

Whether new to COSSA or a decades-long member, make sure you are taking full advantage of your membership. COSSA offers a variety of resources, events, and other opportunities for its members.

COSSA Washington Update

COSSA's most recognizable public resource is its biweekly newsletter, the *COSSA Washington Update*. A staple deliverable since COSSA's earliest days, Update provides members and the public with in-depth, timely analysis of policy developments impacting social and behavioral science research. Check it out and subscribe online at www.cossa.org/washington-update.

Members-Only Messages

Anyone from a COSSA member institution may sign up to receive members-only messages. Member Messages are used to share timely information on recent developments and new COSSA products that are limited to member use only. Contact Julia Milton (jmilton@cosa.org) to get on our members-only email list.

Timely, In-depth Analysis

COSSA serves as a reliable resource for in-depth analysis of bills, proposed regulations, and other policy developments impacting social and behavioral science research. We boil down often-complicated topics into easy-to-digest briefs, articulating how the issue specifically impacts the social and behavioral science community. Our ADVOCACY webpage (www.cossa.org/advocacy) is an excellent source for statements, funding analysis, testimony, and other resources.

COSSA Annual Meeting

The COSSA Annual Meeting brings together more than 100 representatives of the social and behavioral science community from across the country for a day of discussion on federal issues impacting social and behavioral science research. It provides an opportunity for COSSA members to engage directly with leaders of federal science agencies, Congressional staff, and colleagues from other associations and institutions. Registration discounts are offered to COSSA members. More at www.cossa.org/event/2016-annual-meeting.

Social & Behavioral Science Advocacy Day

In conjunction with the COSSA Annual Meeting, each spring COSSA members from across the U.S. come to Washington for Social and Behavioral Science Advocacy Day. Members who volunteer to participate are scheduled for meetings with their Congressional delegations to discuss the value of social science research and the importance of federal support. Members are provided all necessary materials, including handouts and talking points, and also receive hands-on advocacy training.

Policy Expertise

Have a meeting coming up? Would you like a presentation to your members or faculty on a social science policy or funding topic? Contact us at cosa@cosa.org to schedule a COSSA expert for your next event.

☑ **Grassroots Action Alerts**

COSSA issues action alerts to our members when action is needed on a federal policy issue. Our alert platform allows members to easily write to their Members of Congress. Alerts provide members with background and talking points to help them craft their communications to policy makers. Check out our TAKE ACTION webpage at www.cossa.org/advocacy/take-action.

☑ **Advocacy Resources**

The COSSA website houses several resources for members wishing to engage in advocacy. There you will find the COSSA Advocacy Handbook, funding and policy related talking points, and policy briefs on a variety of topics. You can also find links to Congressional and federal agency websites that are relevant to social science research. Find this and more at www.cossa.org/resources.

☑ **State by State Funding Fact Sheets**

What's the economic impact of social science funding to your state? COSSA's state by state funding fact sheets use federally collected data to show how much federal funding goes to each state annually. The fact sheets also list the primary federal sources of this funding (e.g. NSF, NIH, DOD), as well as the leading recipients of funding in your state. Check it out for yourself at www.cossa.org/resources/state-fact-sheets.

☑ **Annual University Social Science Rankings**

Curious how your university stacks up in terms of federal funding for social and behavioral science research? COSSA produces an annual ranking of total social and behavioral science research funding awarded by the federal government to U.S. colleges and universities. Using the most current federally collected data, we aggregate the data and maintain a ranking on the COSSA website at www.cossa.org/resources/sbs-r-d-rankings. These rankings help tell positive stories about the value of social science research to a variety of audiences. Members of Congress would love to know that several millions of dollars in research funding is going to their local university!

☑ **Promote & Coordinate Your Events**

COSSA members may list upcoming meetings, briefings, and other activities to COSSA's events calendar (www.cossa.org/events). Certain events may also be promoted in the *COSSA Washington Update*, which is sent to more than 2,000 recipients. In addition, COSSA often partners with its members on Congressional briefings, receptions, and other events. Contact us at cosssa@cosssa.org if you are interested in partnering with COSSA for your next event.

☑ **Coalitions**

COSSA co-leads several coalitions on topics of interest to the social science community. Check out our coalition work at www.cossa.org/coalitions.



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