

# CONSTITUTION OF THE WESTERN SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

## PREAMBLE

The goal of the Western Social Science Association is to foster a multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary environment that nurtures professional study, advances research and service, and promotes the teaching of the social sciences in our institutions of higher learning. The Western Social Science Association ("WSSA", also referred to as "the Association") shall be guided by this constitution.

## ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any person sharing the interests of the Association may become a member upon payment of such annual fees as are prescribed by the Executive Board.
- B. Honorary memberships may be approved by the Executive Board.
- C. All members not delinquent in their annual fee shall be considered as being in good standing and therefore entitled to attend, participate, hold office and vote in the Annual Business Meeting of the Association, which is held as part of the Annual Conference.
- D. The Executive Board has the authority at the Fall meeting to review and set annual membership and conference registration fees. Changes in fees shall be effective no sooner than the next cycle of fee collection.
- E. All dues shall be effective for a period of one year. The timing of the dues notification and annual cycle shall be determined by the Executive Director with the advice and consent of the Executive Council.
- F. No special assessments, other than annual fees established by the Executive Board, shall be levied against the membership of the Association.

**ARTICLE II. OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS (Terms of office, succession, and elections).** The term "Council" shall hereinafter refer to the entire governing body listed in IIA; the term "Executive Board" shall refer to all of the voting members of the body (IIA1-5), and "Board" to the nine elected non-officer members (IIA5). "Ex Officio" members are non-voting members of the Council. Where the term "advice and consent of the Executive Council" is used, it is intended to mean the advice of the Council and the consent of the Executive Board.

- A. The Executive Council of the Association shall consist of:
  - 1. President
  - 2. President-Elect/Program Coordinator
  - 3. Vice-President/Secretary
  - 4. Immediate Past President
  - 5. Board of nine members
  - 6. Executive Director (Ex Officio)
  - 7. Editor of the Social Science Journal (Ex Officio)
  - 8. Book review editor (Ex Officio)
  - 9. Communications Director (Ex Officio) (This position includes the positions of Conference Manager, Newsletter Editor, Web Manager, and Assistant to the Executive Director. The position may split off any or all of its subsidiary components, by decision of the Executive Director, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board)
  - 10. Student Grant & Award Coordinator (Ex Officio or Board Member)