

Association Handbook

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A comprehensive guide to the operations of the
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ORGANIZATION PROFILE

The objective of the Association is to promote the advancement of the discipline of sociology in Canada and abroad, and to expand the opportunities for sociological research, teaching, and learning in compliance with the highest ethical and academic standards. It seeks to increase public knowledge, interest and critical awareness of social structures, in particular, in Canadian society, within a global system.

INCORPORATION

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Corporate Name: Société Canadienne de sociologie / Canadian Sociological Association

Governing Legislation: Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act – 2014-07-02

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An annual meeting of the membership has typically been held during the Conference. However, from 2020-2022 it took place virtually outside of the Conference. This scheduling and format may continue as it removes the barrier of Congress attendance.

Scheduled items of business include; Statement of Operations (financial status review) for the previous year, appointment of an auditor, ratification of election results, induction of the incoming Executive Committee, and any other items that may arise.

Quorum stands at 35 attendees (present at the meeting and by absentee ballots). If quorum is not achieved, motions requiring a special resolution of the membership will be conducted via electronic ballot.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

The Association maintains membership in the [Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences](#) and the [International Sociological Association](#).

BY-LAWS

The By-laws of the Association comply with Corporations Canada requirements.

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ELECTIONS

Under the Association By-Laws, a Nominating Committee is struck each year, responsible for selecting candidates to stand for election for the positions on the Executive Committee and Subcommittees needing replacements. The membership has the right to make additional nominations. Any one (1) member in good standing can nominate someone. Voting is open to Association members in good standing via online ballots in late March/early April. Newly elected Executive Committee and Subcommittee members are officially inducted by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

EMPLOYEES AND OFFICE

The business of the Association and Conference planning are centralized through the Executive Director. The Accountant works closely with the Executive Director and Treasurer to manage the finances of the Association. These roles transitioned from contract service providers to employees of the Association on January 1, 2019. The Association's office is virtual and correspondence is sent to a local PO Box. The Executive Director maintains important and current documents at the legal address but much of the work and files are electronic and securely stored remotely enabling collaboration between the Executive Director, Accountant, and members of the Executive Committee.

FINANCIALS

REPORTING

The Executive Director conducts the banking, processes accounts payable and receivable, and maintains financial documentation for the Association. Month-end reports are provided to the Treasurer, Accountant, and Secretary to ensure transparency and accountability.

The Accountant verifies transactions and enters data into an accounting software system in order to generate regular financial statements and budgets for the Executive Committee and membership. Required tax forms and payment calculations as well as recommendations for investment are also the responsibility of the Accountant.

The association is considered a soliciting corporation having received donations and/or public funding in the previous two years. This means that financial statements must be filed with Corporations Canada each year. The membership must also appoint a public accountant each year at the Annual General Meeting but have the option to vote by special resolution to conduct a review engagement instead of a full audit for the previous year's financial statement. In 2014, the membership voted to approve a full audit to be conducted every three years as part of the transition between Treasurer terms. Review summaries will then be completed in the other years.

RESERVE FUND

The Association committed to building a healthy reserve fund in advance of hosting the XIX ISA World Congress in 2018. The intent was to protect the Association from the projected temporary loss of membership revenue in addition to unexpected expenses relating to the event. Following the event, the Association resolved to maintain a reserve to cover one to two years of operational expenses.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

The Treasurer and Secretary have signing authority with the former being primarily responsible for signing cheques and contracts. The Executive Director maintains signing authority on the Association accounts in order to have access to the statements, make deposits, and facilitate invoice payments. The Executive Director does not sign cheques or contracts on behalf of the Association unless instructed by the Treasurer. The Accountant is not approved for signing authority nor direct access to the Association's accounts.

GOVERNANCE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is comprised of the President, President Elect, Past President, Treasurer, Secretary, Managing Editor of the Canadian Review of Sociology journal, the Communications Officer (also referred to as 'Officers'), and the chairs of the following subcommittees; Black Caucus, Decolonization, Equity, Francophone Affairs, Policy, Ethics, and Professional Concerns, Research Advisory, and Student Concerns (also referred to as 'Directors').

Officers are elected by the membership for their specific position and serve a three-year term. Terms may be extended for one year for all but the President's position with Executive Committee approval. Directors are chosen by their particular subcommittee and may sit on the Executive Committee from one to three years.

Executive Committee members are eligible for complimentary Congress delegate registration as well as travel and accommodation subsidies in order to attend the meetings held during the Conference. This does not apply to other Subcommittee members.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Occasionally, the President may decide to consult the Administrative Committee (comprised of the President, President Elect, Past President, Treasurer, and Secretary as well as Communications Officer if appropriate) on issues before (or rather than) presenting to the full Executive Committee. Any resulting motions must be brought to the Executive Committee for a vote.

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There is a minimum of four meetings of the Executive Committee held between Annual General Meetings. The first meeting (incoming Executive Committee) is held following the Annual General Meeting. The final meeting (outgoing Executive Committee) will be scheduled prior to the Conference and/or the next Annual General Meeting. This meeting has been held in-person prior to 2020.

Additional meetings may be called if required to discuss a specific issue or items of business. Between meetings, the Executive Committee may be asked to vote on motions via electronic ballot. The approved motions will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting as Business Arising in order to be included in the minutes.

PRESIDENT

The President is the single most responsible person for promoting the vitality and smooth functioning of the association. A successful President needs to exercise leadership in coordinating the other members of the Executive Committee along with remaining in touch with the wishes of the membership. Those assuming this position will serve one year as President Elect, one year as President, and a final year as Past President. The duties include;

- Oversee the Executive Director in conducting the business of the Association in partnership with the Treasurer
- Manage Executive Committee meetings and Annual General Meeting
- Liaise between Executive Committee and Subcommittees
 - Collaborate on Association initiatives, programs, policies, and official statements
- Chair the Administrative Subcommittee
- Chair the Conference Program Committee
- Co-Chair the Awards Committee
- Represent Association in external organizations such as; Canadian Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences, International Sociological Association, and other organizations as the Executive Committee deems appropriate

PRESIDENT ELECT

This position supports the President as required and will assume the position if the President is unable to continue in the role. Those assuming this position will serve one year as President Elect, one year as President, and a final year as Past President. The duties include;

- Liaise between Executive Committee and Subcommittees
 - Collaborate on Association initiatives, programs, policies, and official statements
- Member of the Executive Committee
- Member of the Administrative Subcommittee
- Member of the Conference Program Committee
- Co-Chair the Awards Committee

PAST PRESIDENT

This position is an important source of Association knowledge for the current President and the President Elect. Those assuming this position will serve one year as President Elect, one year as President, and a final year as Past President. The duties include;

- Chair of the Nominations Committee
- Member of the Administrative Committee

TREASURER/ELECTION OFFICER

The Treasurer is third in line of succession to the Presidency, behind the current President and the President Elect. The duties include;

- Signing authority for accounts payable, contract agreements, and publication permissions
- Oversee negotiation of, and adherence to, employee contracts and conducts annual performance reviews
- Work with Accountant and Executive Director; monitor revenue and expenditures, prepare budget and financial reports for Executive Committee and membership at the Annual General Meeting
- Oversee Call for Nominations and election process
- Member of the Administrative Committee
- Ex-officio member of the Conference Program Committee

SECRETARY

The Secretary will assume the role of Treasurer/Election Officer if required. The duties include;

- Prepare minutes from the Executive Committee and Annual General Meetings
- Ensure that formal records are maintained by the Executive Director; Book of minutes, By-laws, Association Handbook, Subcommittee reports, and official motions
- Monitor monthly financial transactions (revenue and expenditures) submitted by the Executive Director
- Member of the Administrative Committee

MANAGING EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL, *CANADIAN REVIEW OF SOCIOLOGY*

As part of the Executive Committee, the Managing Editor attends regular meetings as well as the Annual General Meeting. The duties include;

- Conduct the business of the journal management
- Work closely with the Academic/Executive Editor
- Liaise with the journal's publisher
- Liaise with Executive Director regarding the journal website and promotion
- Report to the Executive Committee with respect to operations of the journal and seek input/feedback as required
- Oversee the Best Article Award adjudication

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

As part of the Executive Committee, the Communications Officer attends regular meetings as well as the Annual General Meeting. The duties include;

- Advise the Executive Director on communications and branding
- Facilitate special public and media outreach
- Maintain social media accounts
- Issue press releases and official statements as approved by the Executive Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES

The Executive Committee has the power to create and disband subcommittees but must seek approval from the membership for official status and representation on the Executive Committee. The Association has considered the needs and concerns of the membership to create and define the subcommittees below.

Each subcommittee selects a chair who will then attend meetings as part of the Executive Committee. They will receive a subsidy to attend the annual Conference. Other members of the subcommittee are not eligible to receive these subsidies. Subcommittees are required to submit regular reports to the Executive Committee as well as the membership in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

BLACK CAUCUS

An ad hoc committee was formed by the Executive Committee in 2020 and was ratified as an official subcommittee by the membership at the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

This subcommittee has a minimum of three members and a maximum of six members as elected by the membership. One of these members should be a graduate student who will hold a cross-appointed position on the Student Concerns Subcommittee.

The members of the subcommittee choose the chair (who sits on the Executive Committee). Additional consultative members may be appointed by the subcommittee, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to develop policy, participate in programs or initiatives, and take action in special areas or regions, as required.

The mandate of the committee includes;

- Bring current and emerging issues of concern dealing with anti-Black racism to the attention of the Association
- Represent the Association on external committees dealing with anti-Black racism issues as relevant and with the approval of the Executive Committee
- Communicate relevant resources to the membership and broader community through the Association
- Incorporate initiatives to resolve systemic racism into the regular business of the Association and annual conferences
- Assign members to other Association committees (e.g. Awards, Conference Program, Nominations, etc) if deemed appropriate
- Organize special sessions on anti-Black racism issues at the annual conference and/or as part of the Association webinar series

DECOLONIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE

An ad hoc committee was formed by the Executive Committee in 2018 and ratified as an official subcommittee by the membership at the 2019 Annual General Meeting. This subcommittee has a minimum of three members and a maximum of six members as elected by the membership. One of these members should be a graduate student who will hold a cross-appointed position on the Student Concerns Subcommittee.

The members of the subcommittee choose the chair (who sits on the Executive Committee). Additional consultative members may be appointed by the subcommittee, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to develop policy, participate in programs or initiatives, and take action in special areas or regions, as required.

The mandate of the committee includes;

- Bring current and emerging issues of concern dealing with reconciliation, decolonization and settler colonialism to the attention of the Association
- Represent the Association on external committees dealing with reconciliation issues as relevant and with the approval of the Executive Committee
- Communicate relevant resources to the membership and broader community through the Association
- Incorporate reconciliation initiatives into the regular business of the Association and annual conferences
- Assign members to other Association committees (e.g. Awards, Conference Program, Nominations, etc) if deemed appropriate
- Organize special sessions on Decolonization issues at the annual conference and/or as part of the Association webinar series

EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE

Following extensive consultation with the membership in 2010, this subcommittee merges into one the former Status of Women Subcommittee and Antiracism Subcommittee.

This subcommittee has a minimum of three members and a maximum of six members as elected by the membership. One of these members should be a graduate student who will hold a cross-appointed position on the Student Concerns Subcommittee.

The members of the subcommittee choose the chair (who sits on the Executive Committee). Additional consultative members may be appointed by the subcommittee, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to develop policy, participate in programs or initiatives, and take action in special areas or regions, as required.

The mandate of this subcommittee;

- Bring current and emerging issues of concern dealing with equity and injustice to the attention of the association and members
- Communicate relevant resources to the membership and broader community through the Association
- Assign members to other Association committees (Awards, Conference Program, Nominations, etc) if deemed appropriate
- Organize special sessions on Equity issues at the annual conference and/or as part of the Association webinar series

FRANCOPHONE AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

In 2022, the Executive Committee and membership approved this subcommittee in an effort to improve engagement with Francophone sociologists and promote greater visibility of French-language sociological work within the Canadian Sociological Association.

The subcommittee will have between three and six members as elected by the membership. The Chair (chosen by members of the subcommittee) becomes a member of the Executive Committee. Additional consultative members may be appointed by the subcommittee, with the approval of the Executive Committee to develop policy or take action in special areas or regions, as required.

The mandate of the committee includes:

- Bring and strengthen current and emerging issues of concern dealing with French-speaking faculty, graduate students and postdoctoral researchers and sociological work conducted in French to the attention of the Association
- Represent the Association on external committees dealing with Francophone faculty, graduate students and postdoctoral researchers and research conducted in French
- Communicate relevant French-language resources to the membership and broader community through the Association
- Incorporate French-language initiatives into the regular business of the Association and annual conferences
- Organize and oversee the promotion and adjudication of the Prix d'excellence en sociologie de langue française

POLICY, ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS SUBCOMMITTEE

This subcommittee has three members as elected by the membership while the members of the subcommittee choose the Chair (who sits on the Executive Committee). Additional consultative members may be appointed by the subcommittee, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to develop policy, participate in programs or initiatives, and take action in special areas or regions, as required.

The mandate of this subcommittee includes;

- Convey issues regarding those working or studying within the discipline of Sociology
- Advise on ethical issues within the Association
- Assist with Association policy development
- Membership on the Awards Committees
- Knowledge sharing through virtual events, website resources, and Conference sessions

RESEARCH ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

This subcommittee has a minimum of three members and a maximum of six members as elected by the membership. Additional consultative members may be appointed by the Subcommittee, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to develop policy, participate in programs or initiatives, and take action in special areas or regions, as required.

The mandate of this subcommittee includes;

- Convey issues regarding research and data as relevant to the Association
- Recommend an Association position on proposals for social science research priorities from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- Membership on the Awards Committees
- Knowledge sharing through virtual events, website resources, and Conference sessions

STUDENT CONCERNS SUBCOMMITTEE

This subcommittee includes three elected members representing Canada's regions: Western (BC, AB, SK, MB), Central (ON, QC), and Eastern (NB, NL, NS, PEI). Three additional elected members will hold cross-appointed positions on this subcommittee representing (and liaising between) the Black Caucus, Decolonization and Equity Subcommittees.

The members of the subcommittee choose the Chair (who sits on the Executive Committee). Additional consultative members may be appointed by the subcommittee, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to develop policy, participate in programs or initiatives, and take action in special areas or regions, as required.

The mandate of the subcommittee includes;

- Identify priorities with respect to issues affecting students
- Advise on student funding programs and assist with adjudication
- Stimulate and facilitate communication among students
- Membership on Association initiatives supporting students
- Membership on the Awards Committees
- Knowledge sharing through virtual events, website resources, and Conference sessions

COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee has the power to create and disband committees without requiring approval of the membership. The committee members are not eligible to receive subsidies to attend the annual conference. The following committees were formed with focused mandates and are required to submit annual reports to the Executive Committee.

ANGUS REID APPLIED SOCIOLOGY /PRACTITIONER AWARD COMMITTEE

The practitioner recipient is adjudicated by a five-person committee consisting of academics conducting work with practical application as well as those who apply the insights and methods or sociology outside academe. The student recipient is selected by the University of Calgary's Sociology department.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

In 2021, the Executive Committee undertook a review of the Award Programs. The revisions to the program included a restructuring of the committee. The President and President-Elect now co-chair the committee consisting of representatives from all subcommittees. The objective was to ensure Executive Committee oversight of the adjudication process.

The committee is now responsible for adjudicating the following awards; Best Student Paper, Early Investigator, Global Sociology Book*, and Outstanding Contribution.

* In alternate years when the Global Sociology Book award adjudicates French submissions, members from the Francophone Affairs Subcommittee will assist in forming the adjudication committee.

CANADIAN REVIEW OF SOCIOLOGY BEST ARTICLE AWARD COMMITTEE

The committee consists of four to six members, including two selected from the journal's Editorial Board, two from the general membership of the Association, one student representative, and the Editor or designate.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The committee is chaired by the President and includes the President-Elect, the Executive Director, a representative from the Black Caucus, Decolonization, Equity, and Francophone Affairs subcommittees as well as additional CSA members approved by the Executive Committee. The President should endeavour to assemble a program committee that accounts for equity, inclusion, and diversity, and has a breadth of substantive expertise across subfields of sociology.

Responsibilities include;

- Determine the Conference theme (ideally an extension of the Congress theme)
- Implement strategy for equitable session representation among the Association Research Clusters and independent members
- Oversee program offerings by vetting session proposals
- Adjudicate Congress Student Merit Award applications

The President, President-Elect, and Executive Director receive funding for delegate registration and/or travel and accommodation. The Executive Committee may consider complimentary delegate registration for the other Program Committee members who are planning to attend the Conference (travel and accommodation would not be provided).

Additional members assist the Executive Director with Conference logistical planning. The Local Arrangements Coordinator (LAC) is selected by the host University and is primarily responsible for the Department Reception and other Sociology Department events, advising on the campus facilities and event locations, and facilitating shipping of material and supplies in advance of the event. Association Assistants (paid student workers) are also recruited through the LAC.

The Treasurer advises on the Conference budget, Executive Committee subsidies, participation policy waiver requests, plenary funding, federation funding applications, and the Student Travel Grant program.

JOHN PORTER TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE

This committee is comprised of seven members including the chair. The Nominations Committee proposes the slate of appointees for Executive Committee approval. The membership of this committee shall reflect an appropriate regional, gender, linguistic, and ethno-cultural diversity, as well as the breadth of research interests within the Association. The term of membership on the committee will be three years.

LORNE TEPPERMAN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO TEACHING AWARD COMMITTEE

This committee is comprised of up to seven members including the chair. The Nominations Committee proposes the slate of appointees for Executive Committee approval. The membership of this committee shall reflect an appropriate regional, gender, linguistic, and ethno-cultural diversity, as well as the breadth of research interests within the Association. The term of membership on the committee will be three years.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM FOR BLACK, INDIGENOUS AND RACIALIZED GRADUATE STUDENTS

This committee should include representatives from the Black Caucus, Decolonization Subcommittee, Equity Subcommittee, and Student Concerns subcommittees. Additional members may be appointed with Executive Committee approval.

PRIX D'EXCELLENCE EN SOCIOLOGIE DE LANGUE FRANÇAISE DE LA SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE SOCIOLOGIE

This committee is comprised of at least five members including the chair. The Nominations Committee (in consultation with current members) proposes the slate of appointees for Executive Committee approval. The award selection committee will be made up of Canadian Francophone sociologists from different regions of Canada to reflect the diversity of the pan-Canadian Francophonie. Consideration of equity, diversity, and inclusion as well as the breadth of research interests within the Association will also be made when appointing members. The term of membership on the committee will be three years.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

This committee is chaired by the Past President and must include a member of the Black Caucus, Decolonization, Equity, and Francophone Affairs Subcommittees as well as at least two other members of the association. The membership of this committee shall reflect an appropriate regional, gender, linguistic, and ethno-cultural diversity, as well as the breadth of research interests within the Association. The committee members must be approved by the Executive Committee no later than January 31.

This subcommittee is responsible for recruiting candidates for open Executive Committee and Subcommittee positions as well as appointments for the John Porter Tradition of Excellence Award, Lorne Tepperman Outstanding Contribution to Teaching Award, and Prix d'excellence en sociologie de langue française committees.

The association membership is also invited to nominate candidates for the positions with endorsement from one member in good standing.

POLICIES

ADVOCACY

The Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) is a professional association that promotes research, publication and teaching in Sociology. Our membership is diverse and united by our commitment to sociological thought and practice.

The Canadian Sociological Association upholds the right to academic freedom for sociologists in Canada and abroad. We support our members' right to advocate about a national, social, or political topic. However, given the diverse political views of our membership, the ideas expressed do not necessarily reflect the position of the Canadian Sociological Association.

The Canadian Sociological Association may occasionally adopt an advocacy role on issues that directly impact the working conditions of Sociologists in Canada in relation to their teaching, research and other scholarly activities. Such advocacy and/or official statements must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Canadian Sociological Association.

ADVOCACY STATEMENTS

In the event where the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) Executive Committee deems it necessary to write a statement regarding a specific tragedy or crisis, the Executive Committee must consult or collaborate with CSA members of affected/impacted groups/communities to write an appropriate statement. There must be also an understanding that, where possible and appropriate, the process should be led by a CSA member or members of these groups/communities, in coordination with the President and/or executive.

AFFILIATION POLICIES

JOURNAL

Recognizing that affiliations with journals other than the *Canadian Review of Sociology* may be beneficial for the CSA and its membership, a multi-stage process will be used to ensure consistency and transparency in making decisions about whether or not to affiliate with a particular journal.

ASSOCIATION AFFILIATIONS

The CSA should not be in the business of providing free advertising for online educational services to the CSA membership, even if the advertised services are free/open source.

In order to keep the CSA website from becoming overrun by third party postings and links, as well as to reduce the administrative burden of dealing with affiliation requests, the CSA Executive should limit third party affiliations to ventures that it is prepared to sponsor in some concrete way (either in money or in kind).

AWARD ADJUDICATION CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In the event that a nominee is a colleague, relative, or close friend of one of the committee members selecting award recipients, that member will remove him or herself from the reviewing and selection process.

CHILDCARE POLICY

The CSA strives to support member participation in the annual Conference by recognizing the financial and logistical challenges experienced by members requiring childcare. The following planning strategies were implemented in 2022

- The CSA Conference will schedule the majority of sessions during typical working hours
- Participants will be provided with instructions to pre-record their presentations to be played during their session. They would attend to present live and/or answer questions during the session
- All sessions will be recorded (unless objections are received from the session organizers) so that delegates can view in their own time
- Members will be able to apply for funding to subsidize childcare expenses
- The Association will liaise with the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences to advocate for accessible, affordable, and safe childcare options during Congress

CONGRESS/CONFERENCE POLICIES

The CSA abides by the Federation of the Humanities and Social Science's [Congress Code of Conduct](#) during the annual Conference.

All participants (presenters, panelists, chairs, and discussants) in the Canadian Sociological Association Conference must be members in good standing AND registered Congress delegates with the Canadian Sociological Association. Those failing to comply will be removed from the Conference program. Participants in joint or co-sponsored sessions may be exempted from the Association membership requirement upon approval of the Conference Program Committee.

Several funding programs are available to facilitate member participation in the Conference (refer to Activities – Annual Conference).

MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

Pending consultation with the Executive Committee and Subcommittees.

OPERATING STANDARDS AND PRINCIPLES ON EQUITY

The Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) is committed to the values and principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization (EDID) and to enacting these principles in concrete and meaningful ways. We recognize that we owe, in part, the success of our Association to the sociological expertise of our diverse membership.

In its commitment to implementing meaningful changes, the CSA recognizes that post-secondary institutions, like most other societal organizations, participate in and enable anti-Black racism; anti-Indigenous racism; homophobia; ableism; xenophobia; sexism; classism; and transphobia. Moreover, as a discipline, much work in sociology has had the effect of upholding racism, colonialism, sexism, homophobia, and ableism through othering research methods, ethnocentric theoretical frameworks, and exclusionary curricula that have rendered invisible the scholarship and experiences of those who have been historically marginalized and continued to be excluded from academia and the discipline of sociology.

As post-secondary institutions and sociology departments within them move towards more equitable environments, the CSA recognizes that those same faculty members who have been (and continue to be) marginalized have had to do disproportionate labour towards transforming our institutions. This labour is demanding and often goes unrecognized, which can impact the health and career trajectory of our historically excluded members located within the intersections of gender, sexuality, disability, race, and class - particularly Indigenous, Black, and racialized sociologists.

CSA executive members are committed to the ongoing work of becoming anti-racist, anti-homophobic, anti-sexist, and anti-ableist. As an organization, the CSA is committed to the ongoing work required to transform the CSA into an anti-oppressive organization that integrates the principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization into all of its initiatives and that supports other institutions to do so as well.

The organization procedures of the CSA will be reviewed regularly to ensure the ongoing advancement of mechanisms that support EDID. A report on the CSA's processes and ongoing work will be shared with the membership as part of the Annual General Meeting.

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EQUITY STATEMENT

The Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) is committed to the values and principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization. We recognize that we owe, in part, the richness and vibrancy of our Association to the diversity of our membership. We aim to reflect this diversity in the leadership of our Association. To this end, in seeking candidates for the CSA Executive Committee, Subcommittees, other leadership roles, and consideration for awards. The CSA invites and encourages the nomination (including self-nomination) of members of historically marginalized groups, including Indigenous peoples, racialized persons, persons with disabilities, persons who identify as women and/or Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit (LGBTQIA2S+), and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of the Association. We recognize and honour the intersectionality of historically marginalized identities.

PRIVACY POLICY

The Association recognizes the importance of protecting the personal information collected from members in the operation of its services and taking reasonable steps to maintain the security, integrity and privacy of any information in accordance with this Privacy Policy. The submission of information to the Association implies consent to the practices described in this policy. Those less than 18 years of age must first seek the consent of a parent or guardian prior to submitting any personal information.

This Privacy Policy describes how the Association collects and uses the personal information provided. It also describes the choices available to members regarding our use of personal information and how they can access and update this information.

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STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

In 2020/2021, the Canadian Sociological Association's Policy, Ethics and Professional Concerns Subcommittee (PEPC) reviewed our Statement of Professional Ethics (version 2012) based on the updated *Tri-Council Policy Statement-Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS-2) 2018*.

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VIRTUAL EVENT BEST PRACTICES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The Canadian Sociological Association promotes research, publication, and teaching of sociology. Our virtual events are intended to provide our membership and the community more broadly with an opportunity for knowledge sharing and professional development as well as to facilitate discussions on current issues affecting our discipline and society.

The opinions expressed during virtual events are those of the speakers and are not considered official statements or positions of the Canadian Sociological Association (unless otherwise stated).

We endeavour to provide a forum free of harassment or intimidation based on race, religion, ethnicity, language, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age, appearance, or another group status.

All participants (speakers and attendees) must agree to our Virtual Event Code of Conduct in advance and compliance will be monitored during the event.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open and the association does not require nor provide accreditation for one's education or professional status. Options include one-year or two-year terms from the date of registration or expiration date in the case of membership renewal. The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) supports our online registration portal and membership data through their system.

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At this time, membership is not required for those involved with the Research Clusters (RC) unless attending the annual Conference. However, the Association may require membership for RC leaders in the future.

COMMUNICATION

In accordance with the Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) implemented in July 2014, members are required to give 'express consent' with respect to which communications they receive and may unsubscribe from communication at any time. The applicable communications are categorized as; Announcements (association news sent as required), E-Bulletin newsletters (published three to four times per year), Conference newsletter (published monthly between March and June), Student News (published periodically), and Webinar promotions.

Communication related to conducting the business of the association is exempt from CASL and include; official statements, notice of election nomination and voting, Annual General Meeting, and membership renewal reminders.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The Association's membership registration form is an opportunity to assess the success of the Association in attracting members who reflect the diversity of Canadian sociology, to develop initiatives to support members belonging to historically marginalized groups, and to resist the structures of inequality that govern our everyday lives. The data collected will be optional. The Association commits to reporting these data only in aggregate form that does not identify any members. The Executive Committee will use any data collected to improve programs and services to reflect the diversity of the membership as well as ensure representation within the governing bodies of the Canadian Sociological Association.

ACTIVITIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items in this section include official statements from the Association and notice of colleagues' passing (In Memoriam). The business of the Association is also highlighted; elections, awards, Annual General Meeting notice, etc.

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ASSOCIATION JOURNAL, *CANADIAN REVIEW OF SOCIOLOGY*

Originally titled '*Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology*', the journal was renamed to '*Canadian Review of Sociology*' (CRS) in 2008. As well in that year, the Association contracted Wiley-Blackwell to print, globally market, and manage royalties. The Association retains complete ownership of the journal and control over editorial decision-making.

The journal is available in digital copy only organized annually by Volume and at least four Issues. Members in good standing are able to access the latest issue of the journal as well as the online library of all issues from 1964 onwards.

The definitive statement on CRS management structure is included in section 6 of the [Association By-Laws](#).

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EDITORIAL BOARD

The Board may consist of a Managing Editor, Academic Editor, Book Review Editor, Committing Sociology Editor, and up to 18 Associate Editors. There are also several Consulting Editors (typically 10 - 16) who are not full members of the Editorial Board, although they are invited to attend annual board meetings. Members are appointed by the CSA Executive Committee in consultation with incumbent editors and recommendations from Editorial Board and Association members.

The Association should endeavour to balance Editorial Board membership in terms of gender, language, region, discipline, and types of employing institutions. Associate Editors are appointed for staggered three-year terms (renewable once) and Consulting Editors are appointed for five-year terms (renewable). The rotation of Editors and Associate Editors helps ensure representation across the full range of research interests and theoretical perspectives in the discipline.

The Editorial Board meets annually in conjunction with CSA conference to deal with policy and operational issues. The Editor and the Editorial Board have editorial autonomy within the policy framework established by the CSA.

The mandate of Editorial Board is to provide a forum for the publication of a high quality academic and policy relevant research that reflects the full range of substantive issues, theoretical frameworks and methodological approaches characteristic of Canadian sociology, and to ensure that the journal's operating procedures are consistent with the highest academic and ethical standards of scholarly objectivity and excellence.

AWARDS

The Canadian Sociological Association annually presents awards of recognition for scholarly work and contributions to the field of Canadian Sociology.

In 2021, an overview was conducted of the awards program to develop strategies which streamline the nomination and adjudication processes.

The Association will do a systematic review of this model every two years to ensure it is meeting its objective and equity goals.

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AWARDS ADJUDICATED BY THE CANADIAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

- Angus Reid Applied Sociology Award
- Best Student Paper Award
- Canadian Review of Sociology Journal Best Article Award
- Early Investigator Award
- Global Sociology Award - New
- John Porter Tradition of Excellence Book Award
- Lorne Tepperman Outstanding Contribution to Teaching
- Outstanding Contribution Award
- Outstanding Graduating Sociology Student Award
- Outstanding Service Award
- Prix d'excellence en sociologie de langue française

CONFERENCE / CONGRESS AWARDS

Congress Graduate Student Award

The Federation in partnership with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) has introduced a program to provide funding to select graduate students as endorsed by member Associations. The Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) will be eligible for up to five endorsed students who will each receive a \$500 award. The intention is for this award to be based on merit rather than financial need and offered in addition to other student funding programs utilized by the Associations. A commitment to increasing equity, diversity, and inclusion is to also be considered when selecting students to endorse.

Research Cluster Best Student Paper Awards

Research Clusters may select up to 3 recipients in a specific year based on student level (Undergraduate, MA, or PhD). All recipients will receive a certificate and 'Commit Sociology' T-shirt (while supplies last). Each cluster may select only 1 recipient in a specific year to receive a \$100 prize sponsored by the Canadian Sociological Association for papers presented during the annual Conference.

CALLS AND JOB LISTING

The Association welcomes submissions promoting events, employment opportunities, and other activities that would be relevant to our members. The service is free of charge and submissions are posted on our website and may also be distributed through our social media and communication networks.

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CONFERENCE

Our Conference is part of the larger Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences Congress along with over 70 other associations. Sessions and events for the Association span 4 days at the end of May or first week of June.

The Conference makes it possible for our members to meet and discuss academic, research, educational and administrative matters. CSA members have the opportunity to disseminate their findings, and to learn from other researchers through a myriad of organized sessions.

Participants in the Conference must be both members and Congress delegates with the Association. There is a non-member delegate fee option for those wishing to attend as observers only.

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CONFERENCE FUNDING PROGRAMS

Childcare

The CSA will set aside funds to offset the cost of childcare for members participating in the CSA Conference as a presenter, panelist, chair, or discussant. Eligibility is limited to students, postdoctoral fellows, limited term contract faculty, sessional instructors, non-academics, and independent scholars. The application adjudication committee will consist of representatives from the Executive Committee and Feminist Sociology Research Cluster.

Conference Registration Subsidy

The CSA has set aside funds to subsidize the cost of Congress delegate registration fees for eligible members in precariously employed positions participating as a presenter, panelist, chair, or discussant. Eligibility is limited to postdoctoral fellows, limited term contract faculty, sessional instructors, non-academics, and independent scholars. The application adjudication committee will consist of representatives from the Executive Committee.

Student Travel Grant Program

The Association supports student participation in the Conferences with a funding program to offset the cost incurred for travel and accommodation. The number of approved applications and grant amounts can vary year by year depending on the Association budget and the location of the Conference. Adjudication of the applications is conducted by members of the Student Concerns Subcommittee with support from the President and/or Treasurer if conflict of interest issue arises.

COVID-19 HUB

In 2020, the CSA Research Advisory Subcommittee established a COVID-19 pandemic ad hoc committee to promote COVID-related research and resources among sociologists in Canada.

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CRSTAL RADIO

In 2020, the Canadian Review of Sociology's Managing Editor, Karen Stanbridge, launched this podcast venue featuring authors discussing their recently published articles as well as Canadian Sociology VIPs.

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DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

The Association maintains a list of academic Sociology departments and may send communications directly. Volunteers from various academic institutions facilitate a two-way flow of information between their department and the Association. In addition to those in academia, we encourage applied sociologists working in the government, corporate and NPO sectors to assume this role to foster collaboration within the field.

Through the network of representatives, the Association is better able to disseminate news and information. Additionally, the network can help the Association gain quick feedback. The Association needs to know the level of consensus and strength of feelings of the community when it undertakes to represent the views of sociologists to government, the press and other such bodies.

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FRANÇAIS

Although the business of the Association is conducted in English, we strive to provide information, resources and communications in French as well. We look forward to the contribution of the new Francophone Affairs Subcommittee towards improving our bilingual activities.

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MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS PROMOTION

This initiative was cancelled in June 2022 due to a lack of interest and will be replaced with an alternative forum to highlight member achievements.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM FOR BLACK, INDIGENOUS AND RACIALIZED GRADUATE STUDENTS

In 2019, the Canadian Sociological Association's Equity and Student Concerns Subcommittees collaborated to develop this programme which matched established faculty with graduate students to provide mentorship beyond the typical support offered by academic advisors. Mentors and Mentees must be members of the Canadian Sociological Association in good standing.

In 2021, the program received a SSHRC Connections Grant "*Sealing the Leaky Pipeline: Developing Best Practices in Mentorship for Racialized Graduate Students*" led by committee chair, Natalie Delia Deckard. The funds will be used to support a Research Assistant and in-person retreat for mentees and mentors.

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RESEARCH CLUSTERS

Research Clusters bring together researchers and students working in the various substantive areas that make up Canadian sociology. They facilitate information-sharing, networking, academic community-building, and collaboration among faculty and students working in similar areas. Furthermore, they provide an avenue for making sociological knowledge available to media, policy-makers, communities, and non-governmental organizations.

The Association formally adopted this program in 2013 by creating an Agreement of Understanding with terms and conditions for operation. Administrative support is provided to the clusters who abide by this agreement. There are currently 38 established clusters (as of July 2022).

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RESEARCH PROJECTS & PUBLICATIONS

The CSA has provided funding for research projects in alignment with the objective of the Association. Recent projects include;

- *(Re)Prioritizing Pedagogic Feedback: Faculty Experiences with Qualitative Comments from Student Evaluations of Teaching (SETs)*. Rachel La Touche, Lisa Kowalchuk, and Rochelle Wijesingha. Canadian Sociological Association, 2020
- *The Future Lives of Sociology Graduates*. Guppy, N., Greer, K., Malette, N. and Frank, K. (2017), *The Future Lives of Sociology Graduates*. Canadian Review of Sociology/Revue canadienne de sociologie, 54: 237–252. doi:10.1111/cars.12147
- *Career Pathways of Canadian Sociology Graduates*. Karen Foster and Alyssa Gerhardt. Canadian Sociological Association 2020

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RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

Links to various resources have been compiled for members and the broader community. Resources and reports on equity issues as well as Indigeneity and Sociology are highlighted.

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STUDENTS@CSA

The Student Concerns Subcommittee provides content for this site which includes resources and student-specific information. A Bulletin Board section to facilitate student engagement and collaboration has been added as well as professional development webinars. Recently added features include promotion of Student Achievements and Student Spotlight.

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WEBINARS

The Canadian Sociological Association provides programs and resources that benefit our members as well as the field of sociology within academia and community applications.

Building on the success of our Student Concerns Subcommittee Professional Development Webinar Series launched in January 2020, the CSA now incorporates virtual events into our programming to enhance efforts to inform, connect, share research, and discuss relevant issues affecting the world from the sociological lens.

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