

2023 IASSIST US Regional Secretary Report

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Membership updates

US membership has remained steady over the last couple of years, 262 members currently (compared to 283 in 2019, 262 in 2020, 275 in 2021, 271 in 2022).

Issues of interest

Data Quality National Forum

A new project (partially funded through an IMLS grant) was launched to help raise academic librarians' awareness of data quality problems, and includes 7 individual sessions on specific data quality-related topics. Each session is available live with a free registration, and the materials and recorded presentations are available on the project website: <https://sites.google.com/view/imls2022-data-quality/home>. Incoming Vice President of IASSIST Bobray Bordelon is a Project Member, along with Ms. Grace Liu (Principal Investigator) Rashelle Nagar (Co-PI), Marydee Ojala, Jodi Schneider, Jordan Sarti, and Uyen Nguyen.

Researchdatagov.org

ResearchDataGov.org is a product of the federal statistical agencies and units, created in response to the Foundations of Evidence-based Policymaking Act of 2018. The site is the single portal for discovery and requests of restricted-data in the federal statistical system.

Researchers wishing to obtain access to restricted-use data from federal statistical agencies and units will now submit those applications using researchdatagov.org. This replaces the previous model of agencies providing their own application materials and workflows on their public websites. The site is built and hosted at ICPSR at the University of Michigan, so users with experience using an ICPSR platform will be familiar with the site's functionality.

Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building: Year 2 Report

The Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence Building was charged with reviewing, analyzing, and making recommendations on how to promote the use of Federal data for evidence building. Its duties included assisting the Director of the Office of Management and Budget on issues of access to data and providing recommendations on how to facilitate data sharing, data linkage, and privacy enhancing techniques. The Advisory Committee reviewed the coordination of data sharing or availability of data for evidence building across all agencies.

The Committee, which OMB delegated to the Commerce Department's Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, has submitted its final report on its activities, findings, and recommendations to the

OMB Director and published the report online Oct. 14, 2022.

Year 2 report: <https://www.bea.gov/system/files/2022-10/acdeb-year-2-report.pdf>

Year 2 supplemental info: <https://www.bea.gov/system/files/2022-10/supplemental-acdeb-year-2-report.pdf>

2023 NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has issued a new Policy for Data Management and Sharing effective January 25, 2023. This new policy will require that ALL new and competing proposals/renewals that generate Scientific Data, regardless of funding level, include a detailed plan for how the data will be managed and shared during the entire funded period. The NIH Data Management and Sharing Plan (DMSP) is similar to what other funders/sponsors call a Data Management Plan (DMP).

The DMSP (or DMS Plan) will be reviewed and assessed by NIH Program Staff (though in certain scenarios, peer reviewers may comment on the DMS Plan or proposed budget for data management and sharing. It should be noted that these comments will not impact the score). The Institute, Center, or Office (ICO)-approved plan becomes a Term and Condition of the Notice of Award.