

## **Sociologists LGBTQ Caucus Bylaws**

### **Article 1: Mission**

The mission of the Sociologists Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Caucus is to:

- 1) Encourage unprejudiced research on LGBTQ people and their social institutions;
- 2) Provide a forum for current research, teaching methods and materials, and professional issues relevant to LGBTQ people;
- 3) Monitor heterosexist, homophobic, biphobic, and transphobic ideologies in the distribution of sociological knowledge and to investigate practices oppressive to LGBTQ people;
- 4) Oppose discrimination against LGBTQ sociologists in employment, promotion, tenure, and research situations;
- 5) Maintain a social support network among members and build coalitions;
- 6) Maintain a commitment to interrogating and challenging oppressive hierarchies within the LGBTQ Caucus and within ASA as a whole. These hierarchies include, but are not limited to: racism, sexism, ageism, sizeism, ableism, classism, xenophobia, religious discrimination, elitism, mononormativity, metronormativity, regionalism, and homonormativity.

### **Article 2: Membership and Dues**

*Section 1.* Membership shall be open to all members of the American Sociological Association interested in furthering the mission outlined in Article 1.

*Section 2.* Dues are \$15 for tenure-track faculty and \$5 for all other members. Dues shall be set by those in attendance at the annual Caucus business meeting; if no new dues structure is voted on, the last-decided dues structure shall remain in effect.

### **Article 3: Officers and Committees**

*Section 1.* The officers of the Caucus shall be a Chair, Chair-Elect, Past Chair, a Secretary/Treasurer, and a Social Event Coordinator. Together the Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and Social Event Coordinator shall constitute the caucus' council and shall make administrative decisions as necessary on behalf of the caucus between annual meetings.

*Section 2.* The Chair shall preside at the annual business meetings, coordinate (or appoint someone to coordinate) a professional development workshop at the ASA meetings, request caucus meeting space at the ASA meetings, and complete other administrative tasks on behalf of the caucus. The Chair-Elect will shadow the Chair during their active year, and the Past Chair shall be available to offer guidance and committee membership as needed.

*Section 3.* The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for taking notes at the annual caucus meeting, maintaining the caucus communication channels (listserv, Facebook page, and newsletter), and managing the funds of the caucus.

*Section 4.* The Social Event Coordinator shall be responsible for planning the annual caucus social event to take place during the regular ASA meeting each August, as well as coordinating any relevant site-specific panels or tours (such as arranging for local LGBTQ activists to speak to the caucus or visiting note-worthy LGBTQ sites in the conference city). The Coordinator also compiles a guide for the host city. The Coordinator may recruit committee members from the caucus as necessary to complete these tasks.

*Section 5.* Coordinators for other tasks that seem useful for promoting the work of the caucus shall be appointed by the council as needed on an ad hoc basis. Coordinators so appointed may recruit assistance and committee membership from the caucus membership as needed.

#### **Article 4: Meetings**

At the annual ASA meetings, the caucus will hold a business meeting and social event, at a time and location to be arranged by the Convener. The council should also strive to have at least one Professional Development workshop on each year's program. Notice of all these events will be disseminated through the widest possible means, including the listserv, Facebook group, and newsletter, as appropriate.

#### **Article 5: Voting and Amendments**

All Caucus members present at an annual meeting are entitled to vote on caucus-related business. Unless otherwise specified, all business (including elections and amendment to these bylaws) shall be decided on a simple majority-vote basis of all members present, allowing for adequate discussion time preceding any vote.