

IASSIST General Business Meeting
Minutes
05 June 2025
In person at conference only

1. Called to order at 12:43
2. Rice welcomed members and non-members to the annual General Business Meeting
3. **Approval of [Minutes from the 2024 Business Meeting](#)**
 - Minutes were distributed by Secretary Lynda Kellam on Tuesday, June 3, 2025.
 - Motion: Bordelon
 - Second: Lackie
 - Approved by acclimation.
4. **Introductions**
 - Rice introduced the Executive Committee
 - President, Bobray Bordelon
 - Secretary, Lynda Kellam
 - Treasurer, Jen Doty
 - Past-President, San Cannon
 - Rice also introduced the Administrative Committee as a group.
5. **Executive Reports**
 - Rice encouraged everyone to read the reports.
 - President (Rice) - [report](#)
 - We kicked off with our annual conference co-hosted with CARTO in Halifax. The conference came within budget without staff and without hybrid audio-visual.
 - We had a discussion about membership fees being raised, but kept the fee at a lower rate for students, retirees, and members of low-income countries.
 - We got back on our conference rotation schedule but had to switch to virtual because of concerns about the US and travel.
 - We were able to reinstate some memberships, specifically the COPAFS and ICPSR diversity scholarship. We were able to sponsor some events in other groups and the African Chapters.
 - We had an election year. With a full slate of candidates with some contested offices.
 - Treasurer (Doty) - [report](#)
6. **Regional Secretaries**
 - Africa (Nekesa) - [Report](#)
 - Asia/Australia (Spencer) - No report provided
 - USA Report (Tulley) - No report provided
 - Canada (Fry) - [Report](#)
 - Europe (Schiller) - [Report](#)
7. **Committee Reports**
 - Elections Committee (Cannon) - Rice gave the elections report in her President's Report
 - Membership (Bordelon on behalf of Tickner) - [report](#)
 - Professional Development (Bordelon on behalf of Yin & Obileye) - [report](#)

- Fellows (Arguillas & Young) - [report](#)
 - We hope to sponsor a record number of Fellows next year because IASSIST is virtual.
- Communications (Alaterä & Painter) - [report](#)
- Constitution Review Committee (Alaterä) - [report](#)
 - No activity for the committee.
- IQ Report (Schwartz-Soicher & Hayslett) - [report](#)
 - The co-editors are completing their second year. Hayslett focused on communicating with the editorial board and creating policies. Schwartz-Soicher worked on the daily operations for the IQ.
 - They presented the new members of the editorial board and the new managing editors.
 - They are developing new, more comprehensive policies for IQ. They will be on the IQ website in the near future.
 - They called for members to serve as reviewers and submit their papers to *IQ*.
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 - Program (Fry, Beckstand, & Watteler) - [report](#)
 - Thank you to everyone for stepping up quickly to help out with the reviews!
 - LAC (Ritche & Wiltshire) - [report](#)
 - Thank you for a great conference!

8. Interest group Reports

- Representation in Data Interest Group (Quinn) - [report](#)
 - They have five subgroups that try to find less well-known datasets and harmonize them. They are working with ICPSR to try to make the data findable. Subgroups meet regularly (some bimonthly).
 - They provide educational webinars.
 - Currently looking for a co-chair to help out.
- QSSHDIG (Haaker, Hagman, & Bussel) - [report](#)
 - Group is interested in qualitative data and research. Sign up for mailing list.
- Geospatial Interest Group (Boucek & LaJoie) - [report](#)
 - They haven't had many activities in the past year. They are putting together some webinars on GeoAI, working with data from corporate services, and federal geospatial data issues.
 - They welcome IASSIST members to contribute and join the group.
 - Tickner and Murack had been developing a map librarian's toolkit. They will try to get that going again.
- Data Collection Development Interest Group (DataCDIG) (Esty & Nakao) - [report](#)
 - Their goal is to more formally help each other with licensing data. You can see more about how to get involved on the slide or their report.
- Interest Group for Professionals New to Data Support (IG-ProNDS) (Adeyeye & Lackie) - [report](#)
 - All are welcome to join the interest group.

9. Action groups

- Organizational Archive Action Group (Nieman Hislop) - [report](#)

- The oral history compilation video will be viewable at the banquet and available afterward.
- The IASSIST at 50 poster is still available in the poster room.
- Program Committee Review AG (Bordelon) - [report](#)

10. IASSIST 2026

- The 2026 conference will be virtual in the first week of June 2026.

11. Adjournment (Rice)

- Motion: Doty
- Second: Fry