ABOUT COSSA

The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) is a nonprofit advocacy organization working to promote sustainable federal funding for and widespread use of social and behavioral science research, as well as federal policies that positively impact the conduct of research. COSSA serves as a united voice for a broad, diverse network of organizations, institutions, communities, and stakeholders who care about a successful and robust social and behavioral science research enterprise. The COSSA membership includes professional and disciplinary associations, scientific societies, research centers and institutes, and U.S. colleges and universities.

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From the Executive Director

Our village is strong!

These last few years have proven that it really does take a village, especially when it comes to advocacy.

As the voice for social and behavioral science research in Washington, DC, COSSA serves as a conduit between our community and leaders on Capitol Hill, both in times of opportunity and challenge. Like any cause, though, there is no single voice, strategy, or tactic that will compel our elected officials to appreciate and, more importantly, act to ensure robust and sustained funding for our sciences. Instead, we must grow our village of social and behavioral scientists, supporters, stakeholders, and other enthusiasts within and outside the social science community to help us make our case.

Suffice it to say, the last year has been one of new challenges and abounding unknowns. Whether it was speaking out against the addition of an untested citizenship question to the 2020 Census, marshalling our community in opposition to proposals that would decimate social science funding, or proactively nurturing Congressional champions for social science, time and again we have seen that we are more powerful when we work together and that partnerships matter. No partnership is more important than between COSSA and its members. You and the research you conduct are the reasons COSSA exists.

For some, a primary deterrent to engaging in advocacy is uncertainty—how do you know your efforts are making a difference when there are so many competing interests and limited time and attention? Let me assure you: your contributions, large or small, have an impact. Here at COSSA we see it every day in the legislation that is introduced, in remarks that are made by policy-makers during hearings, and with the ever-increasing roster of social science champions turning to COSSA and our community for trusted expertise and advice. Progress can feel slow, but the impact is real.

As we close out another successful year and embark on a new one, we are sobered knowing that our work is far from done. Having ended 2018 amid a partial government shutdown affecting hundreds of thousands of federal employees, including at science agencies, it is clear that the road ahead is rocky at best. COSSA will continue to demand that our elected officials do right by science and enact funding and policy that value the role of social and behavioral science in making this a safer, healthier, and more prosperous world. We can’t do it without your partnership.

I’ll leave you with a quote from U.S. Representative Paul Tonko (NY-20) who put it best when addressing COSSA’s advocates earlier this year:

“I thank you—the many scientists and supporters—who are fighting for this critical life-saving research. We win when you win.”

(More on page 7)

Indeed, thank you for all you do to support social and behavioral science research! I invite you to read on and learn about the many ways COSSA is working for and with our community to create an even brighter future for social and behavioral science research.

To many more years of partnership and success,

Wendy

WENDY A. NAUS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
The COSSA Team

Wendy A. Naus
Executive Director

Wendy Naus became the fourth Executive Director of COSSA in 2014 following a decade of lobbying for the federal research and policy interests of scientific societies and U.S. universities. Over her career, she has worked to shape legislation, programs, and regulations important to the research community and has advocated for increased research funding across federal agencies. In her role at COSSA, Wendy serves as the lead advocate for federal funding and policy that positively impact social and behavioral science research across the federal government, representing the breadth of the social science research enterprise. She is also responsible for the day to day operations of COSSA and member engagement. A native of Buffalo, New York, Wendy holds a B.A. in political science and urban studies from Canisius College, graduating magna cum laude from the All-College Honors Program.

Julia Milton
Director of Public Affairs

Julia Milton has been with COSSA since 2012 and is responsible for overseeing COSSA’s communications with its members, stakeholders, policymakers, media, and the public. She is the editor of COSSA’s biweekly newsletter and the Why Social Science? blog and manages COSSA’s social media channels and website. In addition, Julia leads COSSA’s lobbying and advocacy efforts related to the U.S. Census Bureau and other federal statistical agencies and the evidence-based policymaking movement. Before joining COSSA, Julia was a research and editorial assistant at the George Washington University and worked for a state-based workforce development initiative and a local women’s magazine. She is originally from New Jersey and holds a B.A. from Wesleyan University.

Camille Hosman
Assistant Director of Government Relations

Camille Hosman joined COSSA in 2016. She manages the day-to-day execution of COSSA’s legislative strategy and represents the COSSA constituency before Congress and among a variety of federal agencies. Additionally, she supports COSSA’s communications efforts. Camille previously worked with the state and federal government relations offices for the University of Missouri System and helped promote policy in support of science and higher education. A Missouri native, Camille holds her B.A. in political science from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

COSSA Gives Back

On August 9, the COSSA team participated in its annual community service outing. This year, staff volunteered at DC Central Kitchen Nutrition Lab (www.dccentralkitchen.org) in Northeast Washington preparing and packaging bag lunches for children attending DC public school summer camps. DC Central Kitchen provides several critical resources to DC communities, including meals for homeless shelters, farm-to-school meals for low-income schoolchildren, fresh produce to DC food deserts, and training of unemployed adults for culinary careers. COSSA initiated the service outing in 2015 as a way to give back to the local DC community.

INTERNS WANTED!

COSSA is always looking for interns to join the team throughout the year, especially students from COSSA member institutions. We had the privilege of hosting three undergraduate interns in 2018:

Spring: Dakota Leonard, Arizona State University  •  Summer: Catherine Cox, University of Michigan  •  Fall: Victoria Deck, Emerson College

To inquire, email jmilton@cossa.org.

The COSSA Team celebrates the Washington Capitals’ Stanley Cup victory during a parade in Washington, DC.
COSSA’S 2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
Throughout 2018, the COSSA team worked to advance a multi-faceted legislative agenda (www.bit.ly/2RAAsxS). Our efforts centered around four priorities. These priorities were shared with over 70 Congressional offices and were used as talking points for the social science advocates who took part in COSSA’s fourth annual Social Science Advocacy Day.

1. **Cancel harmful sequestration cuts** for fiscal year 2019 and protect nondefense discretionary spending.

2. **Provide real growth in research funding**, including for basic research, across all areas of STEM.

3. **Invest in and protect the federal statistical and data enterprise.**

4. **Support the use of social science** research across federal agencies to ensure policies are based on sound evidence.

POLICY
**Benefits of Social Science Highlighted throughout 115th Congress**
Members of Congress took several opportunities to highlight the value of social science research throughout the 115th Congress. Most notably, Representatives Daniel Lipinski (IL-3), Paul Tonko (NY-20), and Suzanne Bonamici (OR-1) raised the importance of the social and behavioral sciences in hearings with leadership of the National Science Foundation (NSF), as well as in hearings on artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and sexual harassment. COSSA has been working in recent years to elevate the presence of social science research with Members of Congress and staff, including in these and other areas.

**COSSA Mobilizes Against Census Citizenship Question**
In March, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross directed the Census Bureau to include a question about respondents’ citizenship in the 2020 Decennial Census, igniting concern in the scientific community about the potential impacts on the quality of the census count. In the immediate aftermath of the announcement, COSSA issued a statement and an action alert to object to the decision, worked with key Congressional offices to discuss legislative solutions, and offered advice and resources to concerned member organizations. COSSA endorsed the 2020 Census IDEA Act introduced by Sen. Brian Schatz (HI) and Rep. Carolyn Maloney (NY-12), which would prohibit the addition of Census questions without a minimum period of research and testing. In addition, COSSA organized a community statement with 25 other science and research organizations to the Department of Commerce urging the question’s removal. COSSA continues to work with stakeholders to draw attention to the negative impacts the question would have on research and advocate for its removal from the decennial census. More on COSSA’s actions is at www.bit.ly/2RWhV7r.
COSSA Endorses Bill to Combat Sexual Harassment in Science

In October 2018, COSSA endorsed the **Combatting Sexual Harassment in Science Act of 2018**, as introduced by Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30). The bill would provide funding to the National Science Foundation to establish a grant program to study the causes and consequences of sexual harassment in the scientific workforce, efficacy of interventions, and methods of remediating the negative impacts of sexual harassment. This legislation would also require data collection about sexual harassment in science and establish an inter-agency working group to address this important issue. COSSA issued a statement on the bill in October. More at [https://bit.ly/2Dz6DEk](https://bit.ly/2Dz6DEk).

Evidence-Based Policymaking Legislation Enacted

After a wait of over a year, the **Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018** was passed by a lame-duck Congress in late 2018 and signed into law by the President. Championed by former House Speaker Paul Ryan (WI-1) and Sen. Patty Murray (WA), the legislation represents a bipartisan recognition of the importance of science and data in helping to design and improve policies. The bill instructs agencies to reframe their approach to evaluation and evidence-building from an ad hoc activity to an ongoing process integrated into the everyday operations of federal programs. This shift in thinking will provide more opportunities for social scientists from across the disciplines to contribute their expertise to improving the work of government. COSSA issued a statement ([www.bit.ly/2Bd76uB](http://www.bit.ly/2Bd76uB)) applauding the legislation’s passage and plans to continue to monitor the bill’s implementation and the progress of the evidence-based policymaking movement.

Common Rule Modernizations Take Effect

Changes to the Common Rule, the set of regulations governing research involving human participants, were finalized and will take effect in January 2019, ending an eight-year revision period. The changes to the Common Rule, which was last updated in 1991, were intended to modernize the regulations and better tailor them to a wider variety of research areas and fields, including the social and behavioral sciences, among other goals. The revisions were originally scheduled to take effect in early 2018 but were delayed several times by the Trump Administration to allow time for additional comments and preparations. During the delay period, COSSA submitted a comment to the Department of Health and Human Services asking that the delays be minimized to avoid confusion among regulated entities. More at [www.bit.ly/2WxJWYI](http://www.bit.ly/2WxJWYI).

NIH Clinical Trials Definition Impacts Social Science

COSSA has been working with its many partners within and outside the social and behavioral science research community to respond to and mitigate potential unintended consequences of a revised definition of the term “clinical trial” by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). NIH has been working for the last few years to enhance its stewardship of and increase transparency over the clinical trials it funds, resulting in several new registration and reporting policies and a new, broadened definition governing the kind of research classified as a clinical trial, which would include some areas of basic behavioral and social science research. COSSA mobilized its membership and coordinated with other basic science organizations in response to a request for information that was issued in 2018. COSSA continues to work with the agency and partners in the community to mitigate any adverse impacts to basic research studies that clearly should not be considered clinical trials. You can follow COSSA’s efforts at [www.bit.ly/2HD2eVb](http://www.bit.ly/2HD2eVb).

THOUGHT LEADER:

In a July interview with the British publication *Research Features*, COSSA Executive Director Wendy Naus discussed the outlook for federal support of social and behavioral science in the U.S. and some of the challenges and opportunities facing advocates for this research. You can read the article at [https://bit.ly/2DIUVqV](https://bit.ly/2DIUVqV).
EVENTS

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Congressional Briefing: Ask a Criminologist
COSSA and the Crime & Justice Research Alliance (CJRA) hosted their third in a series of “Ask a Criminologist” Congressional briefings on May 22, 2018. This interactive briefing explored key factors that led to an increase in homicide rates in communities across the United States in 2015 and 2016, including the opioid epidemic. Experts shared how criminologists have been using research and statistics to help policymakers identify and address such causes. The discussion was moderated by Nancy La Vigne of the Urban Institute, and featured presentations from Howard Spivak, National Institute of Justice; Richard Biehl, Chief of Police for the City of Dayton, Ohio; and Shytierra Gaston, Indiana University.

Advancing and Evaluating the Societal Impact of Science
In June and October 2018, COSSA Executive Director Wendy Naus participated in two international conferences exploring approaches for accelerating and promoting the impact of science. The annual Impact of Science (www.aesisnet.com/event/ios18) conference in Ottawa, Canada on June 14-15 brought together science leaders from across the globe to discuss ways to measure, evaluate and integrate scientific evidence so it may be used for effective policy-setting in service to society. A second conference on Advancing the Impact Agenda for Social Sciences & Humanities (www.aesisnet.com/event/impact-ssh18) in Copenhagen, Denmark on October 4-5 looked more closely at the contributions the social sciences and humanities make to addressing societal challenges. Naus participated in panel discussions at both conferences, offering the unique American perspectives on science impact. Both conferences are projects of the Network for Advancing and Evaluating the Societal Impact of Science (AESIS Network).

Webinar: Graduate Training in the Social and Behavioral Sciences
On March 6, 2018 COSSA hosted a webinar on Graduate Training in the Social and Behavioral Sciences. Joined by leaders of the National Academy of Sciences’ June 2017 Workshop on Graduate Training in the Social and Behavioral Sciences, the webinar facilitated community discussion on the direction of graduate training in the social and behavioral sciences and ways to best meet modern-day needs of students and employers. More at www.cossa.org/resources/past-events/webinars.
COSSA held its 2018 Science Policy Conference and Social Science Advocacy Day on April 30 and May 1, 2018 in Washington, DC. The annual event brings together COSSA members and other stakeholders for a day of discussion about federal policy impacting our sciences followed by the only annual, coordinated advocacy day in support of all of the social and behavioral sciences.


HIGHLIGHTS

**Reestablishing Trust in Social Science & Data**

A distinguished panel including Rush Holt, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); Arthur Lupia, University of Michigan; Brian Nosek, Center for Open Science; and moderator Nancy Kidd, American Sociological Association, discussed the factors that contribute to mistrust of science and ways that scientists and the science enterprise can change. They also discussed the consequences of and potential remedies for some of today’s common practices such as lack of transparency, unwillingness to share data, p-hacking, and strong incentives to publish notable findings coupled with weak incentives to explain how those discoveries emerged.

**Me Too: Sexual Harassment in Science and in the Academy**

Moderated by Felice Levine of the American Educational Research Association, a panel including Elizabeth Armstrong, University of Michigan; Rhonda Davis, National Science Foundation (NSF); and Shirley Malcom, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) addressed cultural change and the role of institutional leadership to address sexual harassment in science and in the academy. The panel agreed that more research on the topic of sexual harassment and misconduct is needed and that symbolic compliance and one-off trainings will not result in needed change.

**Post Truth: Communicating Facts, Not Fiction**

An expert panel with Cary Funk, Pew Research Center; Melanie Green, University at Buffalo, SUNY; William K. Hallman, Rutgers University; and moderator Trevor Parry-Giles, National Communication Association discussed the increasingly crowded communications space, including ways that political views intersect with other factors, such as religious ideology, demography, and other values. They also discussed pitfalls of correcting misinformation as well as talking about science in terms of “provisional facts” based on the best available information.

Join Us for COSSA’s 2019 Social Science Advocacy Day

April 30-May 1, 2019 • Washington, DC

More at: www.cossa.org/event/2019-advocacy-day
COSSA Presents 2018 Distinguished Service Award to U.S. Representative Daniel Lipinski and NIH’s William Riley

On April 30 as part of the 2018 COSSA Science Policy Conference and Celebration of Social Science Reception, COSSA presented the 2018 Distinguished Service Award to two individuals who exemplify leadership on behalf of the social and behavioral sciences. **U.S. Representative Daniel Lipinski (IL-3)**, a political scientist himself, is one of social science’s most stalwart champions in Congress and is recognized for his dedication to scientific research at all levels and across all fields of study. He is credited with working productively on both sides of the aisle to enact legislation that strengthens the U.S. scientific enterprise and raise the profile of the social and behavioral sciences.

The second honoree, **Dr. William Riley, Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research** (OBSSR), has spent his career working to amplify the importance of social and behavioral science across the NIH and in biomedical research more generally. His leadership has helped to ensure that our sciences can continue to generate vital insights into the ways behavioral and social factors shape our health. The COSSA Distinguished Service Award recognizes leaders who have gone above and beyond to promote, protect, and advance the social and behavioral science research enterprise.

Social Science Advocates Take to Capitol Hill

On May 1, 2018 about 70 advocates participated in the fourth annual Social Science Advocacy Day, meeting with House and Senate offices to discuss the value of social science research and the critical role the federal government plays in supporting it. Advocates received hands-on training prior to their meetings and were equipped with the necessary messages and materials to make strong arguments for social science research funding.

Rep. Tonko Lauds COSSA Advocates

As COSSA’s advocates prepared for their meetings on Capitol Hill on May 1, 2018, Rep. Paul Tonko (NY-20) offered a message of support and thanks. As Rep. Tonko stated, “Research in the social and behavioral sciences saves countless lives... So we must maintain our investments in [these] sciences.” He used his message of support to thank COSSA’s 70 advocates for taking this message of “critical life-saving research” to Capitol Hill. See the Congressman’s full message at [https://bit.ly/2sPNFTK](https://bit.ly/2sPNFTK).

Rep. Dan Lipinski (center right) and his staff accepting the COSSA Distinguished Service Award from members of the COSSA Board of Directors and representatives of COSSA governing associations.

Credit: Liz Roll

William Riley accepting the 2018 COSSA Distinguished Service Award from COSSA Executive Director Wendy Naus.

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Social Science Advocacy Day Participants Credit: Liz Roll

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A special thank you to our 2018 sponsors:
Social Science Advocacy Day
In conjunction with the COSSA Science Policy Conference each spring, COSSA members from across the country are invited to come to Washington for Social 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 funding support. Members are provided all necessary materials, including handouts and talking points, and also receive hands-on advocacy training. This is the only coordinated cross-disciplinary advocacy day in support of social and behavioral science research. Check out more at www.cossa.org/event/2019-advocacy-day.

Timely, In-depth Analysis & Policy Expertise
COSSA serves as a reliable resource for in-depth analysis of bills, proposed regulations, and other policy developments impacting social and behavioral science research. The team of policy experts boil down often-complicated topics into easy-to-digest briefs, articulating how the issue specifically impacts the social and behavioral science community. COSSA’s Advocacy webpage (www.cossa.org/advocacy) is an excellent source for statements, funding analysis, testimony, and other resources. In addition, COSSA’s experts are on hand to answer questions and provide formal presentations to audiences of all sizes on the policy landscape, recent developments, and future outlook. Get in touch with the team at www.cossa.org/about/staff.

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 comprehensive, timely analysis of policy developments impacting social and behavioral science research. Check it out and subscribe for free online at www.cossa.org/washington-update.

Annual University Social Science Rankings
COSSA’s annual College and University Rankings for Federal Social and Behavioral Science R&D highlights the top university recipients of federal research dollars in the social and behavioral sciences. Based on federally collected data, the COSSA rankings use an inclusive selection of fields to calculate the total federal R&D funding received by universities in the social and behavioral sciences. The 2018 rankings reflect expenditures in fiscal year 2016. View the rankings at www.cossa.org/resources/sbs-r-d-rankings.

Grassroots Action Alerts
COSSA issues alerts to members when action is needed on a federal policy issue. Our alert platform allows members to easily write to their elected officials in Congress and tailor the communication to highlight their own expertise and local impacts. COSSA members receive background information and talking points to help them craft their message to lawmakers. Check out COSSA’s TAKE ACTION page at www.cossa.org/advocacy/take-action.

State Funding Fact Sheets
COSSA’s state funding fact sheets use federally collected data to show how much federal social and behavioral science research funding is awarded 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 institutional recipients of funding in your state. View the fact sheets online at www.cossa.org/resources/state-fact-sheets.

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.
In November 2018, COSSA launched a new members-only activity called *Headlines: A monthly look at what’s new and noteworthy in social science policy*. *Headlines* is a series of monthly webinars featuring a recap of the most important social and behavioral science news from the past month followed by a “deep dive” discussion on timely topics. Special guests are regularly invited to discuss deep dive topics.

November’s *Headlines* featured a deep dive breaking down the 2018 midterm election results and what they mean for the social science community. In December, William Riley of the National Institutes of Health Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research discussed the evolving NIH clinical trials policy and implications for the NIH grantee community.

The live events are reserved for COSSA members. Archived recordings and materials from past *Headlines* are available online at www.cossa.org/resources/headlines.

**Join us for Headlines in 2019!**

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**November 8, 2018**

**2018 Midterm Election Results: What’s Next for Social Science Funding and Policy**

- Who’s coming, who’s going
- What’s left for FY 2019
- Looking Ahead – 116th Congress
- What you can do this month

*Featuring Wendy Naus and Camille Hosman, COSSA*

**December 13, 2018**

**NIH Clinical Trials Policy and Updates from the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research**

*Today’s Guest: Dr. William “Bill” Riley*

NIH Associate Director for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, and Director of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR)

*Featuring William Riley, NIH*
COSSA’s **Why Social Science?** initiative continued in 2018 with regular blog posts from guest contributors. Why Social Science? aims to offer insights about the value of the social sciences to our everyday lives. In 2018, pieces highlighted the breadth of the social and behavioral sciences and the reach of our sciences in tackling a diversity of issues, from national security, to natural disasters, to the use of data for improving public services.

**Read all the blog posts at**
www.whysocialscience.com

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**Because It Can Challenge Conventional Wisdom**
Olugbenga Ajilore, PhD, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Toledo

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Darla Spence Coffey, PhD, MSW, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Social Work Education & James Herbert Williams, PhD, MSW, MPA, Arizona Centennial Professor of Social Welfare Services at Arizona State University

**Because It Can Build Resilience in the Face of Disasters**
Brandi Gilbert, PhD, Research Associate, Urban Institute & Nnenia Campbell, PhD, Research Associate, Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado, Boulder

**Because Social Science Can Have an Impact on Public Policy**
Peter B. Wood, PhD, Professor of Sociology and Criminology, Eastern Michigan University

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Melanie C. Green, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Communication, University at Buffalo

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**Interested in contributing to Why Social Science?**
Contact jmilton@cossa.org
Membership

COSSA enjoys a robust and diverse membership—a community with a shared commitment to ensuring a secure future for federally-supported social and behavioral science research.

Membership in COSSA is institutional and comprised of professional associations, scientific societies, and colleges and university. A “fair share” principle is utilized for setting annual membership dues. Visit www.cossa.org/members/join-cossa for more information.

COSSA’s complete membership list can be found on the back cover of this report and is available online at www.cossa.org/members.

COSSA member organizations receive a number of resources and benefits that are exclusive to membership. Anyone formally affiliated with a member organization may sign up to receive COSSA’s members-only resources (more in the COSSA Resources section).

**COSSA welcomed one new member in 2018:**

Coalitions and Partners

COSSA works in coalitions and with the broader scientific and higher education communities on issues of common interest. Our many coalition and collaborative partnerships include:

- Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research*
- CDC Coalition
- Census Project
- Coalition for National Science Funding
- Coalition for International Education
- Friends of Agricultural Statistics and Analysis
- Friends of AHRQ
- Friends of BLS
- Friends of IES
- Friends of NCHS*
- Friends of NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Research*
- NDD United

* COSSA serves on the executive or steering committees.
Governance

The COSSA Board of Directors oversees the operations and affairs of the organization. In 2014, the Board unanimously passed an amendment to the COSSA Bylaws creating a smaller, more effective governing board. The COSSA Bylaws can be viewed on the COSSA website at www.cossa.org/about/bylaws.


See the inside cover of this report for the full roster of the 2018 Board of Directors.

Finances

COSSA’s operational budget in 2018 was approximately $660,000. COSSA is required to file IRS Form 990, which is available for public review upon request. COSSA’s finances are subject to an external audit each year in compliance with the COSSA Bylaws.

Lobbying Disclosure

As a 501(c)(6) nonprofit advocacy organization, COSSA complies with the regulations set by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, as amended (2 U.S.C. 1601 et. seq). COSSA files quarterly lobbying reports with the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, and COSSA and each registered lobbyist on staff complete political contribution disclosure reports twice a year. COSSA has determined that it spends approximately one-quarter of its annual income on lobbying activities. COSSA does not make any political contributions. All disclosure reports are publicly available at www.senate.gov.
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