Membership
Charge: This committee will work to expand and diversify our membership, particularly in terms of discipline and geographic representation, as well as with the broader public. It advises on ways to grow and support international participation in ASWAD, through membership and for international travel grant participants. From the beginning, ASWAD was envisioned to be an organization that would have broad membership from scholars and activists across the Diaspora, and from a wide range of disciplines. We have had considerable success in this regard, but we still have much work to do to broaden our diversity in the membership and in the leadership.

Fundraising
Charge: In collaboration with our Treasurer, this committee will focus on grant writing, the capital campaign, and other fundraising strategies to help us define and reach our financial goals and commitment to supporting scholars from the Global South.

Mentoring
Charge: This committee will create mentorship opportunities for early career scholars working in African & African Diaspora studies.

Academic Prizes
Charge: The Prize committee will be responsible for securing jurors for ASWAD book and article prizes, recognizing the most important contributions to African & African Diaspora Studies. The committee will also solicit and receive eligible books and articles, ensure that jurors have clear criteria and transparent processes to effectively judge the submitted books and articles, and notify the ASWAD executive officers of finalists and winners for each award. This committee must also collect digital assets (i.e. digital photos of authors and their book covers) to accompany the announcement of finalists and winners on the ASWAD website.

Social Media
Charge: This committee supports a strong and sustainable ASWAD online presence. This includes helping to curate ASWAD virtual seminars, workshops, and book talks and supporting social media dissemination of ASWAD events, announcements, and other relevant business on our social media platforms, including Youtube, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Outreach, Engagement & Collaboration
Charge: This committee fosters engagement with current and prospective institutional and organizational partners and collaborators, inside and outside of academia. This Committee also facilitates the creation and expansion of ASWAD African & African Diaspora K-12 Teacher-Training Institutes and provides expertise to other K-12 curricular initiatives.
Public Policy/Global Racial and Social Justice
Charge: This committee will respond to and articulate our political perspectives on global issues of historical and contemporary importance to black peoples globally. In the past, this has included issuing formal statements to express solidarity, the global Black Lives Matter Movement, to declare opposition to the wave of police brutality, racism and xenophobia, and to address COVID 19-related realities.

Election and Amendments Committee
Charge: This committee shall present the names of candidates for various offices to the Executive Board, to be elected by the membership-at-large. This committee shall also be responsible for preparing items for veto, amendment, and rescission, as outlined in the By-Laws.

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