

BY-LAWS
of the
SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH

ARTICLES I
Offices

Section 1. Principal Office.

The principal office of the Southern Association of Public Opinion Research (hereinafter called SAPOR) shall be at the office of the President of SAPOR.

Section 2. Other Offices.

SAPOR may have offices at such other place or places as from time to time the Executive Council may determine or the business of SAPOR may require.

ARTICLES II
Membership

Section 1. Charter Members.

All persons who at the date of recognition as a regional chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (hereinafter called AAPOR) were members of SAPOR shall constitute the charter Members of SAPOR.

Section 2. Membership Qualifications.

Any person professionally engaged or interested in research or study in the field of public opinion and social behavior, who has read and subscribes to the Code of Professional Ethics of AAPOR, shall be accepted as a member of SAPOR.

Section 3. Classes of Membership.

SAPOR shall have two classes of Members: SAPOR/AAPOR members and SAPOR only members.

ARTICLES III
Meeting of Members

Section 1. Annual Meetings.

The annual meeting of the Members for the election of officers and for the transaction of other business shall be held at a time to coincide with the SAPOR conference, or, at anytime agreed upon by the Executive Council.

Section 2. Special Meetings.

A special meeting of the Members for any purpose, unless otherwise prescribed by the statute, may be called at any time by the President or by order of the Executive Council and shall be called by the President or Secretary upon request in writing of twenty-five percent (25%) of the Members entitled to vote thereat.

Section 3. Voting.

At each meeting of the Members, every SAPOR/AAPOR Member shall be entitled to vote in person or in proxy on all SAPOR and AAPOR issues. SAPOR only Members shall not be entitled to vote or hold office in SAPOR.

Section 4. List of members.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to prepare with the Treasurer a complete list of the Members entitled to vote.

ARTICLES IV

Section 1. General Powers.

The property, affairs, and business of SAPOR shall be managed by the Executive Council.

Section 2. Number, Election, Qualifications, and Terms of Office.

The Executive Council shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Conference Chairperson, and Conference Vice Chairperson, and such other officers and representatives of the membership as deemed appropriate.

The Executive Council shall be elected in the following manner: the Committee on Nominations and membership appointed by the President shall prepare and submit to the Members entitled to vote at any annual or special meeting or by mail, the names of candidates, together with short biographies thereof, for each office to be filled by election. No person can be made a candidate without his/her prior approval. Officers shall be elected by a plurality of the votes of the Members entitled to vote at any annual or special meeting of the Members. Officers must be SAPOR/AAPOR Members. No person shall hold more than one position on the Executive Council.

The term of office of each Executive Councilor shall be as follows:

- (a) The Vice President shall have a term of office of one year at the end of which he/she shall become President. The President shall have a term of office of one year at which he/she shall become Past President.
- (b) The Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairperson of Committees shall have terms of office of two years.

- (c) The Conference Chairperson shall, with the Executive Council, select a Conference Vice Chairperson to assist the Chairperson in the first year at the end of which he/she shall become Conference Chairperson.

Section 3. Removal.

Any Executive Councilor may be removed as such as an officer of chairperson with or without cause by a vote, at annual or special meeting of the Members, of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present in person or by proxy (other than such Executive Councilor) entitled to vote thereat, after such removal was first proposed by the Executive Council or Twenty-five percent (25%) of the Members entitled to vote at any annual or special meeting of the Members and submitted to the Executive council.

Section 4. Regular Meetings.

Regular meetings of the Executive Council may be held at such places and at such times as the Executive Council shall determine and shall be held at least once a year. Notice of regular meetings need not be given. Special meetings will be announced by mail.

Section 5. Quorum and Manner of Acting.

Except as otherwise provided by statute, one half (1/2) of the total number of Executive Councilors (but not less than two) 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 Councilors present may adjourn any meeting from time to time until a quorum be had. Notice of any adjourned meeting need not be given.

Section 6. Committees.

The Executive Council may establish such committees of the Executives Council having such duties and powers as it may deem appropriate. A majority of all the Members of any such committee may fix its rules of procedure, determine its action, and fix the time and place of its meetings and specify what notice thereof, if any, shall be given, unless the Executive Council shall otherwise provide. The Executive Council may change the members of any such committee with or without cause at any time.

ARTICLES V
Officers

Section 1. Number.

The officers of SAPOR shall be a President, a Vice President, a Past President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Conference Chairperson, a Conference Vice Chairperson, and such other officers and agents as may be appointed by the Executive Council pursuant to section 2 of this article.

Section 2. Other Officers.

SAPOR may have such other officers and agents as may be deemed necessary by the Executive Council. Such other officers and agents shall be appointed in such manner, have such duties and hold their offices for such terms as may be determined by the Executive Council.

Section 3. The President.

The President shall be responsible for fulfilling the purpose of SAPOR. He or she shall serve as Chairperson of the Executive Council and as the official representative of SAPOR in its relations with other organizations and the public.

Section 4. The Vice President.

In the event of the absence or disability of the President, the vice President shall perform all duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the President. Except where by law the signature of the President is required, the Vice President shall possess the same power as the President to sign all certificates, contracts, obligations, and other instruments of SAPOR.

Section 5. The Secretary.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all the proceedings of the meetings of the members and of the Executive Council in one or more books to be kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall be responsible for communicating with the Membership and shall also be responsible for preparing the submitting to the Executive Council an annual report of SAPOR activities and membership and to include the Treasurer's annual report of finances to be submitted to AAPOR in compliance with the recognition agreement.

Section 6. The Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall keep and disburse the moneys of SAPOR, as directed by the Executive Council, shall keep correct books of account, shall render to the President and to the Executive Council at the regular meetings thereof, or whenever requested by them, reports of financial transactions by him or her and of the financial condition of SAPOR, and shall prepare an annual report of SAPOR finances to be included in the Secretary's report for AAPOR.

Section 7. The Conference Chairperson.

The Conference Chairperson shall be responsible for arranging the annual conference in form and content. He/she shall seek approval of the Executive Council on conference plans.

Section 8. The Conference Vice Chairperson.

The Conference Vice Chairperson shall assist in conference coordination for one year and assume the responsibilities of the Conference Chairperson in the following year.

ARTICLES VI

The Code

Members of SAPOR subscribe to the Code of Professional Ethics and Practices of AAPOR.

ARTICLES VII

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

Section 2. All funds of the 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.

ARTICLES VIII

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 Regular Chapter Members.