

## AALS Section Socials

### What is a Section Social?

Section Socials are informal networking events for members of AALS Sections. The goal of Section Socials is to catch up with colleagues and get to know members of your Section better.

### How do I sign my Section up for one?

If you are thinking about hosting a Social, you may either fill out the Submission form on the [AALS Section Social page](#) under the Sections Tab or email [sections@aals.org](mailto:sections@aals.org). We ask you please let AALS know 2-3 weeks in advance so we can create the registration page and you can market your Social Event to your members via Discussion List. The registration link to the event will be available on the Section Social Page on the AALS website under Upcoming and on your individual Section webpage. Typically, Socials are 60 minutes, but can be longer. I recommend hosting the socials Monday – Thursday, after 1:00 PM ET to accommodate most time zones.

**Registration:** Registration is required for attendees. AALS will send you an update on the registration count periodically.

**Day of:** The day of the event, we ask that the host/moderator join the session 5 minutes prior to the event starting. AALS will check your visual and audio to make sure you look and sound great and answer any last-minute questions. We will make you co-host and anyone else you would like to include. An AALS Staff member will be available throughout the session should you need technical support.

**Breakouts:** You can have breakouts – I will just need to know how many and if you would like the attendees randomly picked for the rooms.

**Polls:** You can have polls during the Social. Please let AALS know in advance the polling questions you would like to ask and the list of possible answers.

### What to expect:

Typically, about half the individuals that register attend the event. The more frequently you host these events, the more attendees will register and show up. During the session, you can welcome new members, let them know what is going on with the Section, if there are any upcoming webinars/deadlines, or call for papers. You can use the chat feature to post links to your Section Page, the Annual Meeting page, etc. AALS Staff will take several screenshots/photos of the event if you give approval, and post on the Social Page.

Again, we want to create a space where members feel they can engage with other members of the Section and simply catch up and get to know each other better. Items discussed or brought up might encourage ideas for growth within the Section or even additional Social Events.

Following the Social, AALS will send you an email with the total number of registrants, the number of people who attended, the chat log, and any photos of the Social I took.