



Council of Sections New Officer Orientation 2026

<https://community.amstat.org/councilofsections/documentation>

Council of Sections and Council of Sections Governing Board

- The Council of Sections (COS) consists of
 - Officers of the Council of Sections 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 of Sections.

Council of Sections Mission

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.

This communication focuses 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.

Council of Sections Objectives (from COS Charter)

The objective of the Council of Sections is to support the goals and interests of the Sections of the American Statistical Association, so far as these goals are consistent with those of the Association.

The Council of Sections shall encourage the development of Sections, assist in the promotion of Section activities, foster member involvement in functions of the Association, and promote communication and cooperation among the Sections.

COS Specific Activities

(from COS Website on ASA Community)

Specific activities of the Council of Sections shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Vitalizing Section activities through facilitating development of new Sections, assistance with Section activities, identification of potential joint activities among Sections, dissemination of information, and evaluation of dormant Sections.
2. Arranging programs at the Association's annual meeting with approval of the Association's Program Committee.
3. Assisting with the general promotion of the statistics profession.
4. Facilitating communication between Sections and both the Association office and the Board of Directors to help the Association promote the interests of the Sections and the profession (or the Association) in general.

Council of Sections Governing Board 2026

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Council of Sections Governing Board

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Sections and Interest Groups represented by 2024-2026 Vice Chair (Miguel Marino)

- Biometrics Section (**BIOM**)
- Biopharmaceutical Section (**BIOP**)
- Section on Statistics and the Environment (**ENVR**)
- Statistics in Epidemiology Section (**EPI**)
- Statistics in Genomics and Genetics Section (**SGG**)
- Health Policy Statistics Section (**HPSS**)
- Section on Statistics in Imaging (**SI**)
- Medical Devices and Diagnostics Section (**MDD**)
- Mental Health Statistics Section (**MHS**)
- Section on Nonparametric Statistics (**NPAR**)
- Section for Statistical Programmers and Analysts (**SSPA**)
- Section on Teaching of Statistics in the Health Sciences (**TSHS**)
- Statistics and Pharmacometrics (IG)
- Statistics in Aging (IG)
- Mobile and Wearable Data Science (IG)

Sections and Interest Groups represented by 2025-2027 Vice Chair (Andrea Cook)

- Section on Bayesian Statistical Science (**SBSS**)
- Business & Economic Statistics Section (**B&E**)
- Marketing Statistics Section (**MKTG**)
- Quality & Productivity Section (**Q&P**)
- Section on Physical & Engineering Sciences (**SPES**)
- Section on Risk Analysis (**RISK**)
- Section on Statistics and Data Science Education (**EDUC**)
- Section on Statistical Consulting (**CONS**)
- Business Analytics / Statistics Education (IG)
- Forensic Statistics (IG)
- History of Statistics (IG)
- Record Linkage (IG)
- Statistical Auditing (IG)
- Uncertainty Quantification in Complex Systems (IG)

Sections and Interest Groups represented by 2026-2028 Vice Chair (Jack Miller)

- Section on Statistics in Defense and National Security (**SDNS**)
- Section on Government Statistics (**GSS**)
- Lifetime Data Science Section (**LIDS**)
- Social Statistics Section (**SOC**)
- Section on Statistics in Sports (**SIS**)
- Section on Statistical Computing (**COMP**)
- Section on Statistical Graphics (**GRPH**)
- Section on Statistical Learning and Data Science (**SLDS**)
- Survey Research Methods Section (**SRMS**)
- Section on Text Analysis (**TA**)
- Astrostatistics (IG)
- Privacy and Confidentiality (IG)
- Transportation Statistics (IG)
- Stats Up AI (IG)

COSGB Standing Committees

- Fiscal Oversight Committee (2026)
 - Michael Cohen (Chair)
 - Hongyuan Cao
 - Jiwei Zhao
 - John Doucette
- JSM Allocation Committee
 - Chaired by Past Chair, COSGB
 - Two Vice Chairs (1st and 3rd year)
 - Chair, COSGB
- COS Nominations Committee (2026)
 - Ying Wei (Chair)
 - Denise Abreu (GOVT)
 - Marco Ferreira (SBSS)
 - Jennifer Gauvin (BIOP)
 - Jacqueline Hicks (TSHS)
 - Michael Schuckers (SIS)
 - Li Zhang (CNSL)

ASA Sections and Interest Groups

- Each have an ASA supported web presence and may submit articles to *Amstat News*.
- For other ASA support, contact Moira Skelley (moira@amstat.org)

	Sections	Interest Groups
COS Representation	COS Representative(s)	IG Chair or designee
COS Voting Status	Sections may vote	IGs may not vote
Membership	ASA members only	Open to non-ASA members (Chair must be an ASA member)
Dues?	Collected by ASA	Not collected by ASA
Money?	Held in ASA accounts	Not held in ASA accounts
Invited JSM Sessions	70 Allocated by COS May compete for more	No allocation May compete for sessions
Topic Contributed JSM Sessions	Allocated Sessions May compete for more	Allocated one per JSM May compete for more

Key Documents for ASA COSGB Officers

- Responsibilities and Procedures for COSGB Officers (updated 2025)
 - Includes timeline, and specific details for each COSGB office
- Video on What is the Council of Sections? ([YouTube](#))
 - An overview of Council of Sections (COS)
 - How it fits into the hierarchy of the ASA governing structure
 - The role and responsibilities of Section COS representatives
- Charter of the Council of Sections (revised August 2018) on ASA Community
- [ASA Community Leader Hub](#)

Key ASA Contacts

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Resources for
ASA Council of Sections
Representatives

Council of Sections Representative Roles

- The Representative to the COS serves as a member of the Section's Executive Committee. The Representative has duties and responsibilities to the Section and the ASA as prescribed by the Association's Constitution and Bylaws.
 - Attends all Section Executive Committee meetings and Section Annual Business Meeting.
 - Represents the Section on matters before the Council of Sections
 - Attends COS Annual Business Meeting held on Sunday at JSM
 - Reports to the Section Executive Committee any COS activities that require action and reports back to COS with the Section's response to action items
 - Attends COS Follow-Up Meeting held shortly after JSM (via Zoom)
 - May be appointed to a COS Standing Committee
 - Transmits to the COS any Section messages proposed by the Executive Committee
 - Presents a summary of COS activities during the year at the Section's Annual Business Meeting
 - Transmits to the incoming Representative any material which will ensure an orderly transition and provides assistance as appropriate

Key Documents for ASA COS Representatives

- [Officer Responsibilities](#) Section of the ASA COS Website on ASA Community
- ASA Section Officers Handbook (last update: 2019) outlines the structure, duties, and responsibilities for Sections and their officers.
- Many officer duties are common across Sections
- 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.

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 - Including resources for
 - Chapter Officers
 - Interest Groups
 - Section Officers
- [Allocation of JSM 2026 Invited Sessions](#) document