



Five Areas of Emphasis for AALS Section Leaders

1 Section Listservs

Each Section has a unique online community connected by a listserv. Use your listserv to encourage the exchange of ideas, helpful tips, events, and other teaching resources. If you are unsure of your Section listserv address, email us at sections@aals.org.

2 Annual Meeting

Each Section Chair is responsible for planning their Section's program at the AALS Annual Meeting. Throughout the year, you should select topics for sessions, determine the format of your program, recruit speakers, and communicate the upcoming sessions to your membership. AALS Staff is available to guide you through the process, providing deadlines and helpful tips throughout the year.

3 Newsletters

Consider establishing or continuing an online newsletter to keep faculty informed and engaged with your Section throughout the year. Successful issues tend to include not only new scholarship from the field, but also messages from the chair, publication updates, and authored articles from Section members

4 Webinars

Webinars can be an excellent source of reusable content for Section members, and they expand opportunities to provide programming beyond the Annual Meeting. If your Section is interested in hosting a webinar, let us know. AALS allows Sections to use its dedicated Zoom account to schedule and present webinars without creating their own paid account.

5 Section Resource Library

The resource library at aals.org/sections/resources is dedicated to making life for our faculty volunteers easier. Here you can find examples of past events, templates for newsletters, important submission forms, issues of the Section Counselor, and more. Use this area to develop new ideas, or connect with us to let us know what else would be helpful to see there.

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