

Charter for Section on Data Mining and Statistical Learning

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Article I: Name

The name of this organization is the Section on Data Mining and Statistical Learning of the American Statistical Association (hereafter called the Association).

Article II: Goals and Objectives

The goals of the Section are to foster research in the fields of Data Mining and Statistical Learning and to aid in the dissemination of new tools and knowledge for these fields.

The principal objectives are to

1. serve as the Association's focal point for Data Mining and Statistical Learning issues;
2. build cooperative relationships on behalf of the Association with other organizations that have interests in these fields;
3. encourage the use of Statistical Learning methods in Data Mining applications;
4. create forums for presentation and discussion of research in these fields.

Article III: Functions

The Section will perform functions that serve the goals and objectives listed in Article II. These include, but are not limited to,

1. sponsorship, including joint sponsorship with other organizations, of meetings, seminars and courses in the fields of Data Mining and Statistical Learning;
2. planning, in cooperation with the Program committee of the Association, sessions on Data Mining and Statistical Learning at the Annual and/or Regional meetings of the Association;
3. promotion of non-journal publications on Data Mining and Statistical Learning; a
4. service as a resource for public and private agencies seeking assistance in these fields of interest.

Article IV: Membership

Any full member of the Association may become a member of the Section by paying dues to the Section. The membership year of any member in the Section shall coincide with the membership year in the Association.

Article V: Officers

The officers of the Section shall be the Chair, the Chair-Elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Program Chair, the Program Chair-Elect, and the Publications Liaison Officer. Only the Chair-Elect and Program Chair-Elect are elected. The other officers are appointed by the Chair. The term of office for each of these positions shall be one year,

except for the Secretary and Treasurer, whose terms shall be two years, and the Publications Liaison Officer, whose term shall be three years. The Chair-Elect and the Program Chair-Elect shall automatically succeed the Chair and the Program Chair, respectively, at the annual election of officers. All terms of office begin at the calendar year. The Secretary and Treasurer are elected in alternate years.

The Section shall be represented on the Association's Council of Sections (hereafter referred to as the Council) by one or more Representatives. The number of Representatives and their terms shall be as specified by the Charter of the Council of Sections. Any and all such representatives shall be appointed by the Chair whenever there is a vacancy. Representatives to the Council serve a three year term.

Article VI: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair, Program Chair-Elect, Publications Liaison Officer, Representative(s) to the Council, and the immediate Past Chair of the Section. Except as specifically noted elsewhere in this charter, the Executive Committee has complete responsibility for managing the affairs of the Section. A quorum of the Executive Committee is a majority of its members, and its chair is the Chair of the Section.

Article VII: Nomination and Election

The Section Chair-Elect shall serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Two additional members of the Section, appointed by the Section Chair-Elect, shall serve on this committee. On or before the Association's general deadline for nominations, the Section Nominating Committee shall submit to the Secretary of the Association and the Section Chair the names of at least two candidates for each position to be filled. Neither the Chair nor the Program Chair shall be eligible for immediate reelection to the same office.

In addition, any member of the Section nominated by a petition signed by at least 25 current members of the Section shall also appear on the annual ballot provided that the procedures specified in the Constitution of the Association have been followed.

Voting shall be by mail ballot, as part of the Association's annual election of officers.

If the office of Section Chair becomes vacant, the Section Chair-Elect shall become the Section Chair, with term extending through the following year. The Section Chair shall designate persons to fill vacancies in other offices or to serve as alternates on the Executive Committee, except that a person to fill a vacancy for Program Chair-Elect shall be designated by the Section Chair-Elect.

Upon request by the President of the Association, the Section Chair shall nominate representatives to serve as the Association's liaison with external organizations involved with Data Mining and Statistical Learning.

Article VIII: Meetings

The Annual Business Meeting of the Section shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Association and shall be announced in advance. Business may also be conducted by mail. If more than two-thirds of the members of the Section can be reached through electronic mail, business may also be conducted by electronic mail.

An Executive Committee Meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Association and shall be announced to members of the Executive Committee in advance of the Section Business Meeting. At least one additional Executive Committee Meeting shall be held each year.

Between business meetings, the management of the affairs of the Section shall be hands of the Executive Committee, subject to such standing rules as the business meeting shall from time to time provide.

Article IX: Dues

The schedule of dues for the Section shall be set each year by the Executive Committee.

Article X: Amendments

Amendments to this charter may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a petition signed by at least 25 current members of the Section, provided that the procedures specified in the Association's Constitution have been followed. A proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Council for approval and then submitted to the Section's members for ratification. The ratification vote by the Section's members may be conducted in conjunction with the Association's annual election of officers.