

SSSA Online Communications Policy

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1. The Southwestern Social Science Association's [SSSA] online communications media shall be used *primarily*:
 - To promote the mission and the official activities and functions of the SSSA, its Affiliates, and its members;
 - To announce information and statements authorized by the SSSA or its Affiliates;
 - To recognize relevant publications, achievements, and milestones of its members.
2. The SSSA is responsible for the content of its online media. The Affiliates are responsible for the content of their online media, including the content of any media hosted by SSSA.
3. SSSA online communications media shall not be used:
 - To promote activities and organizations which are not directly related to the SSSA or its Affiliates;
 - To promote political or social positions, *unless* explicitly agreed by resolution of the SSSA Executive Committee, the SSSA Council or the general membership, as the case may be.
4. The SSSA Communications Director shall refuse to publish material submitted that clearly violates current SSSA policy.
5. The SSSA Communications Director shall bring to the attention of the SSSA President any material submitted for posting to a SSSA-hosted or administered medium:
 - if there are questions as to whether the material might violate current policy,
 - or that is not covered by current policy.

The SSSA President may refer the submitted material to the SSSA Executive Committee or Council, as appropriate, to determine whether to publish the material.

6. Administrator-level access to SSSA online media accounts shall rest with the SSSA President and the SSSA Communications Director. The Communications Director may grant editing and/or posting access, as needed, to assist with carrying out the Association's needed communications.

7. If an affiliate's information is clearly out of date, the Communications Director will make every reasonable effort to contact its leadership to ask for updates. If it does not reply in a reasonable amount of time, the Communications Director may take steps to update and/or remove the out of date information.