

Statistics Without Borders

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ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization is Statistics Without Borders (hereafter called SWB). The organization is designated by the American Statistical Association (hereafter called ASA) under Article VIII of its By-Laws as an ASA Subgroup.

ARTICLE II. MISSION, VISION, AND PRINCIPLES

A. Mission

Statistics Without Borders advances humanity by partnering with socially conscious communities to enhance their capacity for data-driven decision making, via *pro bono* advising, educating, and building.

B. Vision

Statistics Without Borders envisions a world in which communities everywhere are empowered with statistical and related expertise to make data-driven decisions that advance humanity.

C. Principles

- Commit to the Greater Good: We dedicate ourselves to advancing the greater good by meticulously balancing the needs of our world, the communities we serve, our clients, and our volunteers.
- Ensure Positive Impact: Our commitment to do no harm is fundamental. We pledge to rigorously assess the potential impacts of our work, ensuring that our interventions consistently benefit and do not adversely affect the communities we work with.
- Uphold Professional Integrity: We pledge to uphold the highest standards of professional integrity and ethics across all areas of our work. Recognizing the challenges posed by diverse global practices, we adhere to the universally respected principles of transparency, honesty, and respect.
- Embrace Equity and Inclusion: We pledge to make equity a cornerstone of all our work, from internal practices to external engagements. This includes a commitment to actively promote diversity, ensure fairness, and foster an inclusive environment that respects and values the unique contributions of every individual and community we serve.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in SWB is open to anyone, including individuals who are not members of the ASA. The purpose of membership in SWB is to provide voluntary services for or on behalf of SWB.

To become an SWB Member, one must apply for membership and be accepted per SWB's process in

force at the time of application. Once accepted, a Member must remain in good standing as defined by SWB's organizational policies for continued membership.

All SWB Members, including the members of the Executive Committee, are required to acknowledge and adhere to the ASA Ethical Guidelines for Statistical Practice, the SWB Code of Conduct, and all published SWB Member policies in force during their membership.

ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is the governing board of SWB and shall be responsible for the executive leadership of SWB. as well as establishing, maintaining, and enforcing SWB's organizational policies. It shall consist of Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, and all Directors.

The Chair is the chief officer of SWB and is the chair of the Executive Committee. Each position within the Executive Committee shall have a clearly documented position description that establishes the responsibilities and expectations for that position. At least 50% of SWB Executive Committee members shall be ASA members.

The Chair and the Vice Chair shall be elected by the voting SWB Members and shall be members of the ASA. The Chair shall become the Past Chair of the term immediately following the term served as Chair. In the case that the Chair is reelected, the Past Chair for the following term shall be nominated by the Chair and confirmed by the approval of two-thirds of current Executive Committee members. If appointed, the Past Chair shall be an ASA member.

All Directors shall be nominated by the Chair and confirmed by the approval of two-thirds of current Executive Committee members.

An ASA liaison, appointed by the ASA Executive Director, shall serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. Other non-voting members may be added to the Executive Committee, upon nomination by the Chair and confirmation by the approval of two-thirds of current Executive Committee members.

Except as otherwise provided for by this Charter, the actions of the Executive Committee shall require approval of two-thirds of Executive Committee members.

ARTICLE V. TERMS OF OFFICE AND SUCCESSION

The Chair and the Vice Chair shall serve concurrent two-year terms. An elected individual may only serve up to two (2) consecutive two-year terms in the same position and may not serve in elected positions for more than four (4) consecutive two-year terms.

In the case that the Chair position is vacated during the term for any reason, the Vice Chair shall become the Chair. In the case that the Vice Chair position is vacated during the term for any reason (including succession to Chair in the case that the Chair position is vacated), a replacement shall be nominated by the Chair and confirmed by the approval of two-thirds of current Executive Committee members and shall be an ASA member. The initial partial terms as the Vice Chair by appointment do not count against

the term limits set forth above.

In the case that the Past Chair position is vacated for any reason during the term, a replacement shall be sought first among the previous Chairs, then among previous Executive Committee members if no previous Chair is available. The replacement shall be nominated by the Chair and confirmed by the approval of two-thirds of current Executive Committee members. In such cases, the position of the Past Chair shall instead be called Executive Committee Member at Large, and the appointee shall be an ASA member.

Other Executive Committee members shall serve an indefinite term.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTION AND NOMINATION

A vote shall be taken by SWB Members to elect the next Chair and Vice Chair. The election shall conclude no later than June of even-numbered years. The newly elected officers shall take office at the conclusion of the following convened Annual Business Meeting.

An Election Committee, consisting of one or more SWB Members nominated by the Chair and confirmed by the approval of two-thirds of current Executive Committee members, shall administer the elections. No Executive Committee member may serve on the Election Committee.

A Nomination Committee, to be nominated by the Chair and confirmed by the approval of two-thirds of current Executive Committee members, shall create a slate of nominees for the election. The Nomination Committee may be headed by the Chair. No Election Committee member shall serve on the Nomination Committee. No Nomination Committee member may be included on the slate of nominees.

ARTICLE VII. ASA OVERSIGHT

The SWB Charter shall be approved by the ASA Board of Directors (BOD). Any substantial modification to the Charter must also be approved by the ASA BOD. Such modification shall be considered approved if no formal written notice is given by the ASA BOD within sixty (60) calendar days. To the extent applicable and feasible, the SWB Charter must adhere to the ASA bylaws. In the case of a conflict, the ASA bylaws shall prevail.

The ASA BOD may dismiss an Executive Committee member if the said member is found to be unethical, unprofessional, or otherwise in gross violation of statistical and/or professional principles that ASA requires its affiliates to uphold. In such cases, the member in question is notified in writing by the ASA BOD and shall be given an opportunity to rectify the situation in a period of no less than thirty (30) calendar days from the written notification. The Executive Committee members may appeal the dismissal with unanimous support to the ASA BOD; however, following the appeal, the subsequent decision of the ASA BOD shall be final. An exception for immediate dismissal is made in extreme circumstances only with the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee members excluding the member in question.

The ASA BOD may also override a decision by the SWB Executive Committee if the said decision is found to be unethical, unprofessional, or otherwise determined to pose substantial risk to ASA. In such cases,

the Executive Committee is notified in writing by the ASA BOD and shall be given an opportunity to rectify the situation in a period of no less than thirty (30) calendar days from the written notification. The Executive Committee members may appeal the override with unanimous support to the ASA BOD; however, following the appeal, the subsequent decision of the ASA BOD shall be final. An exception for immediate override is made in extreme circumstances only with the unanimous approval of the current Executive Committee members.

The SWB Executive Committee shall have open communication with the ASA executive leadership and provide responses to concerns raised by ASA in a timely manner.

Written communication for the purpose of formal notices may be electronic or printed.

ARTICLE VIII. FINANCES

The assets of SWB shall be managed by the ASA's central office, which shall furnish regular financial statements to the Executive Committee. Disbursements shall adhere to the ASA policy in force at the time of the request, which shall be made to the ASA's central office in writing. SWB's Fiscal Year shall be consistent with that designated by the ASA bylaws.

SWB shall not charge dues to its Members. Contributions designated for SWB may be made to the ASA; however, no official communications soliciting contributions may be made to potential donors without the prior approval of the ASA Director of Operations.

ARTICLE IX. DIRECTORATES AND COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee may establish Directorates with a defined area of responsibility. Each Directorate shall be led by a Director. Each Director is appointed as specified in Article IV and is a voting member of the Executive Committee. Each Director may establish teams and positions under their area of responsibility as they deem appropriate, with the approval of the Executive Committee. Positions may be staffed at the discretion of the Director and shall have indefinite terms.

An Election Committee and a Nomination Committee shall be formed as specified in Article VI. Furthermore, the Executive Committee may establish at its discretion additional Committees, Directorates, and positions outside of the areas of responsibility of the Directors. These Committees, Directorates, and positions shall have indefinite terms at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X. MEETINGS

The Annual Business Meeting of SWB shall be held each August. The Executive Committee as well as other Committees, Directorates, and positions may conduct business with SWB Members in person or virtually to discuss business between meetings as appropriate.

ARTICLE XI. REVISIONS

Revisions to this Charter may be proposed by a petition signed by at least ten (10) Members of SWB and

submitted to the Executive Committee of SWB. The Executive Committee shall consult with the petitioners about final wording of the proposed Revision and shall vote on whether to submit to the full SWB membership for ratification. If approved by a majority of SWB Members who vote, the Revision shall be submitted to the ASA BOD and shall take effect upon the ASA BOD approval as provided for in Article VII.