



**Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics**  
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Stakeholder Update December 2017

This is the December 2017 COPAFS stakeholder update.

1. Membership – All members were sent a [report](#) on COPAFS Activities and Accomplishments for 2017 as well as an invoice for 2018 dues (Members who had pre-paid their dues received just the report).
2. December 8, 2017 Quarterly Meeting – The December meeting was well attended and generated good discussions and comments. The presentations and a summary of the meeting are [here](#).
3. Federal Statistical Agency appropriations – Currently there is no new information regarding these appropriations since our last update. Hopefully, we will know something by the end of January 2018.
4. U. S. Census Bureau – The Census Bureau received a request from the Department of Justice to include a question on Citizenship on the 2020 Census. One of the news releases on this subject can be found [here](#). COPAFS does not have a position on this request, but many Census stakeholders are concerned for example see the following [release](#) from the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.
5. Bureau of Labor Statistics – The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions sent the nomination for William Beach to be Commissioner of BLS back to the President. This means that further consideration of Dr. Beach will require a re-nomination.
6. National Center for Education Statistics – Dr. James Lynn Woodworth will be appointed as the next Commissioner of NCES. See more details regarding Dr. Woodworth [here](#).
7. Energy Information Administration – The nomination of Linda Capuano to be the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration continues to move forward. It appears that the Senate confirmed Dr. Capuano on December 21, 2017 and now all that remains is to be commissioned by the President.
8. Bureau of Justice Statistics – Jeffrey H. Anderson has appointed as the Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.
9. Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology Research and Policy Conference – Planning is progressing well for this important conference. Early bird registration has ended. There are still a number of sponsorship opportunities. You can find more details and view the preliminary program on the COPAFS website.
10. In conjunction with the American Statistical Association and the Population Association of America, COPAFS continues to host monthly updates with Nancy Potok, Chief Statistician

of the United States. The next meeting will take place at the American Statistical Association offices in Old Town Alexandria (732 N. Washington Street) at 9:00 am January 8, 2018.

11. Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking – COPAFS is looking forward to supporting the next steps in advancing the Commission recommendations in the 2018.
12. COPAFS activities – COPAFS participated in an expert meeting sponsored by the Committee on National Statistics to support the Office of Management and Budget on *Blended Data Policy and Standards*.