

49 **ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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51 **Section 1.** The governing body of the Society shall be the Executive Committee. The authority to
52 interpret the Constitution and Bylaws rests in this Committee. It shall be responsible for the
53 formulation of policy and have charge of the general and fiscal affairs of the Society; shall fill all
54 vacancies not otherwise provided for, such appointees to hold office until the installation of new
55 officers at the next Annual Meeting; shall call regular and special meetings of the Society; shall
56 appoint such committees as are deemed necessary to carry out the functions and achieve the
57 objectives of the Society.

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59 **Section 2.** The Executive Committee shall consist of (a) the officers of the Society, (b) the Past
60 Presidents of the Society for three years after the expiration of their terms of office, and (c) six
61 members elected for three-year terms, two of which expire each year.

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63 **Section 3.** Members may not simultaneously hold two offices on the Executive Committee, nor
64 may an elected member of a standing committee concurrently serve on the Executive Committee.

65 **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

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68 **Section 1.** The Society shall hold an Annual Meeting for the transaction of business, presentation
69 of papers, and general discussion of sociological topics. The Executive Committee may authorize
70 additional meetings and may cancel or postpone the Annual Meeting if it deems that there is
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73 **Section 2.** The Executive Committee shall schedule and announce times and places of the
74 Annual Meetings at least three years in advance. These meetings shall be held at times and
75 places convenient to as many members as possible and where all accommodations are open to all
76 members of the Society. Notice of additional meetings or of changes in the time and place of
77 meetings shall be sent to all members as far in advance as possible.

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79 **Section 3.** The Executive Committee shall meet at least once during the Annual Meeting, at a
80 time and place announced to the Members, and shall be available to receive oral or written
81 communications from members.

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83 **Section 4.** At least one Business Session, scheduled at a time not in conflict with other sessions,
84 shall be held during the Annual Meetings, for the discussion of the business of the Society,
85 including the presentation of reports and communications to inform the membership on matters
86 of interest to the Society, and to permit response from the officials to questions and suggestions
87 from membership.

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ARTICLE VII - PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. The Publications Committee shall consist of six members elected by the voting membership of the Society for a term of three years with two member' terms expiring each year. The Executive Officer of the Society, the Editor(s) of *Social Currents*, the Editor(s) of *The Southern Sociologist*, and the Webmaster shall be non-voting ex-officio members of the Publications Committee. The Past-Past President shall be a voting ex-officio member of the Committee. A Chair and a Chair-Elect of the Publications Committee shall be selected by voting members of the Committee and shall each serve a one-year term.

Section 2. The Publications Committee will advise and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on all matters relating to publication policies of the Society and be responsible for executing such policies as the Executive Committee may establish within their Constitutional authority. The editor or editors of a publication are to be absent from the final deliberations and voting on issues pertaining to that publication.

Section 3. The Executive Committee, with the advice of the Publications Committee, may authorize regular or occasional publications, designating which shall go to members as part of their privilege of membership.

Section 4. The Executive Committee, with the advice of the Publications Committee, may authorize and approve the appointment of an editor or editors of publications and an editorial board or boards, if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended or a new Constitution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the eligible voters voting in a ballot.

Section 2. A proposed change shall be sent to the members for a vote when (a) initiated or endorsed by the Executive Committee, (b) submitted in a petition by forty voting members, or (c) endorsed by a majority vote at a Business Session in the Annual Meeting, provided at least seventy-five voting members are present.