

American Statistical Association

“Stats Up Artificial Intelligence” Interest Group

- Charter -

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization is the “Stats Up Artificial Intelligence” Interest Group of the American Statistical Association, herein after referred to as the Interest Group.

ARTICLE II. SCOPE

The Interest Group is charged to promote the integration of statistical methodologies and innovations in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and to expand the role of statisticians in AI research, application, and leadership. The Interest Group's main focus will be empowering statisticians to better embrace emerging challenges and opportunities in the broad ecosystem of artificial intelligence research and applications. The Interest Group will organize working groups, conferences, workshops, panels, short courses, and webinars on timely topics, highlighting research frontiers, data and workflows, and computational and curricular resources.

The objective of the Interest Group is to

1. Foster collaboration among statisticians to contribute significantly to AI research and applications.
2. Modernize statistical education and curricula to equip future statisticians with the necessary skills and knowledge for the AI age.
3. Pursue resources and develop shared infrastructures to support AI research within the statistical community.
4. Create a robust network for mentoring and nurturing statisticians to lead and excel in AI initiatives.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Interest Group is open to anyone interested in expanding the presence of statistics and statisticians in AI. Members of the Interest Group do not have to be ASA members, except for the Chair and Chair-Elect. There are no dues.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

The Interest Group will hold regular meetings and workshops to facilitate collaboration, share knowledge, and plan activities. The meeting structure includes:

1. **Annual Business Meeting:** 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. The Interest Group officers will present activities and progress of the Interest Group.
2. **Quarterly Virtual Meetings:** Held four times a year to share ongoing projects by working groups, new opportunities, and member research highlights.
3. **Special Interest Meetings:** Organized as needed to address specific topics or initiatives within the group.
4. **Workshops, Short courses, and Webinars:** Organized as needed to provide educational opportunities and foster skill development in AI-related topics.

Business may also be conducted with the Interest Group members by email, website and social media posts.

ARTICLE V. WORKING GROUPS

The Interest Group forms up to two working groups each year. These are specialized teams focused on specific topics or projects relevant to the Interest Group's goals. The structure and process for working groups are as follows:

1. **Proposal and Discussion:** Working groups can be proposed by any member before or during the Annual Business Meeting.
2. **Selection:** After the Annual Business Meeting, the Interest Group officers, in consultation with the Interest Group's advisory board (see ARTICLE VI), will review all suggestions and identify up to two working groups to be established each year.
3. **Appointment of Chairs:** Working group chairs will be appointed by the Interest Group officers.
4. **Responsibilities of Working Group Chairs:** These chairs will lead the group's efforts and organize regular working group activities to drive progress. The working groups should be open to Interest Group members and create an inclusive environment for all who participate.
5. **Meetings and Reporting:** Working group chairs will report on their progress at the quarterly virtual meetings of the Interest Group.

ARTICLE VI. ADVISORY BOARD

An advisory board will be established to provide strategic guidance and expert advice to the Interest Group. The advisory board will consist of prominent leaders and scholars in the fields of statistics and AI. The responsibilities and structure are as follows:

1. **Composition:** The advisory board will include up to five members selected by the Interest Group officers. Members will be selected, by the Interest Group officers, based on their expertise and contributions to the fields of statistics and AI. At least one member should be from the private sector.
2. **Term:** Advisory board members will serve a term of three years, with the possibility of reappointment.
3. **Meetings:** The advisory board will be invited to attend the quarterly virtual meetings and the annual business meeting to review the Interest Group's progress, to provide feedback on initiatives, and to offer strategic recommendations.
4. **Roles and Responsibilities:** Advisory board members will:
 - a. Provide expert advice on the direction and activities of the Interest Group.
 - b. Assist in identifying resources, funding opportunities and partnerships.
 - c. Support the development of educational and professional development programs.
 - d. Act as ambassadors for the Interest Group within the broader scientific and professional community.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

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

The Chair is responsible for the overall leadership and direction of the Interest Group, organizing the Annual Business Meeting and the Quarterly Virtual Meetings and representing the Interest Group.

The Chair-elect assists the Chair, plans specific initiatives and working groups, and steps in during the Chair's absence.

The Program Chair and Program Chair-elect work closely with the Chair and Chair-elect and lead the organization of the Interest Group's program at conferences, the Interest Group's own workshops, webinars, and other educational and networking events.

The Outreach Chair manages external communications, partnerships, and efforts to collaborate with other organizations and societies in Artificial Intelligence.

The Secretary/Treasurer manages the financial matters for the Interest Group, meeting minutes, and membership communications.

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 on January 1. The Chair and Chair-elect select and appoint the Outreach Chair and the Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII. 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.

ARTICLE IX. 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 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 the 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 through the Interest Group intake Google form.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this charter may be proposed by the officers of the Interest Group or by petition signed by at least 15 members of the Interest Group and submitted to the Interest Group officers. 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.