Council of Sections
New Officers Orientation
2021
The **Council of Sections** (COS) consists of:
- Officers of the Council Governing Board
- Representatives from each ASA Section

The Officers of the **Council of Sections Governing Board** are:
- Chair, Chair-Elect, Past Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
- Three Representatives to the ASA Board of Directors
- Three Vice Chairs as liaisons to the Sections and Interest Groups

The **Council of Sections Governing Board** manages the affairs of the Council.
The mission of the ASA Council of Sections is to provide and encourage timely communication

- between the Board of Directors, Sections, and Interest Groups,
- among Sections and Interest Groups,
- and with the general ASA membership.
Mission Statement (continued)

This communication will focus on

- advocacy of mutual Section and Interest Group interests,
- broadening of services provided to Section and Interest Group members,
- continuing integrity of each Section and Interest Group, and
- provision of support for new Sections and Interest Groups.
B&E Business & Economic Statistics Section
BIOM Biometrics Section
BIOP Biopharmaceutical Section
CNSL Section on Statistical Consulting
COMP Section on Statistical Computing
EDUC Section on Statistics and Data Science Education
ENVR Section on Statistics and the Environment
EPI Statistics in Epidemiology
GSS Section on Government Statistics
GRPH Section on Statistical Graphics
HPSS Health Policy Statistics Section
LIDS Lifetime Data Science Section
MDD Medical Devices and Diagnostics
MHS Mental Health Statistics Section
MKTG Section on Statistics in Marketing
NPAR Section on Nonparametric Statistics
Q&P Quality & Productivity Section
RISK Section on Risk Analysis
SBSS Section on Bayesian Statistical Science
SDNS Section on Statistics in Defense and National Security
SGG Statistics in Genomics and Genetics
SI Section on Statistics in Imaging
SIS Section on Statistics in Sports
SLDS Section on Statistical Learning and Data Science
SOC Social Statistics Section
SPES Section on Physical & Engineering Sciences
SRMS Survey Research Methods Section
SSPA Section for Statistical Programmers and Analysts
TSHS Section on Teaching of Statistics in the Health Sciences
2021 ASA Interest Groups

Astrostatistics

Business Analytics/Statistics Education

Statistics and Pharmacometrics

Transportation Statistics

Uncertainty Quantification in Complex Systems

History of Statistics

Statistical Auditing

Quantum Computing in Statistics and Machine Learning

Quantitative Communication

Text Analysis
## Comparison of Groups

### Sections
- Invited Session Allocation
- Can compete for additional Invited Sessions
- Topic Contributed Sessions (number varies by section)
- Meeting space at JSM
- ASA supported web presence
- Submit articles to *Amstat News*
- Collects dues
- Members have to belong to ASA in order to join a section
- ASA maintains rosters of section members
- Chartered by a vote of the Council of Sections

### Interest Group
- Can Compete for Invited Sessions
- Can request a Topic Contributed Session
- Meeting space at JSM
- ASA supported web presence
- Submit articles to *Amstat News*
- Interest Groups do not collect dues
- Membership open to non-ASA members (Chair must be ASA member)
- Interest groups responsible for maintaining their own rosters
- Chartered by a vote of the Council of Sections Governing Board
Council of Sections Governing Board

COS Executive Committee
Chair: Sarah Kalicin
Past Chair: Ofer Harel
Chair-Elect: Jason Roy
Secretary: Beth Andrews
Treasurer: Abel Rodriguez

COS Board Reps
Mark Glickman (2019-21)
Rebecca Hubbard (2020-2022)
Catherine Calder (2021-23)

ASA Liaison
Rick Peterson

Vice Chair
Scarlett Bellamy (2021-23)

Vice Chair
Alyson Wilson (2019-21)

Vice Chair
Elizabeth Slate (2020-22)

Biometrics
Biopharmaceutical
Statistics in Epidemiology
Teaching Statistics in the Health Sciences
Health Policy Statistics
Statistics and the Environment
Nonparametric Statistics
Statistical Programmers and Analysts
Statistics in Imaging
Mental Health Statistics
Medical Devices and Diagnostics
Genomics and Genetics
Pharmacometrics (IG)

Quality & Productivity
Physical & Engineering Sciences
Risk Analysis
Statistical Education
Statistical Consulting
Bayesian Statistical Science
Business & Economic Statistics
Statistics in Marketing
Business Analytics/Statistics Education (IG)
Uncertainty Quantification in Complex Systems (IG)
Statistical Auditing (IG)
History of Statistics (IG)

Government Statistics
Social Statistics
Survey Research Methods
Statistical Computing
Statistical Graphics
Defense and National Security
Statistics in Sports
Statistical Learning and Data Science
Lifetime Data Analysis
Transportation Statistics (IG)
Astrostatistics (IG)
Quantum Computing in Statistics and Machine Learning (IG)
Text Analysis (IG)
Council of Sections Governing Board
2020 Executive Officers

Sarah Kalicin, Chair
Jason Roy, Chair-Elect
Ofer Harel, Past-Chair
Beth Andrews, Secretary
Abel Rodriguez, Treasurer
Council of Sections
Board of Directors Representatives

Mark Glickman (2019-21)
Rebecca Hubbard (2020-2022)
Catherine Calder (2021-23)

These members of the ASA Board of Directors represent the interests of the Council, and thus, of all Sections and Interest Groups.
Council of Sections Vice-Chairs
(Liaisons with the Council)

Scarlett Bellamy (2021-23)

Biometrics Section
Biopharmaceutical Section
Epidemiology Section
Section on Teaching of Statistics in the Health Sciences
Health Policy Statistics Section
Section on Statistics and the Environment
Section on Nonparametric Statistics
Section for Statistical Programmers and Analysts
Statistics in Imaging
Mental Health Statistics Section
Medical Devices and Diagnostics
Genomics and Genetics
Pharmacometrics (IG)
Council of Sections Vice-Chairs
(Liaisons with the Council)

Alyson Wilson (2019-21)

Section on Quality and Productivity
Section on Physical & Engineering Sciences
Section on Risk Analysis
Section on Statistical Education
Section on Statistical Consulting
Section on Bayesian Statistical Science
Business and Economics
Statistical Marketing
Business Analytics/Statistics Education (IG)
Uncertainty Quantification in Complex Systems (IG)
Statistical Auditing (IG)
History of Statistics (IG)
Council of Sections Vice-Chairs
(Liaisons with the Council)

Elizabeth Slate (2020-22)

Section on Government Statistics
Social Statistics Section
Section on Survey Research Methods
Section on Statistical Computing
Section on Statistical Graphics
Statistics in Sports Section
Section on Statistics in Defense and National Security
Section on Statistical Learning and Data Science
Transportation Statistics (IG)
Astrostatistics (IG)
Lifetime Data Analysis (IG)
Quantum Computing n Statistics and Machine Learning (IG)
Section Officers Handbook

This Handbook outlines the structure, duties, and responsibilities for Sections and their officers.
Officer Duties

Many officer duties are common across Sections but some are Section-specific.

Become acquainted with the officer structure, and any special duties, in your Section.

Communication among current and incoming officers is key to success. Work with your current officers to learn your responsibilities and involve new officers as soon as possible.
Officer Duties (continued)

Section Chair Responsibilities

- Serve as chief executive officer of the Section.
- Appoint Executive Committee and other committee members and positions.
- Plan for and preside at all Executive Committee meetings and the Section business meeting at JSM.
- Coordinate the work of the Executive Committee and other Section committees.
- Ensure a smooth transition to new officers.
Section Chair-Elect Responsibilities

- Serve as member of the Section’s Executive Committee.
- Attend Section Executive Committee meetings.
- Attend the Section’s annual business meeting at JSM.
- Make appointments not assigned to the Chair.
- Assume the responsibilities of the Chair when necessary.
Officer Duties (continued)

Section Secretary Responsibilities

- Record minutes of the Section meetings.
- Report on the minutes of previous meetings.
- Distribute minutes of the Executive Committee meetings to members of the Executive Committee.
- Maintain the file of Section documents.
Officer Duties (continued)

Section Treasurer Responsibilities

- Monitor dues collections and expenditures.
- Submit a budget by October 31 of each year.
  - Sections with more than twice their annual budget in reserves should strongly consider additional services to Section members.
  - Sections on a path to exhaust their reserves in a few years should find ways to increase revenue or reduce expenditures.
Section Representative to COS Responsibilities

- Serve as a member of the Section’s Executive Committee
- Attend the COS annual business meeting and response meeting at JSM.
- Represent the Section and transmit messages from the Section to the COS.
- Vote on new Section applications.
- Present a summary of COS activities and highlight any that require action.
Officer Duties (continued)

Program Chair Responsibilities

- Serve as member of the Section’s Executive Committee
- Organize contributed papers into sessions.
- Attend Program Committee meeting.
- Publicize the Section’s sessions.
- Review rooms and audiovisual needs in advance and visit each session to confirm presence of session chair and offer any needed assistance.
- Present report at the Section business meeting.
Program Chair-Elect Responsibilities

• Serve as member of the Section’s Executive Committee
• Solicit, organize, and publicize roundtable sessions.
• Solicit and organize invited sessions for the next year’s JSM.
• Attend Program Committee meeting at JSM.
• Solicit ideas for Topic Contributed sessions.
Resources for Sections

- ASA Membership Initiatives
- Budget Information & Guidance
- Financial Tools
- ASA Communities
- COS meetings at JSM
ASA Membership Initiatives

- Consider proposing a project for the Membership Initiative for your Section or Interest Group.
- ASA allocates up to $100,000 annually.
- A wide variety of projects are funded.
- For more information, visit the application form.
Budget Information for Sections

- Section budgets are managed by the ASA office.
- E-mail timely check requests to Rick Peterson at the ASA office for checks to be processed for section expenses.
- Use the ASA Travel Reimbursement Form for travel-related expenses.
- Be sure to include receipts.
Financial Tools

- Online financial summaries and budget submission

To access current & prior budget information:

- Login to the ASA web site using your ASA ID.
- Under the My Volunteer Activities menu, click on My Sections, and then on your Section’s name.
- Financial reports can be accessed under Tools.
- A Guidance for Section Treasurers is in the COS Community Library
ASA Communities

- This is a networking tool provided by ASA

- Some ways you can use ASA Communities
  - Post messages to the Section
  - Store Section documents
  - Start a Section blog
Council of Sections Meetings at JSM*

**Sunday COS meeting, 1-4 pm**
- Discuss common issues.
- Agenda and materials for Sunday meeting sent to COS reps by Chair in early July.

**Monday COS workshop, TBD**
- Different topics of interest for section members yearly.
- For all sections’ executive committee members.

**Thursday COS meeting, 8-10:30 am**
- For feedback from Section discussions during week.
- May send a substitute if your COS rep can’t attend.

* Interest Group Chairs are invited to COS Meetings as non-voting attendees.
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