

BYLAWS OF THE METHODOLOGY SECTION OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL  
SCIENCE ASSOCIATION  
(Amended on August 30, 2019)

**ARTICLE I ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1: Members of the Section**

Members of the Section shall consist of all persons with an interest in methodology, research design, measurement, statistics, and modeling who indicate a desire to be members and who pay the annual Section dues along with their Associate or Regular 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 Committee. The annual dues shall be payable at the time of payment of Associate or Regular American Political Science Association dues.

**ARTICLE II Article II: Officers**

**Section 1: Executive Committee**

An Executive Committee consisting of five members shall be elected at the Business Meeting of the Section in odd numbered years for terms of two years in the case of the President and Vice-President. A Secretary-Treasurer and Member-at-Large shall be elected in even number years for terms of two years. The editor of Political Analysis shall also serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

**Section 2: Election of Officers**

All Members of the Executive Committee, except the Editor of Political Analysis, shall be elected by majority vote at the annual Business Meeting of the Section. A Nominations 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 due to expire at the Annual Business Meeting.

### **Section 3: President**

The President of the Section shall be elected in odd numbered years for a two year term. The President shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee and shall preside at the Business Meeting, call meetings of the Executive Committee, and be responsible for implementing and coordinating the programs of the Section.

### **Section 4: Vice President**

The Vice President of the Section shall be elected in odd numbered years for a two year term. The Vice President shall assist the President in all functions specified in Article II, Section 3 and shall be responsible for presiding over Business Meetings and Executive Committee meetings in cases when the President cannot be present.

### **Section 5: Secretary-Treasurer**

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Section shall be elected in even number years for a two year term. The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain the minutes of the Business Meetings and be responsible for the funds of the Section. The Secretary-Treasurer may stand for a second consecutive two year term.

### **Section 6: Member-at-Large**

There shall be one Member-at-Large elected for a two year term in even numbered years. The Member-at-Large may stand for a second consecutive two year term.

## **ARTICLE III ARTICLE III: PROGRAMS OF THE SECTION**

### **Section 1: Program Director**

A Program Director shall be appointed by the President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, for a one year term. The Program Director shall organize and direct such programs at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association as are approved at the Business Meeting. To the extent appropriate, the Program Director will work with the Section Chair for the official APSA Program Committee or serve on the official APSA Program Committee in order to help develop methodology panels for the official program of the APSA Annual Meeting.

## **Section 2: Programs**

The Section may establish special panels, workshops, symposia, or social gatherings at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, and at other regional and professional meetings. The Section may also hold independent meetings, workshops, or symposia on issues related to political methodology.

## **ARTICLE IV ARTICLE IV: PUBLICATIONS**

### **Section 1: Political Analysis**

The Section regards Political Analysis as the medium of scholarly publication for its members. It encourages its members to contribute to and subscribe to Political Analysis as the scholarly journal most focused on the interests of the Section.

### **Section 2: Editor of Political Analysis**

The Editor of Political Analysis shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee subject to approval at the Business Meeting of the Section and the Publisher of the Journal. The Editor will be appointed for a term of three years. Associate Editors of Political Analysis shall be approved by the Business Meeting based on the recommendation of the Editor and subject to the approval of the Publisher.

### **Section 3: The Political Methodologist**

The Section regards The Political Methodologist as the medium of communication concerning professional activities of the Section and its members. The Political Methodologist shall be sent to all members of the Sections twice annually as permitted by the funds of the Section. The Editor of The Political Methodologist shall be elected by majority vote at the Business Meeting of the Section for a term of three years. The President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall recommend at least one person who consents to be nominated as Editor.

## **ARTICLE V: DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

### **Section 1: Statement of Diversity and Inclusion**

The Section is established to support and develop methodological and empirical tools for the study of political science. The open exchange of ideas, the freedom of thought and expression, and respectful scientific debate are central to the aims and goals of the Section. These require a

community and an environment that recognizes the inherent worth of every person and group, that fosters dignity, understanding, and mutual respect, and that embraces diversity. The Section is thus committed to sharing values of diversity and inclusion, and to fostering a diverse membership that's inclusive of racial and ethnic background, disability status, religion, age, gender, color, gender identity, national origin, physical appearance, ancestry, sexual orientation, and socio-economic background. In order to foster diversity and inclusion, the Section seeks to provide forums for varied perspectives and an open exchange of ideas in an unbiased and non-prejudicial way. The values expressed in this statement are recognized and supported fully by the leadership of the Section at all levels.

## **Section 2: Code of Conduct**

As outlined in our Statement of Diversity and Inclusion, the Section is committed to fostering a community that recognizes the inherent worth of every person and group, that promotes understanding and mutual respect, and that embraces diversity. We are thus dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for all participants at our events and in our programs. The policy is not intended to inhibit challenging scientific debate, but rather to promote it through ensuring that all are welcome to participate in a shared spirit of scientific inquiry.

Harassment and hostile behavior are unwelcome at any conference or event sponsored, co-sponsored, or organized by the Section. This includes speech or behavior that intimidates, creates discomfort, or interferes with a person's participation or opportunity for participation in a conference or an event. We aim for all Section-sponsored activities to be free of harassment, including but not limited to: harassment based on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, color, physical appearance, national origin, ancestry, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and socio-economic background. Harassment includes, among other actions, degrading verbal comments, discriminatory jokes and language, deliberate intimidation, stalking, harassing photography or recording, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention.

It is the responsibility of the community as a whole to promote an inclusive and positive environment for our scholarly activities. Anyone who experiences harassment or hostile behavior may contact the Section's Climate Liaison. During events sponsored or organized by the Section, this email (and an additional phone number distributed before the event) will be continuously monitored for the duration of the event. When taking a personal report, our staff will ensure that no one can overhear. They may involve other event staff to ensure the report is

managed properly. We will keep any contact in strict confidence, and those who contact the Climate Liaison will be consulted before any actions are taken.

#### **ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS**

The Annual Business Meeting shall have the power to modify, alter or amend the bylaws of the Section by majority vote.