

By-laws of the Public Opinion and Participation (POP) special interest section of the European Union Studies Association

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Preamble

The special interest section exists to study public opinion and participation in countries of the European Union, as these topics relate to their own political systems and to the political system of the EU as a whole.

Meetings

The section will conduct business at a business meeting held every two years in conjunction with the biennial meeting of the EUSA. Other meetings may be held at other venues as convenient and as arranged by officers of the section.

Officers

Officers of the section will consist of a Chair and a Chair-elect. On the first occasion that elections are held, both chair and chair-elect will be elected at the business meeting of the section. Thereafter, at each biennial meeting, a new chair-elect will be elected and the previous chair-elect will become the chair.

Group activities

Business and other activities of the section will be conducted by the Chair and Chair-elect, acting as a duumvirate who should be in regular contact by email and other means. Between them they should conduct (or delegate responsibility for conducting) the business and other activities of the section. The two officers will consult with members of the section to the extent that is reasonably possible on matters that might concern them.

Adoption and amendment

These by-laws may in the first instance be amended by majority vote and thereafter adopted by 2/3 vote of those present at a business meeting of the section. After adoption, the by-laws can be amended by a 2/3 vote of those present at a business meeting of the section, provided notice of the text of the proposed amendment has been given on the EUSA listserv at least one month before the meeting.