

2025 ASA Community Annual Report – Part 1
Korean and Korean American Sociologists

Annual reports are used to assess the health of a Community, measure a Community’s vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Communities. In addition, they provide institutional memory, help socialize new Community leaders, and promote transparency to members.

Part I of the annual report covers the period of Community activity from September 2024 to August 2025. This report will be shared publicly.

Community Governance

Provide details of the Community’s governance activity during the period between September 2024 to August 2025.

Business Meeting

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda(s) from the Community’s business meeting(s). If possible, please include a count of Community members present.

At the end of our meeting held during the 2025 ASA Annual Meeting, we had a business meeting. At the business meeting, we did the following things: 1) introduced the community leadership team members, both outgoing and newly elected members; 2) reported activities since the 2024 annual meeting, including the Post-Martial Law Panel Discussion and Writing Group, 3) shared information on the upcoming election; and 4) did a financial report.

About 40 members attended the business meeting.

KKAS Community business meeting agenda

1. Council leadership and upcoming election: 1) Chair and council members; 2) student representative
2. Activities 2024-2025: 1) Writing group (report and fall 2024); 2) solicitation of other activities; 3) make suggestions for virtual events (after the meeting survey)
3. Celebration
 - a. Student travel grant award
 - b. Graduation and life events, etc.
4. Financial report
5. Other items, comments, and suggestions

2025 Finances

Provide a narrative on the Community’s expenses in 2025. If the Community had no expenses, please indicate below.

Total expense: \$607.44

Breakdown:

Student travel grant: \$300

Coffee & mingle: \$146.44 (followed by the community's business meeting)
Writing group meeting: \$161

Community Activities

Describe Community activities during the period between September 2024 to August 2025.

Provide an overview of the Community's communications with its members and include an explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Community. Please include examples and/or materials that demonstrate your communication strategy.

We provide monthly announcements to share news and resources with the members. We also publish an annual newsletter that includes information on the leadership members, summary of the annual meeting, and other meeting activities that occurred between annual meetings, including virtual coffee hours. We also sent announcements for time-sensitive news (e.g., a call for papers) or job advertisements. We communicate with our members on a regular basis and also ensure flexible communication.

Provide an overview of the Community's activities at the ASA Annual Meeting and explicitly connect activities to the goals and values of the Community (e.g., intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

We had an introduction, networking, and a townhall meeting. The theme of the townhall meeting was "Navigating Uncertainties" with an intention to support members in the midst of recent changes regarding immigration law and higher education. We started the meeting with self-introductions among all the attendees. A student representative then provided a presentation on resources (e.g., legal and organizations) and opened up the discussion to the audience. We also announced the winner of the graduate student travel award.

After the townhall meeting, there was a networking session by career stage. The leadership team assigned group leaders to facilitate discussions.

Then, we had a business meeting and adjourned the meeting with a group photo.

Provide an overview of the Community's activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g., webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include an explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the Community.

The theme of Virtual Coffee Hour can vary depending on our members' interest. In collaboration with another organization, the Association of Korean Sociologists in America (AKSA), KKAS community hosted a panel discussion titled "Standing Up for Democracy: Studies of Democratic Renewal in Korea." KKAS leadership invited four expert panelists—Yoonkyung Lee Myungji Yang, Veda Hyunjin Kim, and Jae-Jung Suh. Aiming to offer the world insights on how democratic cultures are contested and preserved, the panelists discussed how ordinary citizens in South Korea have mobilized in response to the recent iteration of martial law. More than 30 participants attended the virtual panel and shared valuable insights.

We launched the writing group in spring of 2024 and it is still ongoing and expanding. During Fall 2024 and Spring 2025, five to six members actively participated in the writing group. During the

2025 ASA Annual Meeting, these core members had the opportunity to meet face-to-face and celebrate the success of their writing group meetings.