Guidelines for ASA Cosponsorship of Meetings

The ASA is often asked to consider cosponsoring scientific meetings organized by other professional societies. These guidelines provide a mechanism for a consistent and systematic review of such requests.

Meeting organizers should submit a written proposal requesting ASA cosponsorship of their meeting. If no financial commitment by the ASA is needed (including staff time allocation), the ASA Executive Committee may approve or disapprove the request based on the criteria given below. Should the proposal require a financial commitment by the ASA, the Committee on Meetings will review the request and make a recommendation for approval or disapproval to the ASA Executive Committee based on the following criteria:

- Cosponsorship provides a positive value to the ASA. That is, the quality and prestige of the meeting should enhance the reputation of the ASA or enhance the recognition of statistical science in specific applications (by promoting the collaboration of statisticians and other scientists in solving complex problems).
- A liaison (ASA member) to the organizing committee is appointed to ensure the ASA is appropriately represented in the program—participate on the program committee, sponsor or cosponsor sessions, have ASA members be presenters or discussants for key sessions, etc.
- The sources of funding for the meeting must be disclosed, as the nature of the meeting and type of financial support are important considerations in evaluating the proposal.
- Financial liability should be carefully assessed.
- ASA members should get the same consideration regarding registration/hotel/travel fees as members of the primary sponsor, and full-time students should be offered lower fees.
- The nature and timing of the meeting should preclude competition with scheduled ASA meetings in terms of attendance, continuing education opportunities, and speakers/participants.

To request ASA cosponsorship, write to the Meetings Department. Please allow as much lead time as possible.