

BY-LAWS  
of the  
WESTERN CENTER  
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

(Submitted for Approval October 1973)

1. Membership

Fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences residing in the United States west of the hundredth meridian are members of the Western Center.

2. Functions

The Western Center may hold stated meetings, arrange conferences, appoint task forces, initiate projects, and undertake other activities consistent with the purposes and policies of the AAAS.

3. The Executive Committee

The Western Center shall be governed by an Executive Committee, representative of different geographical sections, as specified by the Executive Committee itself.

4. The Executive Committee: Nominations

Fellows shall be nominated to represent particular constituencies specified by the Executive Committee.

5. Executive Committee: Terms of Office and Election

Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by mail ballot, each office to be voted on by the entire membership of the Western Center. Each member so elected shall hold office for three years (not to include periods of a year in which the Fellow is temporarily not residing in the Western area) and shall be eligible for re-election. Vacancies occasioned by death or resignation shall be filled by the regular procedure of nomination and election.

6. The Chairman

There shall be a chairman elected annually by the members of the Executive Committee. He will be eligible for re-election. If a member of the board serves as chairman in the final year of his term on the Board, he shall become an ex-officio member of the Board for the ensuing year.

7. Ex-officio Members of the Executive Committee

Ex-officio members of the Executive Board shall include the retiring Chairman of the Executive Board, as specified above, and national officers of the Academy who reside west of the hundredth meridian. The Executive Committee shall have the right to name as ex-officio members the head of the institution providing administrative service to the Western Secretariat.

8. Amendments

The By-Laws can be amended by simple majority vote of the whole membership of the Executive Committee, with ratification required by a majority of those voting in a mail ballot of the members of the Western Center and by approval by the Council of the Academy.