



SIG Officers & Council Coordination Meeting

December 11, 2025 @ 3:00 PM ET via Teams

Welcome & Agenda!

2026 Council Members:

- **President:** Danielle Gray
- **Vice President:** Ashfia Huq
- **Past President:** Gerald Audette
- **Secretary:** Kushol Gupta
- **Treasurer:** Stephan Ginell
- **USND Rep:** Nicholas Sauter
- **Canadian Representative 2023-25 :** Sara Andres
- **Canadian Representative 2026-28:** Brian Patrick
- **YSIG Representative:** Kenneth Childers
- **IUCr Representative:** Thomas Proffen
- **Executive Director:** Kristin Stevens



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Connecting Then

Limited engagement outside the meeting
Newsletter and occasional publications



Connecting Now

Year-round digital tools
Global collaboration
New member expectations

Membership Trends in Professional Associations

Over half of professional associations report flat or declining membership

25–30% of associations experienced membership declines in recent years

Even “stable” associations often see zero net growth

Younger and early-career professionals are the hardest group to retain



The ACA Today

- ~1,100 active members
- Strong meetings
- Engagement challenges between meetings



A Critical Moment

- Engagement beyond the meeting matters
- Membership decline is structural
- Inaction leads to slow shrinkage



Rethinking the ACA
SIG model



Strengthening
engagement beyond
the annual meeting



Supporting SIG
leadership with
tools and resources

Reimagining SIG Engagement



Resources

- SIG Officer Handbook
- ACA HQ
- Council Pairings

Reporting & Meeting

January	Host a virtual welcome meeting for SIG members
April	Host your virtual SIG meeting
June	Submit your report to ACA HQ and meet with Council
At the Annual Meeting	Attend the Planning Meeting
December	Submit your report to ACA HQ and meet with Council

The 2026 Initiative: 2 Activities Per Year

SIG COFFEE
CHATS

MEMBER
SPOTLIGHTS

BLOG
ARTICLES

SIG BOOK
CLUB

RESOURCE
ROUNDUPS

EDUCATIONAL
VIDEOS

STRUCTURAL
DYNAMICS

ACA Leadership Track

- Identifies and engages emerging leaders early in the year
- Provides sustained involvement so participants are prepared before running for office
- Especially appealing to early-career members seeking meaningful engagement
- Builds a reliable pipeline of informed, invested leaders for future Association roles





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