

BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR ANTHROPOLOGY AND GERONTOLOGY -

Approved by the membership November, 1979

ARTICLE I -- NAME

The name of this organization is the Association for Anthropology and Gerontology, to be abbreviated AAGE.

ARTICLE II -- PURPOSE

Aging is a universal part of the human experience, whose processes and consequences are conditioned by the diversity of human culture. The goal of AAGE is to understand the universal through exploration of diversity. AAGE intends to broaden research on age with the cross-cultural, holistic and emic perspectives of anthropology, and in turn, to enrich the empirical and theoretical resources of our discipline. A further aim of AAGE is to make knowledge available to those who are involved in the practical resolution of difficulties facing people of all ages.

ARTICLE III -- MEMBERSHIP

Anyone may be a member who:

- a. Subscribes to the purpose of the organization
- b. Pays annual dues as proposed by the Executive Council and acted upon by the general membership.

Dues rates will reflect the following categories of membership:

1. Members: scholars, researchers, or practitioners who are actively engaged professionally in anthropology and gerontology.
2. Student Members: scholars, researchers, or practitioners who are actively preparing (enrolled in an institution of higher learning) for professional involvement in anthropology and gerontology.
3. Joint Membership: In case both husband and wife are members, reduced membership dues for one spouse will be assessed, provided that the full annual dues for the spouse in the higher category are paid and that only one copy of any regular publication shall be furnished such joint memberships.
4. Institutional Memberships: any institution that supports the work of AAGE and who wishes to receive the publications of AAGE for the libraries.

Only members may hold office or vote for the Executive Board and Steering Committee members.

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Retired  
Complementary*

ARTICLE IV -- ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be directed by an Executive Council composed of an Executive Board and a Steering Committee.

A. The Executive Board shall be comprised of the officers of the organization.

1. The Officers of the organization shall be the President, President-Elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

a. The President shall coordinate activities of the organization preside at business meetings, and be an ex officio member of the program committee.

b. The President elect shall participate in all coordinating activities and replace the President in his/her absence. Following the completion of the term of the President, the coordinator elect shall assume the office of President. *chg to pres.*

c. The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings and keep a record of the decisions of the Executive Council and the actions of the organization.

d. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on organization correspondence as directed by the Executive Committee. *chg to Council*

e. The Treasurer shall keep a record of income and expenditures and shall keep a record of Dues Payors. *SP?*

2. The Function of the Executive Board is to oversee the conduct of the organizational business, <sup>or the</sup> implementation of decisions and of policy. *and*

B. The Steering Committee shall be comprised of six (6) members. Members of the Steering Committee shall serve as Chairperson of one of the Standing Committees of the Organization or of one of the other committees designated by the Executive Council. *12-3*

C. The Function of the Executive Council are as follows:

1. It makes decisions concerning the operation of the organization
2. It represents the membership and encourages their maximum participation in AAGE activities.
3. It broadens contacts with communities and organizations relevant to the purpose of AAGE.
4. It appoints the members of standing committees and of other committees as needed.

D. Selection of the Executive Council shall be as follows:

*Treasurer?*

1. The members of the Executive Board are elected to serve one year terms and may succeed themselves in office with a maximum of 4 successive terms in any one office (with the exception of coordinator elect).
2. The members of the Steering Committee are elected to serve two year staggered terms and may succeed themselves in office to a maximum of 3 terms.

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ARTICLE V -- ELECTIONS

- A. The standing Committee on Elections shall conduct annual elections and shall certify the members of the Executive Council. This Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Steering Committee and consist of at least two other members of AAGE who shall not themselves be candidates for election for the following year.
- B. Elections are held annually by mail ballot to the Membership. Notice of candidates running is sent to the membership before ballots are sent.
- C. Members may be placed on the ballot by submitting their names and three AAGE sponsors to the Elections Committee.
- D. Executive council members who resign or leave their office may be replaced by a majority vote of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE VI -- MEETINGS

At least one annual business meeting of the general membership shall be held in conjunction with the national meetings of other professional Anthropological Associations which are consistent with the goals of AAGE and the interests of the general membership of AAGE.

ARTICLE VII -- FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall run from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

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ARTICLE VIII -- COMMITTEES

The committees of AAGE shall consist of such special committees as may be established from time to time by the Executive Council, and of the following standing committees: (1) Election, (2) Publication, (3) Membership, and (4) Program.

- A. Committee Chairpersons should be Steering Committee members; other members must be AAGE members.

B. Committee Chairpersons shall report activities to the Executive Council. They will actively recruit members from the general membership of AAGE.

*chg to Pres*

C. ~~Members of~~ AAGE committees shall be appointed by the ~~Coordinator~~ and confirmed by the vote of the Executive Council. *of IVA (p2)*

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D. Editors of any serial or special publications of AAGE shall be appointed by the ~~Coordinator~~ and confirmed by the vote of the Executive Council. These editors, shall be ex officio members of the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE IX -- AMENDMENTS

A. Amendments to these by-laws shall be submitted in writing and circulated to the general membership with the agenda for a given meeting. Enactment of an amendment to the by-laws shall require the approval of two-thirds of the general membership of AAGE. If an inadequate number are in attendance of the given meeting, then a mail ballot shall poll the membership of the amendment.

B. A proposed change may originate from the general membership by a petition of six (6) AAGE members to the Executive Council, or from the Executive Council itself.

ARTICLE X -- RULES OF ORDER

Meetings of AAGE shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order when not inconsistent with these by-laws and the statutes. By a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting, Robert's Rules of Order may be temporarily suspended for the purpose of clarification and discussion.