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COSSA Executive Director Wendy A. Naus Named 2022 AAAS Fellow

Washington, D.C. — The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) is pleased to announce the election of Executive Director Wendy A. Naus to the 2022 Class of Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). According to the [AAAS press release](#), this is “one of the most distinguished honors within the scientific community,” recognizing individuals for their “scientific and socially notable achievements spanning their careers.”

Ms. Naus, who has led COSSA since 2014, is recognized for “leadership in communicating to both Congress and the public the importance of the social and behavioral sciences, and for effective advocacy in support of these sciences.”

“For the past nine years, Wendy has been a tireless advocate on behalf of boosting public investments in social and behavioral science research, and for maintaining the integrity of the federal statistical agencies,” said Danielle Staudt, Chair of COSSA’s Board of Directors. “This is a well-deserved honor,” said Ed Liebow, COSSA’s outgoing Board Chair. “The social science community has benefited greatly from her service as a reliable resource to Congress, federal agencies, media outlets, and to the member societies, universities, and research centers that make up the Consortium.”

“I am beyond honored by this recognition and humbled to be joining the ranks of such distinguished leaders across the scientific community,” said Wendy Naus. “Representing the interests of the social and behavioral sciences before federal policymakers is not a responsibility I take lightly; it is a privilege to serve in this capacity and to have the opportunity to work alongside organizations like the AAAS.”

Ms. Naus is the second ever AAAS Fellow in COSSA’s history, joining former COSSA Executive Director Howard Silver, who was elected in 1998. Election as a Fellow is a lifetime honor given to select AAAS members who have made significant contributions to the U.S. science and technology enterprise. Naus is among [505 scientists and leaders elected to the 2022 Class](#).

More information about the AAAS Fellows is available on the [AAAS website](#).

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