

PIVC Committee Snapshots

Work Accomplished and Future Work – 2025 – 2026 Annual Report

Committee of Representatives to AAAS

Work Accomplished

Committee members were actively engaged with the 2026 AAAS annual meeting in Phoenix, participating in sessions, the Section Reception, and the Business meeting, and one member served as Membership Engagement Chair for Section R (Dentistry). Members submitted sessions for both the 2026 and 2027 AAAS meetings and for JSM 2026, with the JSM sessions accepted, and one member served as an abstract/session reviewer for AAAS 2026. The committee also co-organized and moderated a webinar with AAAS Section U (Statistics), “Amplify Your Impact: ASA Members and the AAAS Annual Meeting,” featuring Katherine Ensor, Karen Kafadar, and Linda Young, drawing over 40 attendees.

Future Work

The committee plans to nominate a Vice-Chair, hold a post-JSM committee meeting with Section U Steering Committee members, and propose joint ASA-AAAS webinars. Members will attend the 2027 AAAS meeting and Section Business Meeting, propose invited sessions for that meeting, and serve as session proposal reviewers.

Committee on Privacy and Confidentiality

Work Accomplished

The committee sponsored a webinar on balancing statistical and non-statistical uses of federal data (January 2026) and published two statements in AmStat News on committee webinar and JSM activities (June and July 2026). It launched a recurring virtual seminar series with the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology, drawing about 150 attendees to its inaugural session in July 2026, and organized privacy and confidentiality-related sessions for JSM 2026. The committee also advised ASA leadership on privacy-related legislative and policy developments, including the Department of Commerce’s disclosure avoidance policy.

Future Work

The committee plans to identify and coordinate topics for future sessions in its seminar series with FCSM, plan a Privacy Day 2027 webinar, and organize privacy and confidentiality-related sessions for JSM 2027.

Statistics Without Borders (SWB)

Work Accomplished

SWB sustained and grew its pro bono work, completing 73 projects (up from 71 the prior year) and engaging 588 volunteers across 26 countries in 2025, at an efficient cost of roughly \$100 per project. The organization modernized its operating infrastructure with a SharePoint migration, a new volunteers database, and an operations roadmap that cut year-end reporting effort to about a fifth of the prior year’s. SWB also stood up a Research Ethics Advisory Group under new leadership, ran a mentorship pilot, launched multi-language and HubSpot-based client outreach, kicked off strategic planning with an

external facilitator, and published five case studies along with an annual report translated into Spanish and French.

Future Work

SWB will seat its incoming Chair and Vice Chair and fill two open Director roles (Marketing and Volunteer Experience), complete its strategic plan, and stand up operational dashboards for its project pipeline and volunteer engagement. Priorities also include growing the client pipeline to better utilize its 5,400+ registered volunteers, scaling its mentorship program beyond the pilot stage, expanding multi-language engagement, and institutionalizing leadership-succession standards for the long term.

Committee on Professional Ethics (CoPE)

Work Accomplished

CoPE's primary focus in 2026 was the quinquennial update of the ASA Ethical Guidelines for Statistical Practice, a time-intensive effort involving all committee members. The committee will also present an introductory overview lecture at JSM 2026, "Introduction to Ethical Practice in Statistics and Data Science."

Future Work

CoPE plans to support Global Ethics Day again in October, with its 2027 focus centered on communicating the updated Ethical Guidelines for Statistical Practice once approved by the Board.

Committee on Scientific Freedom and Human Rights (CSFHR)

Work Accomplished

CSFHR focused on internal and external collaboration, website improvements, and outreach to current and past ASA members about scientific freedom and human rights concerns. The committee partnered with the Committee on Law and Justice Statistics on a June 2026 panel on statistical challenges in police accountability and organized an accepted JSM 2026 panel session on statistical methods for displaced and refugee populations and people in conflict zones.

Future Work

CSFHR is organizing a fall panel on human rights and AI and preparing a panel proposal for JSM 2027. The committee has created a member survey on scientific freedom issues, to be distributed in the fall, and is planning a member podcast series on fundamental human rights.

ASA Advisory Committee on Climate Change Policy

Work Accomplished

The committee coordinated a response to the NSF–NCAR Dear Colleague Letter on climate research priorities, articulating the contributions of statistics to uncertainty quantification, modeling, and interdisciplinary climate work. It initiated discussions on long-term climate data stewardship and preservation, examining risks to climate observations and datasets and considering strategies such as inventories of at-risk data and expanded collaboration with organizations like RSS, AMS, and AGU. The committee also organized two JSM 2026 sessions, an invited panel on sustainable AI deployment and an interdisciplinary session showcasing the NISS–IMSI collaboration on environment and public health data science.

Future Work

The committee plans to continue engaging with NSF, NCAR, NOAA, NASA, and other agencies on climate research priorities and data stewardship, and to develop an inventory of scientifically valuable but at-risk climate datasets, potentially with other scientific societies. It will identify ways statisticians can help assess the impacts of data discontinuities, expand collaborations with organizations such as RSS, AMS, and AGU on data preservation, and continue tracking emerging policy issues relevant to statistical expertise.

External Nominations and Awards Committee (EN&A)

Work Accomplished

From July 2025 through June 2026, EN&A facilitated seven external nominations, including support for Emmanuel Candes' successful nomination for the 2026 Shaw Prize in Mathematical Sciences, along with submissions for the Hukum Chandra Memorial Prize, the WLA Prize, two BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge nominations, and the Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics. The committee also expanded its opportunity tracker to include industry, AI, health, economics, and international awards, and began strengthening its infrastructure for identifying opportunities and managing candidates.

Future Work

EN&A plans to complete or document the disposition of remaining 2026 nomination packages and track pending outcomes, and to develop the 2027 candidate slate by Q3 to manage Q1 deadlines well in advance. The committee will create an award reference guide covering eligibility and past recipients, establish a shared calendar with reminders, implement an always-open candidate recommendation form, and expand candidate sourcing across sectors, career stages, and regions in coordination with ASA committees, sections, and Fellows.

Committee on Data Science and Artificial Intelligence

Work Accomplished

The committee contributed to ASA responses on AI policy and workforce issues, including Department of Education and Department of Energy requests, and advised the Committee on Professional Ethics on incorporating AI considerations into the ASA Ethical Guidelines. It advanced the Student Generative AI Survey effort through to acceptance of an article in *Chance*, launched member-facing AI tools programming with a well-attended June 2026 webinar, and explored data science and AI case-study programming for SDSS 2027 and WSDS.

Future Work

The committee plans to provide consolidated feedback on the draft ASA AI Strategic Plan and review AI-related responses across ASA sections and committees to identify synergies and gaps. It will continue its AI tools webinar series, work with SDSS 2027 leadership on related programming, and seek opportunities to increase statisticians' visibility at non-ASA data science and AI venues.

Scientific and Public Affairs Advisory Committee (SPAAC)

Work Accomplished

SPAAC recommended revisions to ASA's process for determining when to issue public policy statements, and led or co-led letters on topics including the American Community Survey, an OSTP AI Action Plan, updates to the Privacy Act of 1974, NSF AI infrastructure, Schedule F federal employment, AI in

education, and the BLS Commissioner nomination. The committee co-organized a webinar with the Committee on Data Science and AI on statistical foundations for the AI era, administered the Statistical Significance poster competition at JSM in Nashville with 40 participants, published several related AmStat News articles, and updated the SPAAC website.

Future Work

SPAAC will continue monitoring the Federal Register for requests for information and tracking federal agency developments, such as BLS Commissioner nominations, and will again sponsor the Significance poster competition at JSM 2026.

Committee on Law and Justice Statistics

Work Accomplished

The committee organized a joint JSM mixer with the Social Statistics Section for those interested in law and justice statistics, wrote blog entries on relevant datasets, and hosted regular webinars highlighting datasets and research of interest to the law and justice community.

Future Work

The committee will continue monitoring the Federal Register for requests for information and tracking relevant federal agencies and will continue its webinar series.

Committee on Funded Research (CFR)

Work Accomplished

Despite a challenging year marked by uncertainty surrounding federal agencies, CFR hosted a webinar on PCORI funding opportunities, contributed to an Action Alert template for congressional outreach during the federal research funding crisis, and organized the 2025 JSM Funding Opportunities Panel with program officers from NIH, NSF, and PCORI. The committee convened a lunch meeting with the NSF DMS Director at JSM 2025, began developing a potential reviewer pool for the NIH Center for Scientific Review, met with NIH representatives on CSR expansion, and began exploring AI-related funding opportunities for statisticians.

Future Work

CFR plans to continue efforts to recruit reviewers and expand the NIH CSR reviewer pool, and to identify effective approaches for engaging NSF and influencing emerging AI funding opportunities.