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**Constitution
St. Louis Missouri Chapter
American Statistical Association**

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the "St. Louis Chapter of the American Statistical Association."

Article II - Objectives

The objectives of this organization shall be:

- a. to serve the professional interests of its members by conducting meetings on various aspects of statistics and its applications;
- b. to aid in making statistics of service to science and practical affairs in the St. Louis area;
- c. to work for improvement in the training of qualified statisticians; and
- d. to disseminate information about new developments in statistics and their applications.

Article III - Members

Members shall be persons who reside in or near St. Louis, who have signified to the chapter their desire to be Members and who have paid annual Chapter dues. Members are entitled to vote.

Article IV - Officers

SECTION 1 - OFFICERS. The officers of this chapter shall be a President, a Past President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Chapter Representative to the ASA Council of Chapters. Officers shall be members of the American Statistical Association.

SECTION 2 - TERMS OF OFFICE. The term of office for all officers except the Chapter Representative shall be one year beginning January 1st. The Chapter Representative shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to a three-year term with the dates determined by the ASA Council of Chapters rotation pattern.

SECTION 3 - METHOD OF ELECTION. The President shall name a nominating committee of at least three Members of the Chapter not later than September 15th of an election year. The Nominating Committee shall present nominations for each of the offices that will be vacated the following January 1st. This slate shall be presented at the next meeting, and all members shall be notified by mail. The election of officers shall occur during the meeting in November. Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of all Members voting.

SECTION 4 - VACANCIES IN OFFICE. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill any vacancy which may occur. Their appointee shall serve out the unexpired term.

SECTION 5 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS. The President shall preside at all meetings and appoint all committees.

The Vice President shall serve in the President's place in the event of absence or inability to serve. The Vice President shall be in charge of the programs of the Chapter.

The Past President shall chair the Nominating Committee and shall assist the other officers and Executive Committee members as needed.

The Secretary shall be the Executive Officer of the Chapter. The Secretary shall keep records of all meetings and official transactions, shall give written notices of all meetings, and shall be responsible for carrying out Chapter policies as determined by the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all Chapter funds, shall make all properly authorized disbursements, shall furnish periodic reports on the financial status of the Chapter, and shall propose an annual budget for the following calendar year to the Executive Committee in October of each year.

The Chapter Representative shall be a full member of the ASA. The Chapter Representative will report information on ASA activities to the St. Louis Chapter and facilitate Chapter participation in ASA activities.

Article V - Executive Committee

SECTION 1 - MEMBERSHIP. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Chapter, the American Statistical Association Council Representative and the Chairs of the Standing Committees.

SECTION 2 - POWERS AND DUTIES. The Executive Committee shall have full authority and responsibility for the conduct of the affairs of the Chapter, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.

It shall have responsibility for reviewing the plans for any project which is undertaken in the name of the Chapter.

It shall fix the time and place of meetings.

It shall, in accord with Article IX, establish committees of the Chapter.

No group or committee shall collect funds in the name of the Chapter either from the members or from an outside agency without the approval of the Executive Committee.

Article VI - Finance

SECTION 1 - DUES. The amount of Chapter dues and changes in dues must be ratified by the voting membership whether by mail or at a meeting.

Dues shall be payable January 1.

The names of Members who have not paid dues by June 1 following, may be removed from the mailing list if the Executive Committee so determines.

SECTION 2 - FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

SECTION 3 - ANNUAL REPORT. The Treasurer shall render annually a Statement of Receipts and Expenditures and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The first statement shall cover the year's operations. The second statement shall be rendered as of the close of business December 31.

SECTION 4 - AUDIT. The Treasurer's records shall be open to the inspection of an Audit Committee appointed by the President and to Members on the approval of the Executive Committee.

Article VII - Meetings

A Business Meeting shall be held at least once a year. Notice of this meeting and its agenda shall be mailed to all Chapter Members at least 10 days in advance of the meeting.

Article VIII - Sections

This Constitution authorizes the Executive Committee to set up Sections for groups with special interests in the field of statistics.

These Sections will be established, on the petition of Members, if the Executive Committee finds a sufficient interest.

Article IX - Committees

Standing Committees shall include an Executive Committee as provided in Article V, and a Nominating Committee of at least 3 members. At the discretion of the Executive Committee additional Chapter Committees may be established. Such Committees might include a Program Committee, and a Membership and Promotions Committee charged with responsibility for bringing the advantages of Chapter membership to the attention of those members of the American Statistical Association who reside in or near the St. Louis area and for promoting membership in the American Statistical Association. Appointments to said Committees will be made by the President who shall be an ex-officio member of each Committee.

Article X - Separability Clause

The Constitution of the Chapter shall at all times be in harmony with the Constitution and by-laws of the American Statistical Association and to this end any provisions which may be in conflict, at present, or in the future, with the Constitution of the American Statistical Association shall be null and void. Unaffected Articles of this Constitution, in the event of conflict, will continue in force.

Article XI - Amendment

This Constitution may be amended by majority vote at any meeting of the Chapter provided that notice of the proposed change shall have been sent to each member on the roll at least 10 days before such meeting.

Article XII - Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the St. Louis Chapter, the officers shall, after paying or making provision for payment and discharge of all of the liabilities of the St. Louis 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.