

By-Laws of the Political Psychology Section of the
American Political Science Association.

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PREAMBLE:

The Political Psychology Section of the American Political Science Association exists to facilitate communication across subfields and disciplinary boundaries among individuals interested in the relationship between political and psychological processes; to provide a forum in which such individuals may exchange ideas, enhance their professional development, and act to ensure that the activities of the American Political Science Association encompass their interests; and to increase the quality, breadth, depth and usefulness of work in political psychology.

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members of the Section

All regular and affiliated members of the American Political Science Association are eligible for membership. Membership in the section is established by payment of the annual section dues to the American Political Science Association.

Section 2. Meetings:

Annual meetings of the section will be held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association. Announcements of the meeting will be printed in the program of the American Political Science Association.

Section 3. Annual Dues:

Annual dues shall be established by majority vote of members at the Annual Business meeting of the section and shall continue in effect until changed by majority vote of a subsequent meeting. The amount of dues shall be recommended to the Annual Business Meeting by the Executive Committee or by petition of 10 or more members of the section.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Committee

The section will be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of a President, President-Elect, Past President, Treasurer, Communications Director, Program Chair, and At-Large Council Member. The Executive Committee shall meet at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association and may also meet remotely throughout the year. Additional meetings of the executive committee may be called with at least one (1) week's notice at the request of the President. The Executive Committee may serve as the nominating committee, which approaches candidates for the next section election, or it may appoint a separate nominating committee. The executive

committee will also appoint an awards committee, consisting of individuals who will evaluate candidates for the section's awards. The Executive Committee will discuss ways to broaden section membership and any other matters of concern to the section. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to appoint ad-hoc committees and to authorize any section expenditures of less than \$500. The Executive Committee shall also be responsible for planning any additional section events.

Section 2. President

The President serves for two calendar years as President, then continues to serve on the executive committee for two more years as the Past President. The President will schedule and preside at the Annual Business Meeting and meetings of the Executive Committee, represent the section for all official business of the APSA, and undertake action requested by the Executive Committee or required in the interests of the Section. During the first calendar year, the President shall also select one or two Program Chairs, who will efficiently and fairly organize the section's panels and programs for the following year's APSA annual meeting. The President considers ways to increase the section membership, and to represent and serve the diverse interests of section members.

Section 3. President-Elect:

The President-Elect serves two years as a member of the executive committee in preparation for the following term, when the officer will serve as President. The President-elect shall also fill in for the President if, for any reason, the President is unable to perform her or his duties. During the second calendar year, the President-Elect will select one or two Program Chairs, who will organize the section's panel for the following year's APSA annual meeting.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall maintain financial records of the Section and be responsible of submitting an annual financial report to the Business Meeting of the Section and to the APSA. The Treasurer shall be elected for two-year terms in years when a new President-Elect is not elected.

Section 5. Communications Director

The Communications Director shall keep minutes of meetings of the Section and the Executive Committee and shall communicate to the membership and to other organizations on behalf of the Executive Committee. The Communications Director shall also be responsible for the maintenance of the Section website. The Communications Director shall be elected for two-year terms in years when a new President-Elect is elected.

Section 6. Program Chair(s)

The Program Chair(s) shall be appointed by the President or President-Elect no less than 18 months before the APSA annual meeting he or she is set to chair. The program chair(s) shall write and submit the call for papers to the APSA, attend the meeting for program chairs at the annual meeting, work with the APSA and other sections' program chairs to organize the Political Psychology section's panels and

programs, and keep the executive committee informed. Up to two program chairs may be appointed at the discretion of the President or President-Elect. The program chair(s) should be selected by the person who will be President at the time of the APSA meeting.

Section 7. At-Large Council Member

An At-Large Council Member will serve on the executive committee for two years, assisting the duties of the committee as outlined above. The At-Large Council Member shall be elected for two-year terms in years when a new President-Elect is not elected.

Section 8. Vacancies

Vacancies in all offices shall be filled at the discretion of the Executive Committee until they can be filled by a vote by members at the next regularly scheduled election.

ARTICLE III. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall solicit the members of the Section for nominations. The committee shall draw up a slate of candidates which gives weight to names put forward by membership, especially those names receiving several mentions, and which represents the various fields and diverse interests of the Section. The Nominating Committee must have three (3) members to conduct business.

Section 2. Awards Committee(s)

The Executive Committee of the Section shall have the discretion to appoint committees to administer awards offered by the Section. Each awards committee shall have a membership of no fewer than three (3) individuals. Appointments will be made annually by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall also appoint a chair for each committee.

Section 3. Ad-Hoc Committee(s)

The President of the Section shall have the discretion to appoint Ad-Hoc Committees for the purpose of assisting with Section business, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee shall deliver its slate of nominees to the Communications Director in order for the Communications Director to publish the slate to all members of the Section at least ten (10) days in advance of the Annual Business Meeting. In addition to the Nominating Committee slate, additional candidates nominated and seconded at the Annual Business Meeting shall be placed in nomination.

Election shall be determined by plurality of votes cast by all those members present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting. The outgoing Executive Committee

shall resolve all questions regarding the process or outcome of elections. Newly elected officers shall assume their responsibilities at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting.

ARTICLE V. DIVERSITY

The section is committed to promoting and enhancing diversity and inclusion. The goals of the President and Executive Committee of the section are consistent with those of APSA, to ensure policies, membership, and nominations that are “inclusive of a variety of different characteristics and backgrounds, including race, ethnicity, actual or perceived, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, region of the country, country of origin, type of institution, and—as applicable—professional interest and methodological orientation” (Organized Section Handbook 2018, 3).

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Amendments to the by-laws may be proposed by the Executive Committee, or by petition of ten (10) members of the Section. Proposed amendments shall be published to all members of the section no less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting to allow for public review and comment. The final language of the proposed changes shall be published to all members of the section no less than 10 (10) days prior to the annual meeting. Those voting on the proposed bylaw changes at the Annual Business Meeting shall not substantively amend the language provided to the membership. Provision shall be made for absentee ballot. The by-laws maybe amended by a two-thirds majority of votes cast by all those members present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting or by absentee ballot.