

**CONSTITUTION OF THE**  
**Montana CHAPTER**  
**THE AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Montana Chapter of the American Statistical Association.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be to foster in the broadest manner statistics and statistical applications, and to promote unity and effectiveness of effort among all groups in the statistics area having an interest in or being concerned with

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Chapter will be by approval of the Chapter Executive Committee. This Committee may delegate this function of approval. The membership of this organization shall consist of three categories:

1. **Regular Members:** Persons admitted to membership who hold either Full or Affiliate membership in the American Statistical Association.
2. **Associate Members:** Persons admitted to membership who are interested in statistics in general or in the organization in particular, but who are not members of the American Statistical Association.
3. **Student Members:** Persons admitted to membership who are full-time undergraduate or graduate students at a local college or university. This will include persons who are ASA student members. While these members are not required to pay dues they will not be permitted to vote in Chapter matters. (They may apply for either Regular or Associate Membership if they choose to pay the annual dues.)

**ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

The officers of the organization, who shall be Full Members of ASA, shall be a President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chapter Representative to the ASA Council of Chapters. The officers, with the exception of the Chapter Representative, shall be duly elected by a majority vote of the Regular and Associate Members casting mail ballots. The Chapter Representative shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may appoint a Full Member of ASA to fill any vacancy which occurs in an office between elections.

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### ARTICLE V - TERMS OF OFFICE AND ELECTIONS

A person elected as Vice President shall serve in succession a year each as Vice President, President, and Past President. The Secretary and Treasurer will serve two-year terms with the Secretary elected in one year and the Treasurer in the next year. The Chapter Representative shall serve a three-year term with the dates determined by the ASA Council of Chapters rotation pattern.

The Nominating Committee shall annually select candidates for the Vice President and whichever other position, Secretary or Treasurer, is scheduled for election that year. The Secretary and Treasurer are eligible for renomination to the same position without limit. The Past President shall not be eligible for immediate renomination as Vice President. At least two candidates should be presented for the Vice President position. However, since continuity is desirable in the Secretary and Treasurer, the Nominating Committee might present only one name for those positions.

A ballot should be mailed to all regular and associate members on the Chapter rolls at the time of the election. The election results shall be reported at the Annual Meeting.

### ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers described in Article IV and the Chairs of each of the standing committees who are not Chapter officers.

### ARTICLE VII - STANDING COMMITTEES

The committees of the Chapter shall consist of the six committees described below and of such special committees as may be appointed by the President. Except as noted below, chairs of the standing committees will be appointed by the President and shall serve until their successors are appointed. The President, in conjunction with each committee chair, shall also appoint members of each committee. The six Standing Committees shall be:

1. **Arrangements** - with the Secretary as chair, to make necessary reservations and arrangements for technical and social meetings of the Chapter.
2. **Education** - to handle requests from outside groups for speakers on statistics and to supervise Chapter educational activities, including quantitative literacy efforts with private and public schools.
3. **Membership** - to encourage local individual memberships.

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4. **Nominating** - with the Past-President as chair, to present a list of nominees for all elective offices.
5. **Program** - with the Vice President as chair, to schedule the meetings and speakers for the term of office of the Vice President.
6. **Publicity** - to inform the American Statistical Association and the public of the significant activities of the Chapter.

### ARTICLE VIII - CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE

The Representative to the Council of Chapters shall be a full Member of the ASA. The Representative shall be appointed every third year by the Executive Committee, once the election results for that year are known. The name of the Representative shall be sent to the ASA office before August 1 of that year. The Representative shall serve the Chapter for a period of three years following the pattern prescribed by the Council of Chapters.

### ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

There shall be six or more regular meetings, including an Annual Meeting, each Chapter Year. The Chapter Year shall run from January through December of each year. The date of the Annual meeting shall be set by the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE X - FINANCE

The amount of the annual Chapter dues, for regular and associate members, shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by a majority of members voting at the annual meeting of this organization. The proposed dues changes shall have been sent to each Regular and Associate Member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting. (A response by mail from a member will be considered the same as the vote of a member attending the meeting.)

Each time a new Treasurer takes office, the President shall appoint at least two Auditors who will audit the outgoing Treasurer's books. In addition, an audit will be performed whenever a Treasurer is reelected and three years or more have elapsed since the last audit. The Auditors shall submit a written report of their findings to the Membership by the second Regular Meeting after their appointment.

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### ARTICLE XI - NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Any and all applicable provisions of the Constitution of the American Statistical Association shall be considered a part of this Chapter Constitution.

### ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by an affirmative 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the voting Chapter members at any meeting, provided notices of such a meeting and the proposed amendment shall have been sent to each Regular and Associate Member at least two weeks prior to the date of such a meeting. (In the event of a mail ballot, the votes of the members responding will be considered the same as the vote of a member voting at the meeting.)

### ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Montana Chapter, the officers shall, after paying or making provision for payment and discharge of all of the liabilities to the Montana Chapter, distribute all of the remaining net assets of said Chapter to the American Statistical Association exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, and educational purposes. The American Statistical Association is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **Mission Statement for the Council of Chapters**

The mission of the ASA Council of Chapters is to provide and encourage timely interaction between the ASA Board, the ASA office, and the Chapters; among Chapters; and with the general ASA membership. This communication will focus on advocacy of mutual Chapter interests, broadening of services provided to Chapters and Chapter members, promoting the vitality of each Chapter, outreach to non-ASA and non-Chapter members, and support for creation of new Chapters.

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