

# AEJMC Interest Groups

AEJMC interest groups are approved by the AEJMC Board of Directors for one-year, two-year or three-year terms. These terms are renewable by the Board of Directors. Petitions for renewal must be filed in a timely manner.

Interest groups are allowed programming rights during the AEJMC Convention but the number of “chips” allowed is smaller than for a division. Normally interest groups have half as many “chips” as a division. The number allowed is set by the Council of Divisions’ chair. The number for 2007-08 is 3-and-a-half chips. A chip roughly equates to one convention time slot. However, co-sponsored sessions count only a half chip to each sponsoring group.

All interest group programming is done through the annual Council of Divisions session during the AEJMC Winter Meeting. **An elected representative of each interest group must attend that session.** Interest groups may sponsor their own sessions and co-sponsor sessions with other interest groups or divisions. The interest groups follow the Council of Divisions Policies and Procedures, and the Policies for Reimbursement.

Interest groups are also required to file an annual report each year and will go through the five-year assessment process. The format for the report will be provided by the AEJMC Central Office.

## Current Interest Groups, 2007-2008

Civic & Citizen Journalism (1996) (1999) (2002) (2005) (2008)  
— established in 1994

Community Journalism (2007) — established in 2004

Entertainment Studies (2001) (2004) (2007)— established in 2000

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (2006) — established in 2003

Graduate Education (1996) (1999) (2002) (2005) (2006)— established in 1993

Internships and Careers (1996) (1997) (1998) (2001) (2004) (2007)  
— established in 1994

Religion and Media (1999) (2002) (2005) (2008) — established in 1996

SCI group (1994) (1997) (1998) (2001) (2004) (2007) — established in 1991

Small Programs (1996) (1999) (2002) (2005) (2008) — established in 1994