports with the American Political Science Association.

Section 7: Council Members-at-Large

There shall be two Members-at-Large nominated in odd numbered years and assume office for two-year terms in even numbered years. Another Member-at-Large will be nominated in even numbered years and assume office for a two-year term in odd numbered years.

Section 8: Standing Committees

The President, in consultation with the Executive Council, shall appoint standing committees of the Section upon taking office. These include but are not limited to the Nominating Committee and all award committees. The president shall also fill vacancies on existing standing committees as needed, including but not limited to the Journal Advisory Committee.

In the final year of a journal editor’s term, the President, in consultation with the Executive Council, shall appoint a Journal Editor Selection Committee.

In years in which a new journal editor is appointed, the President, in consultation with the Executive Council, shall appoint a new Journal Standards Committee.

ARTICLE III: PROGRAMS & AWARDS OF THE SECTION

Section 1: Annual Meeting Program Chair

A Program Chair shall be appointed by the President, in consultation with the Executive Council, for a one-year term. The Program Chair shall organize panels at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association as instructed by the Association.

Section 2: Awards

The Section shall bestow awards in the following areas at the Business Meeting: Best Book, Best Dissertation, Best Paper, and Public Service. Descriptions of the awards can be found on the Section’s web page hosted by the American Political Science Association.

ARTICLE IV: PUBLICATIONS

Section 1: *The Journal of Experimental Political Science*

The Section regards *The Journal of Experimental Political Science* (JEPS) as the medium of scholarly publication for its members. It encourages its members to contribute to and subscribe to JEPS as the scholarly journal most focused on the interests of the Section.

Section 2: Editor of *The Journal of Experimental Political Science*

*Term.* The Editor of JEPS shall be appointed to a four-year term by a search committee appointed by the President. The term shall begin on January 1st and end December 31st. Editors may elect to renew their four-year term once, for a combined term of eight years. If editors wish to end their terms early, six months advance notice shall be given in writing to the President of the Section.

*Selection.* The search process shall begin one year prior to the end of the current editor’s term. The President of the section, at his or her discretion, shall appoint a search committee consisting of either three or five individuals. A majority of section officers must approve the committee. The committee shall solicit potential new editors by querying current section officers, other active members, and may issue a public call. The committee appoints the new editor directly without a vote by the section. One member of the advisory committee, appointed by the President, will serve as chair of the committee.

*Conflicts.* The editor cannot simultaneously hold an office in the section.

*Editorial Board.* The editor of JEPS shall select members of a journal editorial board for terms of their choice, contingent on publisher expectations. The editor shall retain discretion over the size of the board. Each year, however, in which new members of the board are appointed, a journal advisory committee shall make non-binding recommendations to the editor.

*Annual Report.* The editor shall deliver an annual report to the Journal Advisory Committee that includes data on submissions, acceptances/rejections, speed of decisions, and any other pertinent information. The annual report is due on January 15th of each year.

Section 3: Journal Advisory Committee

*Appointment.* The President of the section shall select a standing journal advisory committee consisting of five individuals. A majority of section officers must approve the committee. Each member of the committee serves a three-year term. One member of the advisory committee, appointed by the President, will serve as chair throughout his or her tenure on the committee.

*Annual Report.* The committee shall oversee the journal and facilitate communication between the journal and the section. Specifically, the committee shall receive an annual report from the editor that includes data on submissions, acceptances/rejections, speed of decisions, and any other pertinent information. The annual report is due on January 15th of each year. If the committee needs to discuss the report, a meeting shall be held via telephone or other method.

*Removal of Editor.* The committee shall maintain the power to remove the editor prior to the conclusion of his or her tenure. This decision requires a super-majority of four committee members supporting removal as well as a majority of section officers. Possible reasons for removal include failure to publish a diversity of relevant work, failure to enforce minimal reporting standards, failure to maintain what the committee views as reasonable manuscript review times (relative to other specialized journals in the field), failure to publish the journal (i.e., issues) in a timely manner, among others. The committee must provide six months notice of removal to the editors, at which point a new editor search will begin.

*Publishing.* The committee shall be responsible for negotiating with publishers and ensuring continued publication. The committee shall discuss all decisions about publishers with the American Political Science Association.

*Editorial Board.* The committee shall make non-binding recommendations about membership of the editorial board of the Journal.

Section 4: Journal Reporting Standards

All articles published in JEPS shall meet a version of the journal’s reporting standards. A document detailing the reporting standards shall be displayed on the journal’s home page near the instructions to authors. A record of the current standards shall be maintained by the President of Section, and can also be found here:

<http://journals.cambridge.org/images/fileUpload/documents/xps_reportingstandards.pdf>.

*Enforcement.* Editors shall be expected to enforce the standards. To ensure editorial discretion, each editor shall work with a three-member Standards Committee prior to the start of the editorial term; if such a committee is not standing, the President of the section will appoint an ad hoc committee unilaterally. The President of the section will arbitrate disagreements between the committee and editor, should any occur.

Section 5: The Experimental Political Scientist newsletter

The Section regards The Experimental Political Scientist newsletter as the medium of communication concerning professional activities of the Section and its members. The Experimental Political Scientist shall be sent to all members of the Sections twice annually as permitted by the funds of the Section. The Editor of The Experimental Political Scientist shall be appointed by the President of the Section directly for a term of two years.

Section 6: The Experimental Research Section Website

The Section shall maintain a website that is separate from the Section’s web page on the APSA site. The President shall directly appoint a web master to administer the site to a term of two years. The website shall serve as a repository for issues of The Experimental Political Scientist and as a resource for members on a variety of issues such as grants, syllabi, and conferences, among other things.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

Section Officers and members, in consultation with the President of the Section, shall have the power to modify, alter or amend the bylaws of the Section by majority vote at the Section’s annual Business Meeting or on-line via APSA Connect (on-line voting requires a 15-day advance notice of the vote, a 30-day voting window, and at least 100 votes cast).

The following exception applies: a 2/3rds majority of *all section members* at the time of the vote must be obtained to ratify changes or additions that govern the regulation of conduct of the Section’s membership (for example, requirements about pre-registration, reporting standards, protection of human subjects, or replication standards). When such requirements are considered by the membership, they must be proposed one at a time. If voting is conducted on-line, each requirement must separately receive the necessary 15-day advance notification of the vote and a unique 30-day voting period in which no other considerations are being voted upon.

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