



BY-LAWS

As Amended and Approved by the Membership

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American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR)
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AAPOR Executive Council Meeting
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Article 1 Name and Offices

Section 1: Name. The name of the organization shall be the Pacific Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (PAPOR).

Section 2: Activities. Chapter activities shall be consistent with the policies and purposes of AAPOR as these are expressed in its Certificate of Incorporation and Article VII of its By-Laws (local chapters).

Section 3. Principal Office. The principal office of PAPOR shall be at the office of the President or at such other place as the Executive Council may determine.

Article II Members

Section 1: Membership Qualification. Membership in PAPOR shall be open to any person professionally engaged in or interested in the study of, or applications of, the field of public opinion and social behavior research, and who has read, signed, and subscribes to the Code of Professional Ethics and Practices of AAPOR.

Section 2: Classes of Membership. PAPOR shall have two classes of members: (1) AAPOR/PAPOR members and (2) PAPOR-only members. (Students may be offered memberships at reduced rates in either of these membership categories, at the discretion of the PAPOR Executive Council.)

Section 3: Termination of Membership. The membership of any member may be terminated by the Executive Council if such a member has not paid dues within six (6) months of the assessment thereof.

Article III Meetings of Members

Section 1: Annual Meetings. An annual meeting of the members for the election of officers and for the transaction of other business and/or presentation of programs shall be held during each calendar year. Notice of the time and place of this meeting shall be sent via U.S mail and/or electronic mail to all members at least twenty (20) days prior to its date.

Section 2: Voting. All members, AAPOR/PAPOR members and PAPOR-Only members, may vote at the annual meeting and must be present to vote.

Section 3: List of Members. A list of all members of PAPOR, an indication of the class of membership and address, shall be made available by the Secretary of PAPOR at least ten (10) days before the Annual Meeting for examination by any member, and shall be available for inspection by any member at the time and place of the meeting.

Article IV Executive Council

Section 1: General Powers. The property, affairs, and business of the Chapters shall be managed by an Executive Council.

Section 2: Number, Title. The Executive Council shall be comprised of the following officers:

- President
- Vice-President / President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Conference Chair
- Associate Conference Chair
- Student Paper Competition Chair
- Membership Chair
- Immediate Past President
- Councilor at Large - Webmaster
- Councilor at Large

Section 3: Qualifications. Election of, and Terms of Office. Any paid-up member of both PAPOR and AAPOR is eligible to serve as an Officer. Officers (with the exception of the Immediate Past President and the President) will be elected at the Annual meeting by a plurality of the votes cast at the meeting. The term of office of all newly elected Officers shall commence upon completion of the election and shall run until the next annual meeting.

Section 4: Nominations. A Committee on Nominations, chaired by the Immediate Past President, and consisting of two additional PAPOR members in good standing and not currently serving as Officers, shall be elected by the Executive Council to prepare a slate of nominees. The Committee on Nominations, at its option, may solicit nominations from the membership prior to forming the slate. Nominations may also be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting by any member in good standing. No members may be nominated without his or her prior approval.

Section 5: Vacancies. Any vacancies in the Executive Council shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining Executive Council Officers.

Section 6: Quorum and Manner of Acting. One half of the total number of Executive Councilors shall be required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting, and the act of a majority of the Executive Councilors present at any meeting at which a quorum shall be present shall be the act of the Executive Council. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the Executive Councilors present may adjourn the meeting until a quorum be had. Notice of an adjourned meeting need not be given. Executive Council meetings shall be conducted according to the rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

Article V Duties of Officers

Section 1: The President. The President shall be responsible for fulfilling the purpose of the chapter, by serving as chairperson of the Executive Council, by serving as the official representative of the Chapter in its relations with other organizations and the public, and by serving as Chapter Representative to AAPOR.

Section 2: Vice President-President Elect. The Vice President-President Elect shall perform all duties of the President in the event of the absence or disability of the President. The Vice President shall also be responsible for assisting with membership recruitment activities.

Section 3: Secretary. The Secretary shall issue notices of meetings and elections to all members, shall maintain minutes and correspondence of the Chapter, and shall transmit annually to AAPOR a summary report of the Chapter's activities.

Section 4: Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep and disburse all moneys of the Chapter as directed by the Executive Council. Shall keep correct books of account, shall render to the Executive Council reports of financial transactions and the financial condition of the Chapter, and shall prepare and submit to AAPOR an annual financial report. The Treasurer shall also maintain a list of members and shall transmit the list annually to AAPOR.

Section 5: Other Members of the Executive Council. Other members of the Executive Council will be responsible for the functions indicated by their titles, and for any other duties which may be assigned to them by the President.

Article VI Finances

Section 1: Dues. The Executive Council shall from time to time determine the annual dues to be paid by members and the manner and time of assessment and collection thereof.

Section 2: Program and Conference Fees. The program Chair shall recommend any special fees or membership charges to be levied for programs and conferences. The Executive Council shall give final approval to any such fees and charges.

Section 3: Funds. All funds of Chapter not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Chapter in such depositaries as the Executive Council may elect.

Article VII Amendments

Section 1: These by-laws shall be subject to alteration, amendment or repeal and new by-laws not inconsistent with any provision of the Certificate of Incorporation and by-laws of AAPOR may be made by a two-thirds vote of the Chapter members who attend the annual chapter meeting.