COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

This committee was formalized by the Board at the November 1, 1991 meeting. The President designates one member as Chair. In addition, the Committee includes the PAA President, President-elect, immediate Past President, Chair of the Committee on Population Statistics (COPS), President and Treasurer of the Association of Population Centers (APC) and three other members, appointed by the President, representing the diverse interest of the Association. PAA Presidents serve three-year terms, in the capacity of President-elect, President, and immediate Past President. The COPS Chair serves for the duration of his-her term as Chair. The other members, including the Chair of the Public and Government Affairs Committee, serve four years. Appointments to the committee can be renewed, but usually not for more than two consecutive terms.

The Government and Public Affairs Committee was charged with a wide range of responsibilities, including:

"Facilitate communications between the Association's membership and public officials concerned with overseeing the collection and use of demographic methods and materials and the support of research and training in the population sciences … "Strengthen federal support for research and related scientific activities designed to advance analysis and understanding of population processes … "Strengthen the application of scientific knowledge about population to public policymaking … "Increase the visibility of population research itself, and of its present potential practical applications benefiting society."

COMMITTEE ON POPULATION STATISTICS

The Chair of COPS is appointed by the PAA President for a five-year term. Members of COPS are appointed by the President for a four-year term. In making appointments, the President will consult with members and appropriate committees within PAA. COPS consists of seven members except in transition years, when there are eight members. One member will be designated by the President to serve as one of the PAA representatives to COPAFS. The ASA Committee on Governmental Statistics and the PAA Government and Public Affairs Committee are invited to send ex-officio representative to sit on the committee.

COMMITTEE ON PAA MEMORIAL SERVICE

This committee was formalized at the March 28, 2001 Board of Directors meeting. It consists of three rotating members, each serving as Chair in the third year. The committee organizes the service held at the annual meeting.

COMMITTEE ON APPLIED DEMOGRAPHY

The Applied Demography Committee represents the activities, interests and perspectives of the Business Demography and State and Local Demography Interest Groups to the PAA Board. The Committee helps facilitate the organizing of sessions at the annual meetings and annually sponsors the Applied Demography Breakfast. The term of committee membership is four years; members serve as chair in the fourth year.
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The International Outreach Committee consists of six members appointed by the President for four-year terms. Terms end after the Annual Meeting. During the transition year, the Chair and Chair designate will both serve on the committee. Ideally, the Chair would be picked from the existing committee members, first serving one year as Chair designate. Members may be reappointed for a second term only.

INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

This standing committee was formed in 2010 as a result of the fundraising efforts of the PAA Development Committee. The Initiatives Committee is responsible for soliciting funding requests from the PAA’s standing committees and the membership, reviewing applications, and making funding recommendations to the PAA Board of Directors. The Committee was reconstituted in 2012 and consists of five members serving a three-year term, and the PAA Past President and President-elect each serving a one-year term.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The PAA Development committee is a permanent standing committee with primary responsibility for raising additional funds beyond membership dues, annual meetings revenues, and subscriptions. The development committee should report annually to the PAA Board of Directors. The PAA President appoints members of the committee for terms of five years. The President, President-elect, and Past President serve on the committee. The size of the committee may vary over time as needs require. The PAA Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director serve as ex-officio members.

COMMITTEE ON PAA AWARDS

At the Spring 2008 meeting, the Board voted to reinstate the PAA Awards Committee (originally established in 1997), and make this a permanent standing committee. The committee is comprised of three members, including two Board members. This committee is charged with evaluating and recommending award policy; establishment and administration of awards. Each year the President will appoint two of the four incoming Board members (one will serve as chair in the second year), and one other member to two-year terms.

DOROTHY S. THOMAS AWARD COMMITTEE

The Dorothy Thomas Award is granted annually to a predoctoral or postdoctoral student for the best paper on the interrelationships among social, economic and demographic variables.

The Committee is comprised of seven members, each serving for three years. Appointments to the committee should be made at least one year in advance. To avoid conflict of interest, careful attention should be paid to institutional composition of the committee. The committee should represent diversity in the disciplines, particularly sociology and economics, and include members with backgrounds in statistics and mathematical demography. The award consists of cash and a certificate.
MINDEL C. SHEPS AWARD COMMITTEE

The Mindel C. Sheps Award, sponsored by PAA and UNC at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health, is awarded for outstanding contribution to mathematical demography or demographic methodology. It is a biennial award, granted in even-numbered years. Committee members serve for two selection rounds. Vacancies should be filled by the beginning of the year preceding the award date. The committee consists of seven members, including the chair, appointed by the PAA President, and the two most recent award recipients. The award consists of cash and a certificate.

CLIFFORD CLOGG AWARD COMMITTEE

The Clifford C. Clogg Award was established by the PAA Board of Directors at the Fall 1995 meeting, in recognition of distinguished work in population statistics. Beginning with the 2000 award, the terms have been modified. The award will now recognize early career achievement in population studies and demography, broadly defined. It will honor outstanding scholarly achievements of a population professional who shall have attained his or her highest professional degree within the previous 20 years. It is awarded biennially in even-numbered years at the PAA Annual Meeting.

The award is sponsored by PAA in association with the Population Research Institute of the Pennsylvania State University, and commemorates the contributions of Clifford C. Clogg, a renowned expert in quantitative methods and labor force demography at Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Clogg made creative contributions to census and survey design and data collection systems through his work with the National Academy of Sciences panels, PAA committees, and the U.S. Bureau of the Census. His scholarship included work in the analysis of rates, standardization methods, latent structure analysis and the modeling of categorical data. Through his teaching and numerous workshops worldwide, he left a legacy as a mentor to the discipline in population statistics.

The Clifford Clogg Committee consists of seven members, serving for two selection rounds (four-year terms). Vacancies should be filled in the latter half of a selection year. The Committee includes the two most recent recipients, and five members, including the chair, appointed by the PAA President. The award consists of cash and a certificate.

EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD COMMITTEE

The PAA Early Achievement Award recognizing the career of a promising scholar who is a member of PAA was approved at the April 29, 2009 Board of Directors meeting. The first award was scheduled to be presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting then biennially in even years. No recipient was selected in 2010, and the award is expected to be granted in 2012. The 2012 recipient will join the committee in 2014 and serve as chair in 2016. The Committee consists of seven members. The award consists of cash and a certificate.

ROBERT J. LAPHAM AWARD COMMITTEE

The Robert Lapham Award was first granted in 1989, and is awarded biennially in odd-numbered years. The award is presented for distinguished contributions to population research, the application of demographic knowledge to improve the human condition, and service to the population profession.

Terms of service on the committee are for two selection rounds (approximately four years). Committee members include the two most recent award recipients, and five members appointed by the PAA President. Award recipients serve as Chair during their second term. The Committee appointments should be made at least one year prior to the award date. The award consists of cash and a certificate.
IRENE B. TAEUBER AWARD COMMITTEE

The Irene Taeuber Award is awarded biennially in odd-numbered years. This award is sponsored jointly by PAA and the Office of Population Research (OPR) at Princeton University. The award is granted in recognition of either an unusually original or important contribution to the scientific study of population or an accumulated record of exceptionally sound and innovative research.

Terms of service are for two selection rounds (approximately four years). Committee membership includes the two most recent recipients, and five members, including the chair, appointed by the PAA President. The award consists of cash and a certificate.

HARRIET B. PRESSER AWARD COMMITTEE

The Harriett B. Presser Award was established by the PAA Board of Directors at the Spring 2008 meeting. The Committee consists of seven members including the most recent recipient, who serves as Chair during their second term. The Award was first presented at the 2009 PAA Annual Meeting and will be presented biennially in odd numbered years. The award honors a record of sustained contribution in gender and demography. The award consists of cash and a certificate.