

CONSTITUTION OF THE HOUSTON AREA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The organization shall be known as the Houston Area Chapter of the American Statistical Association (HACASA).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to foster in the broadest manner statistics and applications, and to promote unity and effectiveness of effort among all groups in the Greater Houston Area having an interest in or being concerned with statistics or its application.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Chapter will be by approval of the Chapter Executive Committee. This committee may delegate this function of approval. The membership of this organization shall consist of three categories:

1. **Regular Members:** Persons admitted to membership who hold Full membership in the American Statistical Association.
2. **Associate Members:** Persons admitted to membership who are interested in statistics in general or in the organization in particular, but who are not members of the American Statistical Association.
3. **Student Members:** Persons admitted to membership who are full-time undergraduate or graduate students at a local college or university. This will include persons who are ASA Student Members. Any student may apply for Regular membership if they choose to pay the annual dues. Student Members do not vote on Chapter matters.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

The Chapter shall hold an Annual Meeting of the membership at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. Regular and Special Meetings shall be held in accordance with Chapter By-Laws.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers described in Article VI, and shall be chaired by the President. Meetings shall be held when called by the President or requested by a majority of the committee members. By agreement, Executive Committee meetings may be held by teleconferencing, e-mail or other electronic media.

The Executive Committee is the policy making and governing body of the Chapter, but shall carry out their duties in accordance with the Chapter By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

The officers of the organization shall be a Past President, President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chapter Representative to the ASA Council of Chapters. The officers, with the exception of the President, Past President, and Chapter Representative shall be duly elected by a majority vote of the Regular Members casting ballots. The Chapter Representative shall be appointed by the Executive

Committee. The Executive Committee may appoint a member to fill any vacancy which occurs between elections in any office other than Past President.

The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chapter Representative shall be full members of the ASA.

ARTICLE VII - TERMS OF OFFICE

A person elected as President-Elect shall serve in succession a year each as President-Elect, President, and Past President. The Secretary and Treasurer will serve two-year terms with the Secretary elected in one year and the Treasurer in the next year. The Chapter Representative shall serve a term with dates determined by the ASA Council of Chapters rotation pattern. Officers terms shall begin on the first day of the month following that of their election.

The Nominating Committee shall annually select candidates for the President-Elect and whichever other position, Secretary or Treasurer, is scheduled for election that year. The Secretary and Treasurer are eligible for renomination to the same position without limit. The Past President shall not be eligible for immediate renomination as President-Elect.

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS AND BALLOTS

The Secretary shall mail a notice and ballot to all Regular and Associate members on the Chapter rolls at least fourteen (14) days prior to any meeting at which an election, or vote on changes in the Constitution is to be held. Any other Chapter matters may be voted on by the voting members attending any regularly called meeting of which notice was mailed at least fourteen days earlier.

A properly filled out ballot received by regular U.S. mail from a voting member prior to the meeting will be considered the same as the vote of a member attending the meeting. Any voting member attending the meeting may bring and file properly filled out ballots of non-attending voting members. The Secretary will count the votes and announce the election results to the membership by mail.

ARTICLE IX - STANDING COMMITTEES

The committees of the Chapter shall consist of the committees described below and of such special committees as may be appointed by the President or the Executive Committee. The President, in conjunction with each committee chair, shall appoint members of each committee. The five (5) Standing Committees shall be:

1. **Arrangements** - with the President as chair, to make necessary reservations and arrangements for technical and social meetings of the Chapter.
2. **Education** - with the Treasurer as chair, to handle requests from outside groups for speakers on statistics and to supervise Chapter educational activities, including continuing education, quantitative literacy efforts with private and public schools, and providing judges for the science fair.
3. **Membership & Publicity** - with the Secretary as chair, to encourage local individual memberships and to inform the American Statistical Association and the public of the significant activities of the Chapter.
4. **Nominating** - with the Past President as chair, to present a list of nominees for all elective offices.
5. **Program** - with the President-Elect as chair, to schedule the meetings and speakers for the term of office of the President-Elect.

ARTICLE X - FINANCE

The amount of the annual Chapter dues, for Regular, Associate, and Student members, shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by a majority of members voting at any regularly called meeting of the members. The proposed dues changes shall have been mailed to each Regular and Associate Members at least fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting.

The Chapter fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

ARTICLE XI - NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Any and all applicable provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Statistical Association shall be considered a part of this Chapter Constitution except that where a conflict exist this document shall control.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended, superseded, or the Chapter dissolved by an affirmative 2/3 (two thirds) vote of the voting Chapter members at any meeting, provided notices of such a meeting and the proposed actions shall have been mailed to each Regular and Associate Member at least fourteen days prior to the date of such a meeting.

ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Chapter, assets shall be distributed to the AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION Headquarters, for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding Section of any future Federal tax code.