



CONSORTIUM FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF UNDERGRADUATE STATISTICS EDUCATION

Mission and Goals

CAUSE is a national organization whose mission is to support and advance undergraduate statistics education, in four target areas: resources, professional development, outreach, and research. The overarching goals in each area are:

- * Resources: Collect, review, develop, and disseminate resources for members of the undergraduate statistics education community.
- * Professional Development: Coordinate, develop, and disseminate opportunities, programs, and workshops for teachers and others involved in statistics education projects and initiatives, present and future.
- * Outreach: Establish and promote communication and collaborations among statistics educators, as well as with other professional organizations and disciplines that are concerned with undergraduate statistics education.
- * Research: Establish and promote the area of statistics education research as a recognized discipline with a visible presence. Prepare and connect researchers from all disciplines that conduct research in statistics education.

Structure

Board of Directors

A Board of Directors shall consist of nine regular members plus one representative from each Consortium Partner. The nine regular members shall be appointed for staggered three-year terms, with a third of these members being replaced each year. A regular member may be re-appointed for a second three-year term, but may not serve more than six consecutive years. The regular Board members should represent broad constituencies of academic and professional statistics educators as well as constituencies that are supportive of statistics education. Nominees for regular Board membership may come from any member of the Consortium, with the Board itself making the final selection. Consortium Partner representatives to the Board of Directors are selected by the partnering organization. Each member of the Board of Directors, regular member and representative alike, has full voting privileges. The Chair of the Board is selected by the voting members thereof on an annual basis.

The main duties of the Board are to appoint the Executive Director of the Consortium, to work with the Executive Director to establish policies and procedures for the Consortium, and to approve the annual budget. An Executive Committee of the Board may be constituted for the purpose of enhancing communication on operational issues. Meetings of the Board of Directors are set according to the By-Laws that accompany this Charter.

Executive Director

The Executive Director of CAUSE is appointed by the Board of Directors for a fixed term as set by the Board. The Board will receive nominations from the members prior to the time of appointing a new Executive Director. A current Executive Director may be re-appointed for a new term. Realizing that the Executive Director must have a good working relationship with the academic institution hosting the CAUSE central office, the Board will communicate with the host institution before making this appointment. The Executive Director is not a voting member of the Board of Directors.

The Executive Director is responsible for the day-to-day operations of CAUSE, which includes outreach to other organizations with mutual interests, development and implementation of major initiatives, and oversight of all budgetary matters. The Executive Director is expected to have regular communication with the Board of Directors, especially with regard to major initiatives and budgetary matters.

Associate Directors

The Associate Directors of CAUSE are appointed by the Executive Director, with the approval of the Board of Directors and can not be members of the board during their term of appointment. The four Associate Directors each have responsibility for working to achieve the mission and goals of his or her area of concern, as the following titles indicate:

- Associate Director for Research
- Associate Director for Professional Development
- Associate Director for Resources (who also serves as editor of the resource library and chair of the Editorial Board)
- Associate Director of Outreach

Consortium Partners

In working to broaden the support and advancement of undergraduate statistics education, CAUSE will seek partners among other professional organizations and associations with mutual interests. To become a Consortium Partner an organization must agree to:

- partner with CAUSE in appropriate grant proposals or major initiatives
- assist CAUSE in educational activities such as seminars, forums, and workshops
- assist CAUSE in outreach activities among those who have an interest in or need for statistics education
- provide regular annual resources to CAUSE in support of its basic operations

Consortium Partner agreements will require a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors. Each approved Consortium Partner will have one seat on the Board of Directors.

Members

Membership in CAUSE is at the level of academic department or other appropriate unit. Any academic department or unit may join by signing a Letter of Agreement that obligates the department or unit to support the goals and projects of CAUSE and to support a departmental representative to CAUSE who agrees to be active in CAUSE through, for example, serving as a reviewer of materials, serving on advisory boards, and helping to organize workshops and seminars. There are no membership fees. Benefits to member departments include:

- regular communications from CAUSE on the latest advances in statistics education
- privileged participation for its faculty in all CAUSE seminars, forums, workshops and other events
- priority access to all CAUSE-produced products and services, at reduced rates whenever there is a charge for such products or services
- opportunity to nominate members for the CAUSE Board of Directors
- the knowledge that the department is supporting a major effort in the improvement of statistics education

Further details on membership are covered under the Membership Committee established in the By-Laws that accompany this Charter.

Operating Policies and Procedures

Operation of CAUSE will be in accordance with an approved set of policies and procedures, developed by the Directors and approved by the Board. Such policies and procedures will include, but not be limited to:

- operating budget and finances
- contract and grant development and approval for submission
- committee structure, formation and dissolution
- consortium Partner fees and obligations
- membership recruitment and nurture

Committees

Standing and Current committees may be appointed according to the By-Laws that accompany this Charter.

Procedure for Amending this Charter

Any proposed amendment to the Charter must be circulated, in writing, to all Board members and to all members for an adequate amount of time for study. Each member has one vote on the proposed amendment and the amendment passes if it receives a simple majority of the votes of the members and a simple majority of the votes of the Board of Directors.

Initial Consortium Partner, Directors and Board of Directors

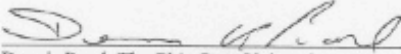

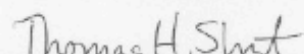
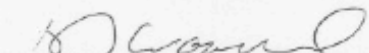

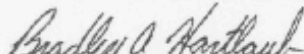
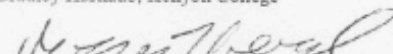
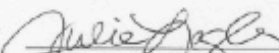
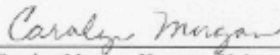

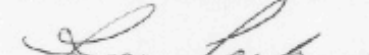
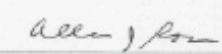
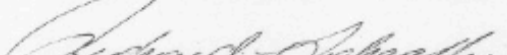
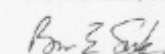
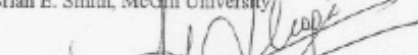
The American Statistical Association will be a Consortium Partner at the inception of this Charter. Also, the persons named below will serve as the leadership of CAUSE from the time of the signing of this Charter until the end of their terms.

Executive Director: Dennis Pearl, The Ohio State University
Associate Director for Research: Joan Garfield, University of Minnesota
Associate Director for Professional Development: Tom Short, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Associate Director for Resources: Roger Woodard, North Carolina State University
Associate Director for Outreach: Deborah Rumsey, The Ohio State University

Board of Directors (year term ends)

Bradley Hartlaub (2007) Kenyon College	Roxy Peck (2008) California Polytechnic State University
Roger Hoerl (2007) General Electric Corporation	Allan Rossman (2009) California Polytechnic State University
Julie Legler (2008) St. Olaf College	Richard Scheaffer (2009) University of Florida
Carolyn Morgan (2008) Hampton University	Brian E. Smith (2007) McGill University
Mary Parker (2009) Austin Community College	Martha Aliaga (Partner representative) American Statistical Association

Charter accepted on the twenty-fourth day of March, 2006. Attested to by the following CAUSE activists:

 Dennis Pearl, The Ohio State University	<u>3/24/2006</u> Date
 Joan Garfield, University of Minnesota	<u>3/24/06</u> Date
 Tom Short, Indiana University of Pennsylvania	<u>March 24, 2006</u> Date
 Roger Woodard, North Carolina State University	<u>3/24/06</u> Date
 Deborah Rumsey, The Ohio State University	<u>3/24/06</u> Date
 Bradley Hartlaub, Kenyon College	<u>4/14/06</u> Date
 Roger Hoop, General Electric Corporation	<u>4/24/06</u> Date
 Julie Legler, St. Olaf College	<u>3/24/06</u> Date
 Carolyn Morgan, Hampton University	<u>3/24/06</u> Date
 Mary Parker, Austin Community College	<u>March 24, 2006</u> Date
 Roxy Peck, California Polytechnic State University	<u>3/24/06</u> Date
 Allan Rossman, California Polytechnic State University	<u>24 March 06</u> Date
 Richard Scheaffer, University of Florida	<u>3/24/06</u> Date
 Brian E. Smith, McGill University	<u>3/24/06</u> Date
 Martha Aliaga, American Statistical Association	<u>3/24/06</u> Date