



Section Coordinator  
Information  
and  
Guidelines  
48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
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## About WSSA

**Mission:** The Mission of the Western Social Science Association is to advance scholarship, teaching, service and professional exchange across the social science disciplines.

**History:** WSSA was founded in 1958 as the Rocky Mountain Social Science Association, when the Social Science Section of the Colorado-Wyoming Academy of Science reconstituted itself as an independent organization. On January 1, 1975 the name was officially changed to the Western Social Science Association to reflect the geographical representation of the Association's membership. WSSA is a 501 [c][3] non-profit educational organization.

Although a majority of its members reside in the American West, WSSA draws social scientists from throughout the United States and internationally. Membership is open to all who share the Association's goals. Currently, WSSA has thirty sections and affiliated groups. These include:

African American Studies	Geography
American Studies	History
American Indian Studies	Latin American Studies
Anthropology	Mass Communications
Arid Lands Studies	New Zealand and Australia Studies
Asian Studies	Philosophy
Association for Borderlands Studies	Political Science
Canadian Studies	Public Administration
Chicano and Land Grant Studies	Public Finance and Budgeting
Chronic Disease and Disability	Rural Studies
Criminal Justice and Criminology	Slavic Studies
Economics (AFIT)	Social Psychology
Economics (Business and Finance)	Sociology
Economics (General)	Urban Studies
Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management	Women's Studies

### Governance:

The Association's Executive Council consists of the officers of the Association (President, Vice-President, and President-Elect), nine council members elected at-large, and Immediate Past-President. Officers are elected for one-year terms and Council Members hold office for three years, with one-third of the officers being elected each year. Elections are by mail ballot and are held each winter. Serving as ex-officio members are the Association's Executive Director and editors of the *Social Science Journal*, and *WSSA Newsletter*.

### Activities:

**Annual Conference:** The Association's annual conference, held each year in April, is one of the largest gatherings of social scientists in the United States. At a typical conference, over 1,000 papers are given at 250 panel sessions. A number of affiliated organizations meet concurrently with WSSA. Recent conference locations include: Las Vegas (2003), Salt Lake City (2004), and Albuquerque (2005). The 2006 conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona.

*Social Science Journal (SSJ)*. The SSJ is a multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary journal published four times a year. All articles are refereed. Theoretical, empirical, and speculative articles are considered. We accept the idea that quality can be found in a variety of forms.

*WSSA News* is the official newsletter of the Association. The newsletter is published electronically ( <http://wssa.asu.edu>) and appears three times per year.

Other publications of the Association include the annual conference program and Abstracts of conference papers. The conference program is available both in-print and electronically. The Abstracts are published only in electronic form.

**Student Paper Competition:** Each year, graduate and undergraduate students are invited to submit papers to WSSA's Student Paper Competition. Up to three papers are selected by a committee for cash awards. Winning students also receive a one-year membership in WSAA and waiver of the annual conference fee. Their papers are eligible for publication in the SSJ and can be presented at the Spring Conference.

#### Membership and Information:

Members are entitled to vote on Association matters, attend the annual business meeting, and receive all WSSA publications including the *Social Science Journal* and the WSSA Newsletter.

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# Call for Papers: *Join Us Next Year in Phoenix!*

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Plan to join us next year for WSSA's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

**April 19-23, 2006**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**  
**Wyndham Phoenix Hotel**  
50 East Adams Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

The Western Social Science Association invites proposals for presentation at the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Proposals for both complete panels and individual papers are welcome. You can submit your proposal through the WSSA website: <http://wssa.asu.edu>. Please note the section for which you would like your proposal submitted.

Deadline for proposals is: December 1, 2005.

Please include the following information:

Title of presentation

Name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone number and email address

Other authors

Section

Abstract not to exceed 200 words

Scholars willing to serve as moderators or discussants should indicate their interest to the appropriate section coordinator listed on the website. All participants are required to register for the conference by March 1, 2005.

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**WSSA  
CALL FOR  
STUDENT PAPERS**

**WIN FOR WRITING**

**BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND  
GRADUATE STUDENTS ARE  
ELIGIBLE**

You can win **\$500**, a free one-year subscription to the *Social Science Journal*, free conference registration at the April 2006 WSSA conference in Phoenix, Arizona and the opportunity to present your paper at the WSSA 2006 Conference.

**HOW TO WIN**

If your paper on a social science topic is judged to be the best of the submissions for your class level, you win. Undergraduate and graduate papers are evaluated separately thus there is a winner for each level.

Papers are judged based on a) advancement of knowledge, b) appropriateness for a broad social science audience, c) quality and implementation of research design, d) definition and significance of topic, e) analysis of findings and discussion of their implications and f) clarity and cogency of writing.

**Paper Requirements**

- **Papers cannot exceed 25 pages (which include bibliography, tables, figures, appendices and other supporting materials).** Abstracts and cover sheets do not count as part of the 25 page maximum.
- **Papers longer than the 25 page maximum will not be read (strictly enforced).**
- All pages must be double-spaced and in 12 pt Arial font.
- Papers may not be theses or dissertations previously presented or published.
- Authors may wish to consult the *Social Science Journal's* style guide for formatting information.

Papers must be received on or before **February 1, 2006**. Please clearly indicate undergraduate or graduate status, institutional affiliation, address, phone number and e-mail address. Send an e-mail copy (Word or rich text) or three hard copies to:

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## Deadlines for Section Coordinators:

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**48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
Phoenix, Arizona  
April 19-23, 2006**

**May 2005:** Section coordinators mail and/or email the first call for papers for the April 2006 conference. It is important to do this early!

**August 2005:** Section Coordinators mail or email second call for papers to potential participants.

**December 1, 2005:** Deadline for participants to submit proposals to Section Coordinators.

**December 16, 2005:** Section Coordinators submit their programs and abstracts to the General Program Coordinator (Doreen Barrie). Please see formatting instructions and examples for both the program and abstracts.

**January 31, 2006:** Deadline for program changes and revisions. This deadline is absolute.

**March 1, 2006:** Deadline for General Program Coordinator to submit program to the printer.

**April 10, 2006** Last day for pre-registration payments.

## Guidelines for Section Coordinators

Deadlines: Please help Doreen Barrie by observing the deadlines listed on a separate page.

Almost all of the work of a section coordinator can be done via email.

1. Please send out an **initial call for papers in May, 2005**. This may seem early, but it is not. This call for papers reminds potential participants of next year's conference and gets them thinking about a proposal.

**Web-based proposals.** By early May, 2005 participants will be able to submit paper proposals via WSSA's website (<http://wssa.asu.edu>). As a section coordinator, you will receive any proposals submitted for your section at the website via email. An example of the email you will receive from the website appears later in this handbook. Please acknowledge receipt of the proposal to the author. The general program coordinator will not receive a copy of the proposal so it is up to you to keep track of the web-based proposals for your section. The only web-based proposals that will go directly to the general program coordinator are those proposals in which no section was designated.

2. Send out an additional **call for papers in August, 2005**. This is extremely important.

3. You may need to send an **additional reminder** about the call for papers in mid-October.

4. Organize your section's proposals into panels. A common theme in each panel is nice, but not always possible. **Send your program to Doreen Barrie by email by December 15, 2005.**

5. Send **abstracts** in the designated format (See the section titled Preparing Abstracts) in a separate email attachment. Please pay particular attention to the formatting issues discussed below. An example of a nicely formatted abstract appears later in this document.

6. **Formatting issues:** Please DO NOT use any special formatting when submitting your section's program or abstracts. This means no underlining, *italics*, bold, special fonts, or colors. Examples of ideally formatted programs and abstracts follow these guidelines.

6. **File formats:** If possible, submit your program and abstracts as a WORD file. If you do not have WORD, please use "rich text format." PLEASE DO NOT compress your file using zip or stuff-it or other file compression software.

7. **Cross-Listed Panels** can be accommodated if both section coordinators agree to common days, times, session titles, and session content *before submitting their programs*. In 2005 there were requests for cross-listings very late in the process that could not be arranged because doing so would have required shifting several rooms, times, and days. *Individual papers can not be cross-listed.*

8. **Day and time requests.** The final decision on days and times of panels is made by the General Program Coordinator. Every effort will be made to honor your requests for days and times, but it is not possible to place all panels on the same day. Meeting room space in hotels is adequate if we can be flexible in scheduling. This means that we must have sessions on all days of the conference and some of these will be late in the afternoon or early in the morning. In 2006 as in 2005, panels will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the following times:

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

9. **Section Activities** (Business Meetings, Receptions, etc). If your section plans on holding a special activity, please notify Doreen Barrie by January 15, 2006. If your section simply wants to hold a business meeting, the best way to do that is to schedule it during a panel time slot. Otherwise your section will probably incur a room charge. If your section needs to hold a reception with food or other refreshments after panels are complete for the day, you need to coordinate time, day and a room with Doreen Barrie who can also tell you how to make arrangements to pay the hotel for food and beverages.

10. **Audio-Visual Equipment** is a huge cost item for WSSA. Please notify participants that (a) WSSA does not provide power-point or other computer projectors because the cost is prohibitive and (b) unless AV equipment is requested in advance, it will not be available.

### Sample Format for Section Program

Panel 1: Theoretical Issues in Institutional Economics

Thursday

8:00-9:30

Moderator: Harold Wolozin, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Discussant: Christopher Niggle, University of Redlands

“The Role of Agency in OIE and NIE Thought”

Mary Wrenn, Idaho State University

“Of Transactions and Transaction Costs: Uncertainty, Policy, and the Process of Law in the Thought of Commons and Williamson”

Thomas Kemp, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

“John B. Davis’s “Theory of the Individual” Applied: Two Case Studies; Thorstein Veblen and Joseph Schumpeter”

Timothy A. Wunder, Valparaiso University

“An Application of Institutionalist Value Theory to Politics”

Gladys Foster, University of Colorado

Panel 2: Inequality

Thursday

9:45-11:15

Moderator: William M Dugger, The University of Tulsa

Discussants: Mayo Toruno, California State University, San Bernardino and Barbara Wiens-Tuers, Penn State, Altoona

“Inequality and Critical Marxism”

Howard Sherman, University of California, Los Angeles

“Inequality, Scarcity, and Abundance”

William M. Dugger, The University of Tulsa and James T. Peach, New Mexico State University

“Locked Out: How Mortgage Market Discrimination Creates and Perpetuates Wealth and Income Inequality”

Reynold Nesiba, Augustana College

### **Preparing Abstracts:**

Please submit abstracts in a single word or rich text format file separately from your program.

Please submit abstracts along with your program to Doreen Barrie by December 15, 2005.

Abstracts should be submitted alphabetically by last name of author.

The first line should contain the author name. The second line should contain the author's affiliation. Repeat these two lines for multiple authors.

Insert a blank line after the author's name and affiliation.

Include the title on a separate line. Use quotes around the title. Do not use underlining or italics.

Repeat this process for each abstract.

Abstracts longer than 200 words will be truncated! The abstract file for the 2005 conference was 300 pages long.

No editing (other than truncating long abstracts) will be done by the general program coordinator.

A file containing abstracts by section will be posted to the WSSA website (<http://wssa.asu.edu>). There will be no printed copy of the abstracts.

An example of a properly formatted abstract appears on the next page.

**An example of a properly formatted abstract.**

Steven R. Bolduc  
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“Ceremonial Encapsulation, Double Diversion, and the Clean Air Act of 1970”

Like much legislative activity of the early 1970s, the Clean Air Act of 1970 reflected a new balance—through creation of a new mechanism for public interest advocacy—between local community control and federal regulatory responsibility. Subsequent amendments reflect increased reliance on free market principles—namely, in the use of emissions permits and the cap-and-trade model. Building on the institutionalist theory of ceremonial encapsulation and drawing on recent work in environmental sociology, in particular William Freudenburg’s Theory of Double Diversion, I propose examining how the amendments have undermined the goal of effective ecological protection as well as the legitimacy of the governance process. The argument builds on the idea of a double diversion: corporate and government elites divert to their own use the privileged access to rights and resources and, at the same time, divert the attention of potentially countervailing institutions or otherwise undermine their voice in the policy process.

**A Web-based Proposal –similar to the ones section coordinators will receive directly from the WSSA website.**

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# Thu Dec  9 23:11:21 2004
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location: http://wssa.asu.edu/proposal\_confirm.htm
Contact_FullName: John Maynard Keynes
Contact_Title: Lord
Contact_Organization: London School of Economics
Contact_StreetAddress: 98 Sloane Square
Contact_Address2:
Contact_City: London
Contact_State:
Contact_ZipCode: W3Q4
Contact_Country: ENGLAND
Contact_WorkPhone: 555-555-1234
Contact_FAX:
Contact_Email: KEYNES@ECON.COM
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Additional_Name4:
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Title_Name: The General Theory of Employment, Interest, and Money.
Section: Economics (General)
sendto: jpeach@nmsu.edu
Abstract: The lack of an adequate theory to explain the downturn in
economic activity associated with Mr. Hoover's Great Depression in the
colonies prompted me to write this paper. It will be argued that the
commonly used classical model of macroeconomic activity is a specific
theory applicable only to the special case of full-employment. This
paper will present a more general theory of macroeconomic activity
including the possibility of a less than full-employment equilibrium.
Policy options will be offered.
Overhead projector: ON
OtherAV:
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**WESTERN SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION**  
**PROPOSAL FOR PRESENTATION OF PAPER**  
**48th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**Phoenix, Arizona at the Westin Hotel**  
**APRIL 19- 23, 2006**

**SECTION:**

**AUTHOR(s):**

**ORGANIZATION/AFFILIATION:**

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

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**TELEPHONE:**

**FAX:**

**E-MAIL:**

**TITLE OF PAPER:**

**ABSTRACT: (Not to exceed 200 words)**

**Please send your paper proposal to the appropriate Section Coordinator by December 1, 2005 (See attached list of Section Coordinators) or if you are not sure of the section in which your paper might best fit please send the abstract directly to:**

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## **Audio-Visual Equipment Request Form**

*Please check the types of equipment you will need for your presentation:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Slide projector

\_\_\_\_\_ Overhead projector

\_\_\_\_\_ Tape Recorder

\_\_\_\_\_ VCR/TV

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please specify)

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Please note that because of the high cost of LCD (Powerpoint) projectors and computers we cannot support the use of them at the conference.

For more information on the WSSA please see our web site at <http://wssa.asu.edu>

**Sample Call for Papers  
(Send in May and August 2005)**

**Economics Association for Institutional Thought [AFIT]**

Call for papers, panels and proposals for the Economics (AFIT) Section  
48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
Western Social Science Association  
April 19 – 23, 2006  
Westin Hotel  
Phoenix, Arizona

Please accept our invitation to participate in AFIT's annual meeting.

AFIT welcomes papers reflecting the tradition and analytical perspective of institutional economics and applications of institutional analysis to current policy issues. Submissions from economists of other heterodox schools of thought are also welcome. AFIT encourages proposals from graduate students, and it is anticipated that at least one and possibly more panels of graduate student papers will be included in the program this year.

Attached you will find (i) Proposal for Presentation of Paper form, (ii) an Audio Visual Request Form, (iii) a sample abstract, and (iv) background information on the Western Social Science Association.

You can also submit your proposal and abstract on the WSSA website at:  
<http://wssa.asu.edu>

Proposals need to be received by December 1, 2005.

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These instructions for moderators were prepared by Gil Fowler, the section coordinator for Mass communications. Gil has kindly allowed us to include these suggestions for moderators. You could easily modify these suggestions to fit your section.

*Mass Communication Session*

### **Instructions for WSSA Moderators:**

*Congratulations!! ... and Many Thanks* for your willingness to be a moderator during one of the sessions of the Western Social Science Association meeting in Albuquerque. You certainly play a key part in the success of this conference.

While there are no "set in stone" policies or procedures that must be followed, I would make the following suggestions to assure your session in successful:

- #1 -- In advance of your scheduled session time, **take the opportunity to read the abstracts** of those scheduled to present so you have a sense of the subject being discussed.
- #2 -- **Get to your session early** so you can assure the room is clean and properly arranged for the presentations.
- #3 -- **Try to greet and meet all attendees** at your session as they arrive ... while your job is certainly to introduce the presenters and keep track of the time, try to involve others in the session ... a friendly welcome tells them they too can speak up and participate.
- #4 -- **Ask each presenter how to pronounce their names** and **any difficult words** in their titles so you are comfortable introducing them when you begin the assigned session. In this way, you are checking them in. If they have overheads, etc., you can ask them to preview one or two prior to starting the session so they know how to use the equipment.
- #5 -- **Start the session on time** so all presenters have time to make their presentations. **Track the Time** – each session is scheduled for 90 minutes. So if you have three presenters each should be given appx. 20 minutes leaving time for questions. If you have four presenters, limit their time to appx. 16 minutes max. – **leaving 20-30 minutes for questions after all presentations.** Use hand signals or signs to **show when 5 minutes, then 3 minutes and 1 minute are left, etc.**, as necessary.
- #6 – **Hold all questions until the end of all presentations** ... so that all presenters have their allotted time. They too have prepared in advance to do their job.
- #7 -- **Be prepared to start the questioning** and try to **direct questions to all presenters.**
- #8 -- When session is over, **thank those for attending** and encourage them to attend the next session scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_ and dealing with \_\_\_\_\_ topics.

*Thanks ...*

**Note:** If audiences are small and it looks as though you will have plenty of time ask each person present to give their name and school as a way of making them feel welcome.

If there are **problems**, please contact GIL FOWLER ... I plan to be at all sessions.

**2005 Section Coordinators List**

**This list will be updated for 2006 and posted on the WSSA Website (<http://wssa.asu.edu>) as soon as possible.**

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Section Coordinator Signup Sheet\*

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If there is more than one section coordinator for your section, please (a) designate one person as the primary contact and (b) fill out a form for each coordinator.

**Report of the President Elect and General Program Coordinator  
Executive Council Meeting, April 13, 2005  
Western Social Science Association,  
Albuquerque, NM**



The Conference Program: The program for WSSA's 47<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Albuquerque contains:

- 265 panels including 20 roundtables
- 20 cross-listed panels resulting in an unduplicated total of 255 panels
- 972 individuals listed in the index
- 889 presentations including 73 individuals listed on roundtables
- 816 papers and presentations not counting roundtables
- 780 papers and presentations after subtracting 36 cross-listed papers
- By day of the conference, there were:
  - 101 panels on Thursday
  - 95 panels on Friday
  - 59 panels on Saturday

The section coordinators were wonderful to work with and I am confident that Doreen Barrie will have a similar experience. The largest section was again the Association for Borderlands Studies. Additional information on the number of panels and papers by section appears in Table 1.

I did almost all of the work assembling the program via email. The website seems to be gaining in popularity as a means of submitting proposals. Over 250 web-based proposals came to me and I forwarded these to the appropriate section coordinator. We will do a better job next year of sending web-based proposals directly to section coordinators.

This year we have again assembled a section coordinators handbook that will be distributed at the combined business and section coordinators meeting.

Omni Press: Aaron Nord of Omni press was great to work with. Aaron contacted me early and stayed in contact to make certain that everything was going well with the printing of the program. We printed 900 programs at a cost of \$4,158. The program was sent to Omni Press as a pdf file and the finished product was then sent directly to the Hyatt. While every effort was made to keep the addendum to the program as small as possible, we made some last minute room changes that resulted in a fairly large addendum.

Hotel and Breakout Rooms: Sharon Billings and her assistant Catherine Lohrengel of the Albuquerque Hyatt were very helpful and cooperative. This year's conference is much better because of their involvement. If you see her, please give her a word of thanks.

Audio Visual Equipment requests continue to be a major expense for WSSA. This year nearly every section coordinator requested at least an overhead projector and screen. While WSSA has a policy of not providing power-point projectors, at some point the cost will come down enough that we can reconsider this policy.

<b>WSSA 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Quick Summary</b>				
Section	Number of Panels*	Number of Papers**	Mean Papers per panel	
African and African American Studies	2	8	4.00	
American Studies	6	17	2.83	
American Indian Studies	22	68	3.09	
Anthropology (merged)			*	
Arid Lands Studies	7	22	3.14	
Asian Studies	5	17	3.40	
Association for Borderlands Studies	34	127	3.74	
Canadian Studies	10	29	2.90	
Chicano and Land Grant Studies	5	17	3.40	
Chronic Disease and Disability	8	33	4.13	
Criminology and Criminal Justice	8	34	3.40	
Economics (AFIT)	18	69	3.83	
Economics (Business and Finance)	5	17	3.40	
Economics (General)	12	40	3.33	
Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management	10	36	3.60	
Geography	5	16	3.20	
History	10	28	2.80	
Mass Communications	12	48	4.00	
New Zealand and Australia Studies	6	15	2.50	
Philosophy	3	10	3.33	
Political Science	16	53	3.31	
Public Administration	11	23	2.09	
Public Finance and Budgeting	12	43	3.58	
Rural Studies	4	10	2.50	
Slavic Studies	7	20	2.86	
Social Psychology	1	2	2.00	
Sociology	11	41	3.73	
Urban Studies	4	13	3.25	
Women's Studies	8	26	3.25	
WSSA Special	3	7	2.00	
Totals	265	889	3.35	
Unduplicated Totals	255	853	3.35	
*Includes cross-listed panels				
**Roundtable participants counted as 'papers'				



CONSTITUTION OF THE WESTERN SOCIAL SCIENCE  
ASSOCIATION  
(As of May 12, 1998)

**PREAMBLE**

To foster professional study, advance research and promote the teaching of the social sciences in our institutions of higher learning, we establish this organization as the Western Social Science Association, which shall be guided by this constitution.

**ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP.**

1. Any person sharing the interests of the Association may become a member upon payment of such annual dues as are prescribed under this constitution.
2. Student, Life, Honorary, and Special memberships may be established by the Association upon such terms as it shall determine.
3. All members not delinquent in their annual dues shall be entitled to attend, participate in, and vote in the Annual Business Meeting of the Association.
4. Upon recommendation of the Executive Council, annual dues shall be established by the Association to be effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year. All dues shall be effective for one calendar year following their receipt. A renewal notice shall be mailed to each member one month prior to the expiration of membership.
5. No special assessments, other than annual meeting registration fees established by the Executive Council, shall be levied against the membership of the Association.

**ARTICLE II. OFFICERS.**

1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a President-Elect, who shall, except the President, be chosen by a majority of the members returning their ballots by the designated deadline.
2. The President-Elect shall succeed automatically to the office of President upon completion of the retiring President's term.
3. The terms of officers shall extend from one annual business meeting to the next. No incumbent officer shall be eligible for re-election to the same office.
4. Before each annual meeting of the Association the President shall appoint, with due regard to geographical distribution and professional interest, five members to a Nomination Committee, and shall designate the chairperson who shall be a member of the Executive Council. The remainder of the Committee shall not include members of the Executive Council. The Committee shall submit to the Fall meeting of the Executive Council one or more nominees for each office to be filled. Members may offer additional nominations by petition signed by five (5) members sent to the Executive Director, prior

to the Fall meeting, postmarked no later than August 1. Upon ratification by majority vote of the Executive Council the Council shall send the list of nominees (including those by petition) to the membership. The Executive Director shall mail the completed ballots to the membership.

5. In case of an interim vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall be President for the remainder of the term. An interim vacancy in any other elective office or on the Executive Council may be filled by the Executive Council for the remainder of the term.

### **ARTICLE III. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.**

1. There shall be an Executive Council herein termed the Council. The Council shall consist of the officers of the Association; the immediate Past President, whose term of office shall extend for one year; the Executive Director and the editors of the Social Science Journal and the newsletter editor, whose terms of office shall coincide with their respective terms as Executive Director and editors; and nine members elected at-large, whose terms of office shall extend for three (3) years. Three of the nine members elected at-large will represent institutions that are geographically distributed in such manner that these Council members will be expected to be present at least at the time of the annual meeting. One-third of the Council's membership at-large shall expire each year. The term of office for the Executive Director and the editors are set by the Executive Council at the time of appointment and the appointments are renewable upon a midterm review and vote of the Council. The Executive Director, the Editor of the Social Science Journal, the Book Review Editor, and the newsletter editor shall be ex-officio members of the Council without vote.

2. The President of the Association shall be the Chairperson of the Council. In case of the President's absence, the Vice-President shall act as Chairperson. In case of the absence of both, the Council may elect a temporary Chairperson.

3. The Executive Director shall be the secretary of the Council. He/She shall keep the records, conduct the correspondence of the Council., and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Council.

4. Five members shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of those attending shall be required for all Council actions.

5. Meetings of the Council shall be called by the President or the Vice-President acting for the President, or the Executive Director on instructions of the President, or upon the written request of five members of the Council. The Council shall regularly meet in the Fall and Spring of each year. The Spring meeting shall coincide with the association's annual meeting.

### **ARTICLE IV. MANAGEMENT OF AFFAIRS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.**

1. The highest authority for deciding the policies and managing the affairs of the Association is the membership of the Association. It elects the officers, resolves policy questions presented to it, and may confirm, revise, or repeal the actions of the Executive Council or any office of the Association.

2. A majority of those present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting shall be necessary for decisions of the membership, or a majority of those returning votes or ballots sent by mail to the membership.

3. The Executive Council shall have charge of the general interests of the Association and shall possess the governing power to carry out the business of the Association, except as otherwise provided for in this Constitution.

4. Annual Meetings of the Association shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Council. The chief purpose of Annual Meetings is the exchange of information through the presentation of papers and discussions, but the Association shall also transact such other business as may be necessary, including the installations of officers at the Annual Business Meeting.

5. The Executive Council shall meet in the Fall and Spring of each year prior to the annual Business Meeting. It shall receive reports of all officers and committees, adopt a budget and appropriate money, and give its recommendations upon all questions (except the election of officers) to be presented to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

6. The President, or in his/her absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at the business meetings of the Association. Except as may be otherwise provided, the President shall appoint all committees of the Association and shall see that the business of the Association is faithfully transacted.

7. The Vice-President shall act in place of the President when the President is absent from a meeting or when asked to do so by the President and will automatically succeed to the office of President to complete the unfinished term of office of the current President if the President should die in office, resign, fail to act as required by the Constitution, or become unable to act. The Vice-President shall also perform other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Council of the Association.

8. The Executive Director shall have custody of the minutes of business meetings of the Council and of the Association, and shall report all actions of the Council at the Annual Business Meeting. The Executive Director shall review and approve the arrangements for the receipt, custody, and disbursement of Association funds, and for the keeping of the Association's financial condition at the Annual Business Meeting.

9. The President-Elect shall be a member of the Executive Council and shall during the year before succeeding to the Presidency, plan, develop, and take other action necessary to prepare for the program of his/her year in office. The President-Elect may proceed with the appointment of section leaders for the annual meeting and make other preparations as required and as approved by the Council.

10. The personal liability of each member of the Executive Council and each uncompensated officer of the Western Social Science Association of its members, for monetary or other damages, for conduct as a Council member or officer or member shall be eliminated to the full extent permitted by law.

#### **ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES.**

1. Standing committees of the Association shall be established by the Executive Council as needed for the business and function of the Association. These committees will report at each annual Business Meeting and to the business meeting of the Executive Council so required by the President of the Council. Standing committees will be named by the President and approved by the Council. Terms of office will be set by the Council.

2. Chairpersons of standing committees will be ex-officio members of the Council without vote.

#### **ARTICLE VI. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS.**

1. This Constitution shall take effect on the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at the 1960 Annual Business Meeting of the Association.

2. Any member of the Association may propose amendments to this Constitution. Such proposed amendments shall be referred to the Executive Council for consideration, and by the Council referred, with such recommendations as the Council may take, to the membership of the Association for their action thereon either by mailed ballot wherein all proposed changes are fully shown, or at the next Annual Business Meeting.

3. Amendments to this Constitution shall be adopted by a majority vote of those present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting of the Association, or by a majority vote of the membership voting on a mailed ballot.

#### **ARTICLE VII. AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP.**

1. The Association has a responsibility to aid and support other professional organizations of a disciplinary or interdisciplinary nature within the geographic region and the scope of academic concern. Such support may be limited to the exchange of organizational news notes or as broad as formal inclusion of such organization's sessions with the Association's Annual Meetings and publication of member's articles in the Social Science Journal. Where such activity involves participation of such groups in Annual Meetings as prerequisite it requires Association membership and session fees by participating members of such affiliated groups.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. DISOLUTION AND FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

In the event that the Western Social Science Association shall cease to function or be unable to continue to fulfill its constitutionally-stated educational and scientific functions, any funds remaining in the treasury following settlement of all debts and obligations shall be distributed to the sustaining institutions with the ratio of distribution being determined by the ratio of sustaining contribution during the previous complete business year.