

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as The Southern California Chapter of the American Statistical Association and it shall also be identified by the acronym SCASA.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this organization shall be to sponsor educational, professional and scientific activities that benefit professional statisticians and students of statistics in Southern California. Furthermore, this organization shall foster communication between the statistical community and other scientific organizations and the general public. Finally, as a chartered unit within the national organization, this Chapter shall share the purposes of the American Statistical Association (ASA), as defined in that Association's Constitution.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Types of Membership: This Chapter offers four types of membership: Regular, Local, Associate, and Student.

A. Regular Membership: Open to persons who are full, affiliate, or student members of the American Statistical Association, as defined in the constitution thereof. Regular Members have the right to vote in Chapter elections and can hold Chapter office.

B. Local Membership: Open to persons who, while not members of the National Association, are willing to support the purposes and objectives of this Chapter as set forth in Article II above. A Local Member has the right to vote in Chapter elections but can not be a Chapter officer.

C Associate Membership: Open to retired and unemployed persons whose financial circumstance calls for a reduced membership fee. An Associate Member has the right to vote in Chapter elections but can not be a Chapter officer.

D. Student Membership: Open to persons who are currently enrolled as a full-time student in a degree granting program at a community college or a four year college or university. To encourage students to become Chapter members, this type of membership shall be offered at a reduced membership fee. A Student Member who is also a Student Member or a Regular Member of the ASA can vote in Chapter elections and can hold a Chapter office. A Student Member who is not a member of ASA can not vote in Chapter elections nor hold Chapter office.

2 Membership Standing: To maintain good standing, members must be current in their dues status and Regular Members must be current with the National Association as well. The Chapter Secretary will be responsible for monitoring membership standing (e.g. notifying a member of a change in his/her standing, etc.).

3 Application for Membership: An application for Chapter membership should be submitted to the Chapter Secretary who will be responsible for processing such applications.

ARTICLE IV - CHAPTER OFFICERS

1. Chapter-wide officers: There shall be seven Chapter-wide officers. Chapter-wide officers shall be elected by a vote of the Chapter's Regular, Local, and Associate members. Terms of office, for Chapter-wide officers, will be defined in Article V. Chapter-wide officers must be current, regular members of the Chapter throughout their term of office. The Chapter-wide officers are listed below:

Immediate Past President
President
President-Elect
Vice-President for Academic Affairs
Vice President for Professional Affairs
Secretary
Treasurer.

The Chapter Representative to the ASA Council of Chapters: The seven elected Chapter-wide officers shall, by a majority vote, appoint a Chapter Representative to the ASA Council of Chapters. The Council Representative's term of office shall be prescribed by the Council of Chapters of the ASA. The Council Representative must be a Regular member of the Chapter, throughout the Representative's three year term of office.

Local-area officers: Because the Chapter serves a widely dispersed membership, the Chapter offers occasional meetings that serve "local areas" within Southern California. To arrange for these meetings, local-area members shall elect two officers whose main function will be to arrange for local-area programs. Term of office will be two years. Local-area officer titles are listed below:

Local-area Chair
Local-area Programs Coordinator.

Chapter Newsletter Editor: In every even-numbered year the Chapter President shall appoint an Editor for the Chapter Newsletter to serve a two-year term. Should an editor be unable to complete the appointment period, the Chapter President shall be responsible to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE V - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the Chapter, the Immediate Past President, the Council of Chapters Representative and the Chairs of each of the standing committees. The (current) President normally serves as the Chair of the Executive Committee. In the absence of the President, the Immediate Past-President serves as the Committee's Chair. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general management of the affairs of the Chapter and its relations with the national offices of the Association. The Executive Committee shall perform such duties as are set forth in this Constitution and it shall coordinate the operating and the administrative activities of the organization. Meetings shall be held upon the call of the Chair of this Committee. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be by simple majority vote of all Committee members eligible to vote. A majority of the voting members of this Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

Each year, by the first of September, the Chapter's standing Committee on Nominations and Elections (described in Article IX.1) shall provide

a slate of candidates for those offices that are scheduled for election in that year. The slate of candidates will be sent to all members along with the notice of the Annual Business Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Business Meeting. A ballot, including the nominations from the floor and space for write-ins, shall be mailed to the membership without undue delay after the Annual Business Meeting. The mail ballots shall be returned to the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations and Elections who shall arrange for that committee to tally the votes and announce the election results to the membership. Should no candidate have a majority, a runoff will be held between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes. This runoff shall be decided by a mail ballot, in the same manner as the first election.

In the event that an elected Chapter officer resigns or, for any reason, vacates his/her office before the end of the term, the Executive Committee shall decide, by a majority vote, to:

Have the standing Committee on Nominations and Elections conduct a special election to fill the vacant office for the balance of the unexpired term, or

Appoint a qualified Chapter member to the vacated office for the balance of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII - REGULAR AND SPECIAL TERMS OF OFFICE

For winners of regular elections and runoffs to decide regular elections, terms of office for newly elected officers shall begin on July 1, following their election. The regular election year and term of office for each Chapter officer is presented below:

Chapter President: A new Chapter President will be elected in every even numbered year. The winner of the presidential election will serve for one year as President Elect before becoming the Chapter President. The term of office for Chapter President is two years. The outgoing President serves as Immediate Past President for two years and, during that period, serves as President in the absence of the current Chapter President. Re-election to President is not permitted.

Chapter Vice Presidents: Both Chapter Vice-Presidents will stand for election in odd numbered years and will be elected to two year terms. After leaving office, a Chapter Vice-President becomes eligible for re-election to the same office only after a two year hiatus.

Secretary: The Chapter Secretary will stand for election in even numbered years and will be elected to a two year term. A Chapter Secretary cannot serve more than two terms in succession. Two years after leaving the office, a former Secretary is again eligible for re-election to the same office.

4 Treasurer: The Chapter Treasurer will stand for election in even numbered years and will be elected to a two year term. A Chapter Treasurer cannot serve more than two terms in succession. Two years after leaving the office, a former Treasurer is again eligible for re-election to the same office.

In the case of a special election (described in Article VI), the term

of office shall begin as soon as the standing Committee on Nominations and Elections determines the winning candidate. The Executive Committee shall then be responsible for making a ruling on the re-election privileges of any officer elected by special election.

ARTICLE VIII - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Every year, usually in the fall, the Chapter shall convene a Business Meeting open to all Chapter members. The Executive Committee shall set the specific date, time, and place of this Annual Business Meeting of the Chapter and then inform the Chapter membership in a timely fashion.

ARTICLE IX - STANDING COMMITTEES

Nominations and Elections: The Standing Committee on Nominations and Elections shall be comprised of three regular Chapter members that are not members of the Executive Committee. Committee members shall be appointed to three year terms by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. The terms of the members of this Committee shall be staggered so that only one member is appointed per year. Each year, normally at the Chapter's Annual Business Meeting, this Committee shall designate one of its members as its chair for the following calendar year. This Standing Committee shall be responsible for developing an election slate for each annual election and for conducting the election, for counting the votes, and for informing the membership about election results.

Other Standing Committees: Aside from the Standing Committee on Nominations and Elections, the Executive Committee may, by majority vote, establish or dissolve a standing committee at any time. The President shall have the responsibility of appointing the chair of any standing committee, other than Nominations and Elections.

ARTICLE X - FINANCE

Chapter financial affairs are determined on a fiscal year basis. The fiscal year is defined to be from 1 July to the following 30 June.

1. Chapter Dues: Following a two-week notice to the Chapter membership, the Executive Committee may consider changing the amounts of the annual Chapter dues. Once notice has been give, the amount of annual Chapter dues or special assessments shall be determined by a vote of the Executive Committee in an open meeting where any Chapter Member may address the Committee or by a majority vote of the Regular, Local and Associate membership who are current in their dues.

A. Chapter dues for Regular Members and Local Members shall be the same.

B. Chapter dues for Associate Members and Student Members shall be set at a lower rate than that assessed for Regular Members and Local Members.

C Chapter dues become due and payable when application for membership in the Chapter is accepted. Thereafter, dues are to be paid on July 1 of each year or on a schedule set by the National office. Persons applying before January 1 should remit payment to cover the complete calendar year. Persons applying after January 1, may pay for the half-year period January 1 - June 30.

D. For sufficient reason, the Treasurer may honor the written request

of a resigning member for reimbursement of a portion of their Chapter dues.

Audit Plan: In every even numbered year, or any other time that a new Treasurer takes office, the President shall appoint a special committee to audit the Treasurer's books. Following its audit, this special committee shall prepare a written report of the findings. The audit report will be submitted to the Executive Committee no later than 20 days before the year's Annual Business Meeting where it will be presented to the Membership.

ARTICLE XI - CONCERNING THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Structural Compatibility: Any and all provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Statistical Association take precedence over the provisions of this Chapter's Constitution. Any and all provisions of this Chapter's Constitution, or any amendments thereto, should comply with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Statistical Association.

Reporting: A copy of this Constitution and all subsequent amendments thereto shall be filed with the Secretary of the American Statistical Association within one month of adoption.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

1. Proposing an Amendment: An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed by a petition signed by not less than ten members in good standing or by resolution of the Executive Committee.

2. Adoption Procedures: The adoption of an amendment to this Constitution requires a mail ballot of the Chapter's Regular, Associate, and Local members. The Secretary shall mail, to every member in good standing, a copy of the exact wording of each proposed amendment together with an official voting form no less than 14 days prior to the deadline for receiving the voter's ballot. The Chapter's standing Committee on Nominations and Elections shall receive and count the ballots and shall report the vote to the Chapter's President.

3. Adoption Criterion: Adoption of any amendment shall require at least a two-thirds vote of the official mail ballots received by the published deadline.

ARTICLE XIII - CHAPTER DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Southern California Chapter, the officers shall, after paying or making provision for payment and discharge of all liabilities of the Southern California Chapter, distribute all of the remaining net assets of said chapter to the American Statistical Association exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, and/or educational purposes.

The American Statistical Association is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XIV - RATIFICATION OF THIS CONSTITUTION

1. Informing the Chapter membership: The proposed form of this Constitution will be presented for consideration at the Chapter's 1994 fall business meeting. Following that presentation, all members will have access to the complete text of the proposed Constitution over the Internet or by

asking the Chapter Secretary to mail them a paper copy. The membership will be informed of this at the meeting and by Chapter Newsletter.

2. Ratification procedure: On, or before, the first day in February of 1995 the Chapter Secretary will send a mail ballot on the question of ratification to all of the Chapter's Regular, Associate, and Local members who are in good standing. To be counted, these ballots must be received by the Chair of the Chapter's Committee on Nominations and Elections on, or before, the 25th day of February of 1995. The Chapter's standing Committee on Nominations and Elections shall count the valid ballots and shall report the vote to the Chapter's President.

3. Ratification Criterion: If at least two thirds of the valid votes cast, according to the procedure described above, favor ratification, then the proposed Chapter Constitution shall be deemed ratified. A report of such ratification will then be appended to this Article as a permanent record

4. Contingency Plan: Should this Constitution fail to be ratified, the standing Chapter President shall be responsible for redrafting the Constitution and submitting the revised form for Chapter ratification.

5. Informing the National Association: Once a Chapter Constitution has been ratified, the Chapter President shall so inform the President of the National Association, the Secretary of the National Association, and the Chair of the Council of Chapters.