



Information on ASECS Committee Service

Committee members for the upcoming academic year are nominated by the ASECS Steering Committee in January. Nominees are asked to confirm that they are willing and able to serve; the slate of appointments is then voted on by the Executive Board at the Annual Board Meeting in March. Committee terms are usually for one year, from 1 July to 30 June, although in most cases committees do their work in either the fall or early spring semester. Usually, one member of each current committee is invited to serve a second term as the committee's chair.

Fellowship and Prize Committees

Annibel Jenkins Biography Prize Committee (biennial). The four-person committee reviews 5-10 biographies of eighteenth-century subjects published in the two preceding years. The committee judges the books received at the Business Office by 15 November and reports its choice by 15 February. The most recent Jenkins prize winner is invited to serve on the committee.

Graduate Prizes Committee. This four-person committee judges two prizes. The Graduate Research Paper Award is conferred on an unpublished essay and has a deadline of 1 January, and the committee's decision is due in early February. The Graduate Student Conference Paper Award deadline is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting, and the committee's decision is due in June.

Innovative Course Design Competition. This four-person committee consists of the three winners of the preceding year's competition, plus a chair from the previous year's committee. The deadline for submissions to the Innovative Course Design Competition is 1 October; the committee's report is due 15 November.

James L. Clifford Prize Committee. This four-person committee considers articles published in the preceding academic year. The deadline for submissions to the competition is 1 January; the committee's report is due 15 February, so the committee's evaluation work takes place during January and early February.

Louis Gottschalk Prize Committee. This five-person committee reviews approximately 35-45 books from a variety of disciplines. The committee judges the books received at the Business Office by 15 November and reports its choice by 15 February. The past Gottschalk winner is invited to serve on the committee.

Nominating Committee. This five-person committee is charged with nominating two candidates each for the position of Second Vice President and for two "member-at-large" positions. The report of the committee is due around 15 October, so most of the committee's work takes place in early fall. The committee is chaired by the Past President of ASECS.

Non-Tenure Track Faculty Travel Award. This committee consists of three people—a representative from the Women’s Caucus, a previous winner of the award (when possible) and a member of the Executive Board. The application deadline is 1 November and the committee’s report is due 1 December.

Program Committee for the Annual Meeting. This three-person committee is responsible for setting the program of the Annual Meeting, including: choosing the proposals that will be included in the CFP and reviewing requests for second sessions, working with the ASECS President to schedule sessions on professional development, selecting cover art, and supplying the Business Office with useful information on the conference city (e.g. transportation tips, restaurants, etc.). The committee consists of two members appointed for staggered two-year terms (chairing the committee in their second year) and a member of the Executive Board serving a one-year term.

Srinivas Aravamudan Prize. The task of the four-person committee is to choose the best article published in the previous academic year that pushes the boundaries, geographical and conceptual, of eighteenth-century studies, especially by using a transnational, comparative, or cosmopolitan approach. The deadline for prize submissions is 1 January and the committee’s report is due 15 February.

Travel Awards. This three-person committee is charged with reviewing applications for seven travel awards sponsored by the Society. The application deadline for the awards is 1 January; the committee’s report is due 15 February.

Traveling Jam Pot. Traveling Jam Pot recipients are ABDs and PhDs within a year of receiving the doctorate who receive a grant of \$300 toward the cost of attending the Annual Meeting and waiver of the conference registration fee. The award application deadline is 1 November and the four-member committee is asked to provide its list of award recipients by 15 December. The committee also may award Sponsored Membership to eligible Jam Pot applicants who are not awarded Jam Pot funds.

Executive Board Committees

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Committee

Five members of this committee are chosen by the Executive Board from candidates nominated by the Gay and Lesbian Caucus, the Women’s Caucus, the Disability Studies Caucus, the Graduate Student Caucus, and the Race and Empire Caucus; they are appointed to staggered three-year terms. The Executive Board also appoints a Board member and another member of the Society to serve three-year terms.

Committee on Harassment

The Committee is responsible for receiving, investigating, and adjudicating complaints about violations of the Policy on Harassment. This three-person standing committee is appointed by the Executive Board; members serve three-year staggered terms. One appointee must have served on a previous Executive Board. The Executive Board shall appoint one committee member as chair. The Society’s Executive Director will be the only member of the current Executive Board appointed to the committee and will serve ex officio in a non-voting advisory capacity. The Board will also appoint two alternates who will be asked to participate in the committee if one or more of the committee members has a conflict of interest.

Media and Publications Advisory Committee

This standing committee advises the Board on the management of ASECS's journals, social media presence, website, and media relations. There is one member-at-large seat; appointment is for a two-year term.

***Eighteenth-Century Studies* Advisory Board**

This 20-person board provides a pool of readers for the first round of peer review for essays submitted to the journal. Members are nominated based upon the need to cover the different disciplines, fields, and methodologies of these essays. The term is three years.

***Eighteenth-Century Studies* Editorial Board**

This five-person board (plus the Executive Director ex-officio) serves as the second tier of review. Members are nominated based on standing in the eighteenth-century studies community as well as to represent diverse expertise; they serve for three-year terms. After a manuscript passes the first round of review, a process that usually involves revision, it is sent to two members of the Editorial Board who represent disciplines outside the fields of the essay in order to gauge whether the author has met first-round reviewers' concerns and whether the essay is of interest to ASECS members in general and to the broader eighteenth-century scholarly community. When Editorial Board reports do not concur, the Editor casts the deciding vote.

***Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture* Editorial Board**

This six-person board advises the editors of *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture* on suitable readers for manuscripts submitted to the journal. On occasion, they will also be asked to serve as readers. Finally, they act as "talent scouts," keeping their ears open for talks given at ASECS and its affiliates that would make good submissions. Appointment is for a three-year term.

Awards issued by ASECS Caucuses and Affiliates are evaluated by committees appointed by those organizations. Please consult those groups for more information.