

**CONSTITUTION  
OF  
THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY**

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The members of the Washington Statistical Society, founded in 1926, the oldest chapter of the American Statistical Association, establish this Constitution for the government of the Society.

**Article 1. Name**

The official name of this organization shall be "The Washington Statistical Society", hereinafter referred to as "the Society"; being a chapter of the American Statistical Association hereinafter referred to as "the Association".

**Article 2. Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be to foster statistical science, statistical research, and the interests of the statistical profession and to promote unity and effectiveness of effort among all groups concerned with statistical matters. The primary emphasis of Society programs will be directed toward the interests of its membership in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

**Article 3. Membership**

Regular membership of the Society shall include those persons who are members of the Association and are current in the payment of their dues for both the Association and the Society. Other persons, not members of the Association, may join the Society as associate members under procedures laid down in the By-laws. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, rules may be established for the admission of institutional members.

**Article 4. Conduct of the Society**

Section 1. General. The business of the Society shall be conducted in accordance with this Constitution and the By-laws established by the Board of Directors. By-laws may be added, deleted, or amended by majority vote of all Directors eligible to vote.

Section 2. Officers. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a President-elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Communications Officer, four Representatives-at-Large, and the Chairs of each Section. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined at the discretion of the Board of Directors. When so combined, the incumbent shall have a single vote on the Board. Officers shall be elected by the membership of the Society.

Section 3. Board of Directors. The business and professional conduct of the Society shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the Officers, the Past President, the Chapter Representative to the Council of Chapters, and such Chairs of committees and others as the

President shall appoint with the advice of the Board. The officers, Past President, and Chapter Representative shall have votes on the Board.

Section 4. Duties of the Board of Directors. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President, or a representative designated by the President, or upon written petition of at least two-thirds of the Directors eligible to vote. The President, or the representative designated by the President, shall preside over meetings of the Board, and four Directors eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum. Unless otherwise specified in this Constitution, a majority vote of voting Board members present in quorum shall carry. The responsibilities of the Board, which may be delegated at its discretion to one or more committees, shall include the establishment of broad programs of operation of the Society, the planning of the regular meetings of the Society, the planning of such other activities as the Society may undertake, and the making of appropriate arrangements for informing persons interested in membership concerning the activities of the Society and the Association. The President, or a representative designated by the President, shall preside at meetings of the Society.

Section 5. Term of Office. The term of office of the President and President-elect shall be one fiscal year. The President-elect upon completing one year in office as Vice President shall automatically succeed the President in office at the termination of the fiscal year. The President, upon completing one year as President, shall serve one year as Past President. The four Representatives-at-Large shall serve staggered two-year terms with two persons elected each year. The terms of office of the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Communications Officer shall be two years. The Secretary shall be elected in a year ending in an odd digit. The Treasurer and Communications Officer shall be elected in a year ending in an even digit. All terms of office shall start on July 1 following the election.

The Chapter Representative shall serve a three-year term defined on a calendar year basis. The Chapter Representative shall serve on the Society's Board of Directors during their tenure and shall not hold the position of District Vice Chair on the Council of Chapters Governing Board at the same time.

Section 6. Precedence. The order of precedence for the office of President shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Officer. The Board of Directors may fill a vacancy occurring during the term of an elective office by majority vote of all remaining Directors eligible to vote.

Section 7. Annual Joint Meeting of the Boards. An Annual Joint Meeting of the outgoing and incoming Board of Directors shall be held as soon after elections as feasible, but not later than one month after the end of the fiscal year. A quorum for the Annual Joint Meeting shall consist of quorums for both the outgoing and incoming Board of Directors. Voting members of each Board are eligible to vote at the Joint Meeting. Individuals who are voting members of both Boards shall have two votes and shall be counted towards both quorums.

Section 8. Annual Reports. An annual report of the broad program and the detailed activities of the Society during the year shall be prepared by the outgoing President covering his/her term of office. Results of elections shall be included in the President's annual report. An annual report on

the finances of the Society and the activities of the Treasurer shall be prepared by the Treasurer and incorporated in the President's annual report. After approval of the President's report by the outgoing Board of Directors, the report shall be distributed by mail to the members of the Society.

## **Article 5. Elections**

Section 1. Elective and Appointive Officers. The positions of President-elect, Secretary, Communications Officer, Treasurer, and Representatives-at-Large shall be filled by election with the selection to be made by majority vote of Society members casting votes by mail ballot. The appointed members of the Board and the Chairs of other Committees established by the Board shall be appointed by the President for terms of not more than one year. Election of the Chapter Representative shall be governed by the Association. Chapter Representatives may be elected or appointed.

The President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Officer, and Chapter Representative must be Full members of the Association.

Section 2. Nominations. Candidates for elective offices shall be proposed by a Nominating and Elections Committee appointed by the President with the advice of the Board. The report of the Nominating and Elections Committee shall be presented to the Society at least one month prior to mail balloting. Candidates other than those proposed by the Nominating and Elections Committee may be nominated by petition of at least 2 percent of the members of the Society, provided the petition is received by the Nominating and Elections Committee at least two weeks before mail balloting. Names of candidates proposed by petition shall be sent to all members of the Society along with the report of the Nominating and Elections Committee.

All nominees submitted to the members of the Society for election must satisfy the Association membership requirements listed in Article 5, Section 1.

Section 3. Balloting. Balloting shall be by mail and under the supervision of the Nominating and Elections Committee, with the assistance of such other officers and staff as this Committee might designate. The candidates for Representatives-at-Large of the Board of Directors who receive the most votes shall be deemed to have been elected. All regular members of the Society in good standing on March 31 shall be eligible to vote. Tie votes shall be resolved by majority vote of all Directors eligible to vote.

## **Article 6. General Business**

There shall be at least one meeting a year of the Society at which the announced agenda shall provide time for discussion of the business of the Society. Voting on issues requiring Society member approval shall be conducted by mail.

## **Article 7. Amendments**

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the membership of the Society at a general

meeting as provided for in article 6, by petition of 2 percent of the Society membership, or by a majority of all Directors eligible to vote. A proposed amendment shall be put before the membership at least one month prior to mail balloting. The Board of Directors, by majority vote of all Directors eligible to vote, shall decide whether a special ballot is required or whether the proposed amendment shall be considered in the next regular election. A majority of Society members casting votes by mail ballot shall carry.

#### **Article 8. Sections**

To further the activities and aims of the Society, there shall be such continuing Sections as the Board may establish. The prospective Section shall first be organized as a committee, with officers named by the Society President upon concurring majority vote of Board members present at the meeting. As soon as the Board deems that a sufficient number of members of the Society are actively interested in the work of the Section to justify elections, Section Officers in accordance with rules to be approved by the Board shall be elected. Election shall be held concurrent with the general Society Sections. The Board of Directors may discontinue a Section when it is deemed to be inactive.

#### **Article 9. Publications**

A periodical newsletter and other reports, proceedings, or other publications, may be authorized in the By-laws or by vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **Article 10. National Constitution**

Any and all provisions of the Constitution of the American Statistical Association shall be considered included herein for use where applicable and necessary.

#### **Article 11. Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution of the Society, the officers shall, after paying or making provision for payment and discharge of all of the liabilities of the Society, distribute all of the remaining net assets of the Society 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.