

Text as Data Association (TaDA)

Constitution

1 Definition

The Text as Data Association is concerned with the development and application of computational, quantitative methods for social scientific and humanistic inquiry into human behavior.

2 Goals

The Text as Data Association is open to members from any field of inquiry, academic discipline, government or industry. It seeks to

1. promote and advance the understanding of text-as-data across academic disciplines, policy communities and industry.
2. provide research, educational and career resources to the text-as-data community.
3. facilitate communication across the text-as-data community and beyond.
4. hold an annual conference—“New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data”—bringing together academics and others to discuss developments in the field.
5. describe and promote best practices for text-as-data education and research.

3 Membership

3.1 Members

The role of Member is open to anyone, from any discipline or professional pursuit, upon payment of a fee to the association, annually. All members of the Governing Board (see below) must be members of the association. Only Members of TaDA may propose papers for consideration for the annual conference.

4 Governance

4.1 Officers

The association shall have two officers, a Director and Treasurer. The two positions may not be held simultaneously by the same person.

A provisional Director and provisional Treasurer shall serve a term of three years.

4.2 Election and Term of the Director

The Director shall be elected by the Board for a term of three years by means of the Alternative Vote. The election takes place at least 60 days prior to the end of the Director's term.

A provisional Director shall be elected by the Board for a term of three years by means of plurality voting. The term of the provisional Director shall end on November 1, 2018.

4.3 Election and Term of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be elected by the Board for a term of three years by means of the Alternative Vote. The election takes place at least 60 days prior to the end of the Director's term.

A provisional Treasurer shall be elected by the Board for a term of three years by means of plurality voting. The term of the provisional Director shall end on November 1, 2018.

4.4 Board

There shall be a Board of no more than 12 members, to include the Director of the association and the Treasurer of the association.

4.4.1 Powers

The Governing Board supervises and controls all business, finance, property and affairs of TaDA.

4.4.2 Election and Terms of the Board

All founding/provisional Board members shall serve terms of at least two years, beginning on November, 1 2015. The provisional Board members shall be in one of three classes (I, II, III), as decided by the provisional Director. On November 1, 2017, the term of provisional Board members in class I comes to an end and they are replaced. On November 1, 2018, the term of provisional Board members in class II comes to an end, and they are replaced. On November 1, 2019, the terms of the provisional Board members in class III comes to an end, and they are replaced.

Thereafter, all Board members belong to the class which they were elected to replace, and serve a term of two years before their class of member is once again replaced.

Members of the Governing Board are selected from the membership via (online or in person) the Single Transferable Vote. The Returning Officer and ultimate arbiter for the election is the Treasurer of TaDA: in this role, the Treasurer shall decide the appropriate format of the ballot, the voting period, and shall be in charge of all matters related to the counting of the votes.

Prior to any given election, the Director shall appoint a Nomination Committee of three current members of the board, not up for election in the current cycle. This Nomination Committee shall consider candidates for the open positions, and put forward as many candidates as they see

fit, drawn from the general membership. Only members nominated by the Nomination Committee may stand for Board office.

Elections take place at least 60 days prior to the expected end of the relevant class's term.

This article does not apply to the Director or Treasurer, whose terms of office and election are covered elsewhere in the Constitution.

4.4.3 Resignation, Removal, Vacancies

Any member of the Board (including the Treasurer) may resign at any time by writing to the Director. Any member of the Board may be removed at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board. A vote for removal requires that a petition of five members of the Governing Board is made to the Director. Vacancies may be filled by the Director from the general membership until the relevant term expires and elections (or appointment) occur.

The Director may be removed at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board. A vote for removal requires that a petition of six members of the Governing Board is made to the Board as a whole. The Director may resign at any time, and shall be replaced by from the Board in a timely fashion by election using the Alternative Vote.

4.5 Meetings, Notice and Quorum

The Board shall meet to discuss the business of the association (including elections, should that be relevant) in person, virtually or in some combination, at least once a year and at such time as decided by the Board. The Board shall give 14 days notice of the meeting to Board members, and quorum shall be at least two-thirds of the Board.

At the meeting, the Director shall provide a report of activities of the association since the previous meeting.

At the meeting, the Treasurer shall provide an report of the change in financial position, holdings and expenditures since the previous meeting.

5 Annual Conference

5.1 Name

The annual conference of the association shall be named "New Directions in Analyzing Text-as-Data".

5.2 Location Committee

The Director shall appoint a three person committee from the Board to consider locations for the next annual conference. The Location Committee shall recommend, by way of report, a single loca-

tion to the Board. By majority vote of the Board, the proposed location shall be approved (or not).

Once a location is approved, the Location Committee shall be responsible for liaising with the given location team, and dealing with matters of optimal timing and publicity of the conference.

5.3 Proposal Committee

The Director shall appoint a five person committee, chaired by a member of the Governing Board and staffed as that person sees fit, to consider applications to present, discuss or attend at the next annual conference. The Director shall sit on this committee in an *ex-officio* capacity. The proposal committee shall decide the format of the conference and the activities therein.

6 Amending the Constitution

Any part of this constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the the Governing Board.