

BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL GENETICS
(Amended July 2009)

ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name. The name of this society is the American Association of Anthropological Genetics, hereafter referred to as the Association.

Section 2. Purpose. The objectives of the Association, an educational and scientific organization, are as follows:

- (a) to promote the study of anthropological genetics as this field may be broadly defined;
- (b) to facilitate formal as well as informal communication between individuals engaged in the study of anthropological genetics; and
- (c) to foster cooperation among anthropological geneticists.

ARTICLE II: Restrictions

Section 1. Compensation. Funds received by the Association will not be used to compensate the members, officers, committee members of this organization for their services to the Association. However, the Association will be authorized or empowered to provide reasonable compensation for services rendered and/or expenses incurred in its routine operations.

Section 2. Propaganda. The Association will not engage in propaganda, the influencing of legislation, political campaign on behalf of any candidate for political office and any other activities prohibited for tax exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of future United States Internal Revenue Laws).

ARTICLE III: Membership

Section 1. Types of membership. The Association will consist of Regular Members, Student Members, and Supporting Members.

Section 2. Regular Members. This category of membership will be reserved for those individuals who demonstrate an active interest (or participation) in Anthropological genetics with either a doctoral degree in an appropriate discipline or publications and/or presentations in the field of anthropological genetics. Individuals in this category will have all privileges and obligations of membership in the Association, including the right to vote and hold office.

Section 3. Student Members. This category of membership will be open to bona fide graduate students for a period of six years. Individuals in this category have the right to vote but cannot hold office. [The amendment allowing Student Members to vote was passed July 27, 2009.]

Section 4: Supporting Members. This category of membership will be open to individuals, corporations, or institutions who wish to support the Association in its purposes. Members in this category will not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 5. Dues. All members of the Association will pay annual membership dues in the U.S. dollars in the amount to be set by the Association. The payment of membership dues will constitute evidence of membership.

ARTICLE IV: Officers

Section 1. Specifications for the Formative Stage of the Association. During the first annual meeting of the Association, a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and three additional members of the Executive Committee will be elected. Of the three additional members, one will be elected for a period of three years, and the other two for a period of two years each. Initially these six will comprise the Executive Committee of the Association. Thereafter, with the addition of the Past-President, the number of individuals on the Executive Committee will increase to seven. In subsequent elections, as specified below under Terms of Office (Article IV, Section 3), all additional members of the Executive Committee will be elected to serve for a period of two years each.

Section 2: Types of Officers. The officers of the Association will consist of a Past-President, a President, a Vice-President (President-Elect), and a Secretary-Treasurer. After serving his term the President will become the Past-President, and the Vice-President (President-Elect) will succeed to the office of the President.

Section 3: Terms of Office. The Past-President, President, and Vice-President will each hold office for a period of one year. The Secretary-Treasurer will hold office for a period of three years.

Section 4. Vacancies and Replacement. In the case of death, resignation, or removal of an officer, the Association may elect or appoint a successor for the duration of the unexpired term. Any officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Association.

Section 5. Duties of Officers.

(a) The President will chair the annual business meeting of the Association and will have the usual powers and authorities vested in the chief officer of a scholarly society. The President will also perform any other duty that the Association may decide on and direct to this officer.

(b) The Vice-President will be responsible, with the advice and help of the Meeting and Program Committee, for the planning of the annual meeting. The Vice-President will also perform the duties of the President in the temporary absence or disability of the chief officer of the Association.

(c) The Past-President will perform the duties of the Vice-President in the temporary absence or disability of that officer. If, however, the Vice-President becomes incapacitated and cannot become President, the Association will hold a new election for the vice-presidency, and the Past-President will then perform the normal duties of the President for the entire term of office.

(d) The Secretary-Treasurer will be responsible for (1) keeping minutes of the annual business meeting, (2) keeping financial accounts of the Association, including the collection and disbursements of funds on behalf of the Association, (3) providing a written account of the financial status of the Association at the annual business meeting, and (4) keeping a current Association membership list and a current copy of the Association's By-Laws.

ARTICLE V: Standing Committees

Section 1. Executive Committee

(a) This committee will consist of the Past President, President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and three other members to be elected by the membership of the Association for a period of two years.

(b) The function of this committee is to manage the affairs of the Association.

(c) Each member of the Executive Committee will have one vote, and a simple majority of the entire committee will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. Nominations and Elections Committee. This committee will consist of two persons to be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, for a period of two years. One of the two individuals will be designated, by the President, as Chair of the Committee. The functions of this committee are to (a) nominate Regular Member candidates for each office, and (b) administer the elections, including the counting of the ballots and the announcement of the results.

Section 3. Meetings and Programs Committee. The committee will consist of two persons to be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, for a period of two years. One of the two individuals will be designated, by the President, as Chair of the Committee. The functions of this committee are to: (a) recommend to the Executive Committee the location of the annual meeting of the Association, (b) help the Vice-President with the program for the annual meetings, and (c) arrange the details of the annual meeting.

Section 4. Audit Committee. This committee will consist of two individuals to be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, for a period of two years. The functions of this committee are to (a) review the

Association's financial accounts from the previous year, and (b) report at the Association's annual meeting.

Section 5. Unspecified Committees. The President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, may appoint from time to time any other standing committee (and define its duties) that may be necessary to conduct the business and the purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings

Section 1. Frequency of Meeting. The Association will have an annual meeting at a time and location to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Notice of the Annual Meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer will notify all members of the Association in good standing about the annual meeting at least 30 days before the scheduled date.

Section 3. Quorum. The quorum for all official business conducted at the Annual Meeting will be 20 Regular Members.

Section 4. Content of Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Association will consist of the following:

(a) Scientific Program. The content of which is to be determined by the Vice-President, in conjunction with the Meeting and Program Committee, and approved by the Executive Committee.

(b) Business Meeting. This is to be devoted to the following topics: (1) consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting, (2) reports of committees, (3) reports of officers, (4) old business, and (5) new business.

ARTICLE VII: Amendments

Section 1. Initiation of Amendments. Any change in the By-Laws must be proposed in writing by no less than six Regular Members of the Association and directed to the Executive Committee. The proposed amendment will be presented by the Executive Committee to the membership of the Association either orally at the Annual Business Meeting or by means of a mail ballot.

Section 2. Adoption of Amendments. Amendments will be adopted if at least one-third of the membership of the Association responds to the proposed change and of these respondents at least two-thirds respond affirmatively.

Section 3. Effective Date of Amendments. If approved as defined above, amendments will be effective immediately.

ARTICLE VIII: Dissolution

Section 1. Procedure. In the event of voluntary or involuntary dissolution of the Association the Secretary-Treasurer will pay off all of the liabilities of the Association.

Section 2. Disposal of remaining assets. Any remaining assets will be donated for scientific or educational purposes by distribution only to an organization or organizations which qualify for tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of future United States Internal Revenue Laws).

AMENDMENTS

Amendment 1. The right to vote in all Association elections is extended to Student Members. (Passed July 27, 2009)