



COPAFS

Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics

COPAFS Update
September 11, 2026

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Executive Director

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- Designed to increase the openness of the discussions we have at COPAFS



- **Jun 17** - APDU, COPAFS, PAA, ICPSR Statement on revised Commerce Data Disclosure Avoidance Rules
- **Jul 13** – COPAFS submits comments on the OMB Proposed Rule for Federal Financial Assistance
- **Aug 7** - Brett Matsumoto Confirmed as 17th BLS Commissioner
- **Aug 7** – 60-day FRN outlines a proposed field test (n=6,000) for the SIPP in 2027, in lieu of a national collection
- **Aug 18** - Non-Citizen Voting – A Beginning Analysis
- **Aug 19** - Commerce Dept Scientific Integrity Policy revisions
- **Sep 10** - FRN Decennial Census - Proposed Residence Criteria and Proposed Regulations for Demographic Questions

Friends of BLS Mixer
Wednesday, Sept 16 @ 5PM
Sudhouse DC (1340 U St, NW)

Your FREE ticket includes:

- **Brief walk from U St Metro**
- **2 Former BLS Commissioners**
- **Up to 6 Steering Committee Members**
- **Free snacks**
- **Full-priced drinks**
- **Mingle with other friends of BLS**



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Save the Date!

The Next COPAFS Quarterly Meeting is on . . .

Friday, December 11, 2026

2027 Quarterly Meetings will be held on:

- Friday, March 12
- Friday, June 11
- Friday, September 10
- Friday, December 10

December 2026

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25. Christmas Day

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Agenda

Time	Topic
9:30 – 9:40	<i>Welcome/Report from Board of Directors</i> Andy Weiss, Chair
9:40 – 10:00	<i>COPAFS and Federal Statistical System Update</i> Paul Schroeder
10:00 – 11:00	<i>Uncovering the Regional Connections that Drive the U.S. Economy</i> <i>Inside BEA's Work to Build a Comprehensive System of Regional Accounts</i> Mauricio Ortiz, Ledia Guci, and Gabriel Medeiros, BEA
11:00 – 12:00	<i>Current Census Controversies</i> Andrew Reamer, GWU; Amy O'Hara, MDI; David Johnson; Beth Jarosz, MDI; Mary Jo Mitchell, PAA
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Break
1:00 – 2:30	<i>A Vision and Strategy for Remaking the National Center for Education Statistics</i> Shelly Martinez, ASA; Christy Talbot, AERA; Felice Levine; Peggy Carr; Connie Citro
2:30 – 3:30	<i>A Mandate for 21st-Century Government Data</i> Ben Gitis, USA Facts
3:30 – 4:00	<i>Business Meeting</i>
4:00	<i>Adjourn</i>

