

CHARTER FOR THE ASA TEXT ANALYSIS INTEREST GROUP

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization is the Text Analysis Interest Group of the American Statistical Association, herein after referred to as the Interest Group. The proposed abbreviation to be used in common communication regarding this group is TAIG.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Interest Group are to:

1. bring together individuals and groups who have an active interest in the areas of text analysis, text mining, natural language processing, and related areas of research at their intersection with statistics;
2. promote research in text analysis and involve statisticians in such work;
3. promote text analysis as an integral part of modern statistics education, and increasing awareness of statistical community in tools and methods of text analysis;
4. contribute to the program of the annual Joint Statistical Meetings and selected meetings of the American Statistical Association and other professional organizations via formal representation in technical sessions and continuing education opportunities.

In pursuing these objectives, the Interest Group will work closely and coordinate with other entities within the Association whenever appropriate. It is expected that the TAIG will collaborate with Sections on Statistical Computing, Statistical Learning and Data Science, Government Statistics and Social Statistics, Statistical Education, and others as appropriate, on programming and activities.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Membership in the Interest Group is open to anyone interested in the areas of text analysis, text mining, natural language processing, sentiment analysis, entity relation modeling, and other methodologies of drawing statistical inferences from text. There are no dues.

The Interest Group members are encouraged to participate in the Interest Group activities, including both formal representation at the ASA conferences and maintaining the horizontal ties (e.g. by sharing research news, information on the upcoming events of interest, releases of new or updated software packages, extending invitations to the members of the group to give presentations or teach short courses, etc.).

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

1. Offices of the Interest Group

The officers of this Interest Group shall consist of the Chair, Chair-elect, Program Chair, Program Chair-elect, and the Secretary-Treasurer. Terms of all the officers shall be one year except for the Secretary-Treasurer which shall be two years.

The Chair is responsible for the Interest Group Annual Business meeting at JSM. The Chair will make a request to the ASA to allocate the time and conference space for the meeting; disseminate the information about the meeting to the Interest Group members; prepare the agenda; chair the meeting; and report on the Interest Group activities. The Program Chair is responsible for the Interest Group program at the JSM meeting. The Program Chair will identify the speakers and submit the contributed topic session proposals. The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for taking minutes at the Interest Group Annual Business meeting, circulating the minutes to the Interest Group members, maintaining a roster of the Interest Group's members, managing and reporting on the budget of the Interest Group.

No officer shall be eligible for immediate re-election to the same office except the Secretary-Treasurer. The Chair-elect and the Program Chair-elect shall automatically succeed the Chair and Program Chair, respectively, at the annual change of officers, which shall occur each year on January 1. The current officers are responsible for transitioning their offices, contacting the newly elected officers and passing the necessary documents and expertise, in the period between December 1 and January 31.

2. Vacancies in office

If the office of Chair or Program Chair becomes vacant, the Chair-elect and Program Chair-elect shall become the Chair and Program Chair respectively, the terms extending through the following year. An announcement of the change will be made to the membership of the Interest Group, and the ASA will be notified of the change. All other vacancies for officers shall be filled by appointment by the Chair of the Interest Group. An individual may hold no more than one office within the Interest Group at a given time.

3. Nomination and election

The Interest Group's immediate past Chair shall serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Interest Group's immediate past Program Chair will also serve on this committee. The Chair will also nominate one person to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Each year the Nominating Committee shall submit no later than September 1st to the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chair of Interest Group nominations for each position to be filled. In addition, any Interest Group member nominated by petition of 5 or more members of Interest Group shall also appear on the annual ballot, provided that the petition is presented to the Secretary and Chair of the Interest Group by September 1st announcing

the names of the candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee. Balloting shall be carried out by the Past Chair for electing Interest Group officers and completed by November 1st. Ballots shall be sent to all those who express an interest in the Interest Group; this includes all who so indicate as well as those attending business meetings or participating in JSM sessions.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

The Committees of the Interest Group shall consist of Standing and Current Committees as established by the officers of the Interest Group. Current Committees may be established in order to satisfy a particular need or interest of the Interest Group.

A quorum of 50% of voting members must be present at official meetings for all committees, and an opportunity for discussion of matters requiring vote must be permitted. Formal motions must occur during official meetings of committees.

The term of membership on Standing and Current Committees, if not otherwise specified in this Charter, shall be three years. Initial terms for new committees shall be set by the Chair of the Interest Group for one, two, or three years so that, as nearly as possible, one-third of the members shall be appointed each year. Each committee shall be governed by a chair appointed by the Chair of the Interest Group, unless otherwise specified in this Charter. All members of Standing Committees and the chairs of Current Committees shall be members of the Interest Group.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

The annual business meeting of the Interest Group shall be held in connection with the annual Joint Statistical Meetings and shall be announced in advance, preferably in the program for that meeting. Business may also be conducted with the Interest Group members by mail, email, online fora, and other means of communication.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this charter may be proposed by the officers of the Interest Group, or via a petition signed by the greater of 15 members, or 5 percent of the membership of the Interest Group, and submitted to the Interest Group Chair. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Interest Group members for vote at the time of the annual election of officers. If approved by a majority of the Interest Group members voting, the amendment is approved. An approved amendment shall be effective immediately, unless otherwise specified in the amendment itself. Copies of approved amendments shall be filed with the Secretary of the Council of Sections.