

# ASA LOCAL SECTIONS AND CHAPTERS

Local Sections and Local Chapters are intended to serve smaller geographic regions than the national/international organization. The intent is to foster dialog, interaction and fellowship for Christians in science on a local scale. The following bylaws govern the ASA sections and chapters.

- A. Petition for the formation of a Local Section shall be signed by not fewer than ten (10) Fellows or Full Members. Upon receipt of such a petition, the Executive Council may authorize the formation of the section.
- B. Each Local Section shall elect a Section Secretary, who shall forward to the Executive Director of the ASA a report of each meeting and, at the end of the fiscal year, a financial report for the fiscal year. The Executive Director will prepare a summary report of Local Section financial activities for submission to the Secretary–Treasurer of the ASA.
- C. An ASA chapter, usually covering a smaller region than a local section, shall be defined as a group that:
  - 1. Adheres to ASA’s statement of faith and policies
  - 2. Has two or more ASA members or Fellows in a leadership role
  - 3. Meets regularly to discuss issues of science and Christian faith
- D. Permission to use the ASA chapter designation shall be granted by the Executive Director upon application by ASA members in the leadership role. ASA will support the ASA chapters in their operation according to guidelines to be established by the Executive Council.

To establish an official Local Section or Local Chapter, the leadership must submit the attached petition for a Local Section or application for a Local Chapter with the appropriate signatures. Upon approval, the local group will be authorized to use the ASA name and logo in its communications. Newly formed groups will be provided with a one-time credit of \$1,000 to be used solely for speaker honoraria and travel expenses, facility room rentals, and promotion subject to prior approval by the executive director. Further credit of \$500 will be granted for every six (6) new ASA members, [three (3) student members equal one full member for this purpose] that the group recruits. If necessary, for a small handling fee, the ASA office will maintain a bank account for the group to handle checks, donations, and financial payments. The designated contact for each group will be responsible for reporting all activities to the ASA office and for submitting a brief annual report.

# APPLICATION FOR FORMATION OF ASA LOCAL CHAPTER

We, the undersigned, petition the American Scientific Affiliation to establish a Local Chapter to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

We affirm the ASA Statement of Faith and commit to adherence of the policies of the ASA as stated in the attached note. The contact person and officers of the Local Chapter are as follows:

Designated contact to the ASA office:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

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ZIP/Postal Code

**Officers** (if any):

**Name/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Authorized Signatories:**

	Membership Status* & ID#	NAME: (Please Print)
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____

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- \*F - Fellow
- \*M - Member
- \*S - Student

APPROVED BY THE ASA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PETITION FOR FORMATION OF ASA LOCAL SECTION

We, the undersigned, petition the American Scientific Affiliation to establish a Local Section to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

We affirm the ASA Statement of Faith and commit to adherence of the policies of the ASA as stated in the attached note. The contact person and officers of the Local Section are as follows:

Section Secretary (designated contact to the ASA office):

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ASA STATEMENT OF FAITH**

### **What is the American Scientific Affiliation?**

The American Scientific Affiliation (ASA) is a fellowship of men and women of science and disciplines that can relate to science who share a common fidelity to the Word of God and a commitment to integrity in the practice of science. ASA was founded in 1941 and has grown significantly since that time. The stated purpose of the ASA is "to investigate any area relating Christian faith and science" and "to make known the results of such investigations for comment and criticism by the Christian community and by the scientific community."

### **What does the ASA believe?**

As an organization, the ASA does not take a position when there is honest disagreement between Christians on an issue. We are committed to providing an open forum where controversies can be discussed without fear of unjust condemnation. Legitimate differences of opinion among Christians who have studied both the Bible and science are freely expressed within the Affiliation in a context of Christian love and concern for truth.

Our platform of faith has four important planks:

1. We accept the divine inspiration, trustworthiness and authority of the Bible in matters of faith and conduct.
2. We confess the Triune God affirmed in the [Nicene](#) and [Apostles' creeds](#) which we accept as brief, faithful statements of Christian doctrine based upon Scripture.
3. We believe that in creating and preserving the universe God has endowed it with contingent order and intelligibility, the basis of scientific investigation.
4. We recognize our responsibility, as stewards of God's creation, to use science and technology for the good of humanity and the whole world.

These four statements of faith spell out the distinctive character of the ASA, and we uphold them in every activity and publication of the Affiliation.