RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCIL DELEGATES

The Council Delegate serves a three-year term. New terms begin the day after the Annual Meeting concludes.* If, at any time, an individual becomes unable to fulfill their responsibilities for any reason, we ask them to let the Executive Office know.

Expectations of a Council Delegate include:

- Attendance at the Annual Meeting, including both the section business meeting and the in-person Council meeting (both take place during the Annual Meeting) (See below for future Annual Meeting dates)
- Reviewing and voting on all AAAS Fellow nominees (Generally occurs September/October)
- Voting for Committee on Council Affairs (CCA) members; the CCA functions as the executive committee of the Council (Generally occurs in the fall)
- Responsiveness to communications from the Executive Office (Year-round)
- Other urgent matters of Council business (As needed)

The Council is convened for meetings twice per year. The first one takes place in January, and is a remote meeting. The second one is an in-person meeting at the February Annual Meeting. Throughout the year, the Council is asked to participate in the activities listed above.

Council delegates may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms (for a total of six years). Council delegates are also eligible for election by the Council to the Committee on Council Affairs (CCA), the executive committee of the Council. Council delegates are elected to represent a specific section, and are strongly encouraged to form a relationship with their section’s Steering Group.

The following expenses incurred in attending the in-person Council meeting may be reimbursed by the Association:

- Round-trip, non-refundable economy coach class airfare (or rail fare), purchased at least 14 days in advance;
- Ground transportation from home to airport (or train station), from airport (or train station) to hotel, and return;
- Single standard room/tax rate for up to four (4) nights in a hotel at the AAAS-negotiated rate;
- Meals for up to four days, at the GSA-approved meal rate for the meeting’s location
Specific information regarding reimbursable expenses will be sent to Council delegates prior to the Annual Meeting.

The powers and responsibilities of the AAAS Council include the following:

(a) Review all programs of the Association, including meetings and publications, and propose actions to the Board of Directors.

(b) Appoint and supervise committees and commissions to aid the Council in the discharge of its responsibilities and terminate such committees and commissions as appropriate.

(c) Provide for the organization of the Association into Sections.

(d) Provide for the apportionment of the Association into Electorates.

(e) Authorize the establishment of regional and local organizations of the Association and approve the bylaws and amendments thereto.

(f) Establish the criteria for affiliation and elect organizations as affiliates of the Association.

(g) Elect Fellows from among the members of the Association

(h) Propose to the members of the Association the recall of elective members of the Board of Directors.

(i) Adopt resolutions and statements on matters affecting the Association.

(j) Propose amendments to the Constitution and amend the Bylaws.

Please contact the AAAS Executive Office at governance@aaas.org with any questions about these responsibilities.

*Upcoming Annual Meeting Dates*

February 14–18, 2019  Washington, DC
February 13–17, 2020  Seattle, WA
February 11–14, 2021  Phoenix, AZ
February 17–20, 2022  Philadelphia, PA

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