A Survey of American Council of Learned Societies Members 2017
On average, 78% of revenue for learned societies comes from:
1. Membership dues
2. Conferences
3. Publications

OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, revenue has increased for 72% of learned societies, remained the same for 20%, and decreased for 8%.

OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, membership has remained steady at +/-5% for 62% of learned societies. Overall during this period, 42% experienced a membership increase and 32% experienced a decrease.
The vast majority of learned societies (73%) publish just one or two scholarly journals.
WHAT DO LEARNED SOCIETIES DO?

WHO WORKS IN LEARNED SOCIETIES?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Full-time paid: 65%
- Part-time paid: 20%
- Part-time unpaid: 15%

FOR THOSE SOCIETIES WITH A FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, median full-time staff is 10 (range 0–102) and median part-time staff is 2 (range 0–26). Societies with part-time Executive Directors have median 0 full-time staff (range 0–1) and median 1 part-time staff (range 0–5).

PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES

- American Academy of Religion
- American Anthropological Association
- American Comparative Literature Association
- American Economic Association
- American Folklore Society
- American Historical Association
- American Musicological Society
- American Numismatic Society
- American Oriental Society
- American Philosophical Association
- American Political Science Association
- American Schools of Oriental Research
- American Society for Aesthetics
- American Society for Environmental History
- American Society for Legal History
- American Society of Church History
- American Society of Comparative Law
- American Sociological Association
- American Studies Association
- Archaeological Institute of America
- Association for Jewish Studies
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies
- Association of American Law Schools
- Dictionary Society of North America
- Economic History Association
- German Studies Association
- History of Science Society
- International Center of Medieval Art
- Law and Society Association
- Linguistic Society of America
- Medieval Academy of America
- Modern Language Association of America
- National Communication Association
- National Council of Teachers of English
- National Council on Public History
- North American Conference on British Studies
- Oral History Association
- Organization of American Historians
- Rhetoric Society of America
- Shakespeare Association of America
- Sixteenth Century Society and Conference
- Society for American Music
- Society for Cinema and Media Studies
- Society for Ethnomusicology
- Society for Music Theory
- Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing
- Society of Architectural Historians
- Society of Biblical Literature