

State of the ASA

ASA 2025 – Colorado Christian University

July 20, 2025, 7:30-9:00 PM

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State of the ASA

Mike Beidler

Board of Directors Chair

Your ASA Board of Directors 2025–2026



Mike
Beidler



Kathryn
Applegate



Robert
Geddes



Mark
Strand



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Kim



Karma
Carrier



**Debra
Schwinn**



**Rita
Wang**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE, EFFAT!

Board Chair's Report

2024–2025 Accomplishments

- Shepherded changes to ASA Bylaws
- Developed membership growth strategies
- Launched institutional memberships
- Created and instituted first annual Board of Directors self-evaluation
- Approved hiring a new Marketing and Communications Coordinator (Kathy Sperounis)
- Approved purchase of adjacent office space
- Progressed strategic planning process



Board Chair's Report

2024–2025 Accomplishments

- Answered the ASA's Hedgehog Concept's question,
"At what can the ASA be the best in the world?"



"The ASA is a fellowship of Christians in the sciences that supports our members' spiritual, intellectual, and professional formation to serve society, science, and the church."



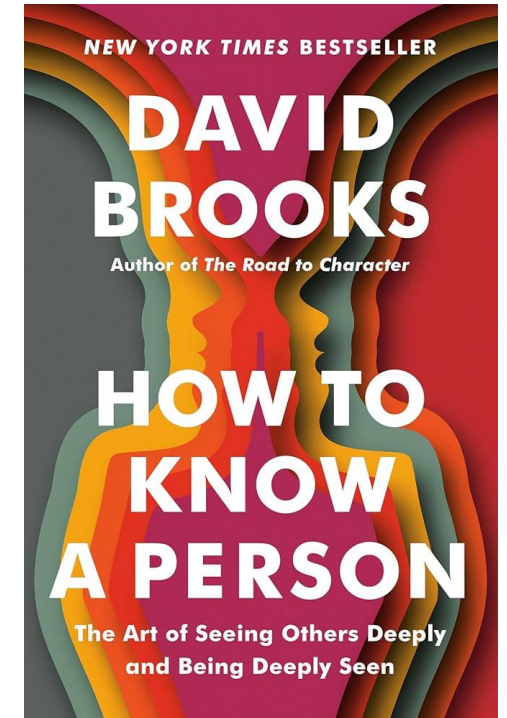
Board Chair's Report

“Standing Together for Faith & Science
in Uncertain Times”



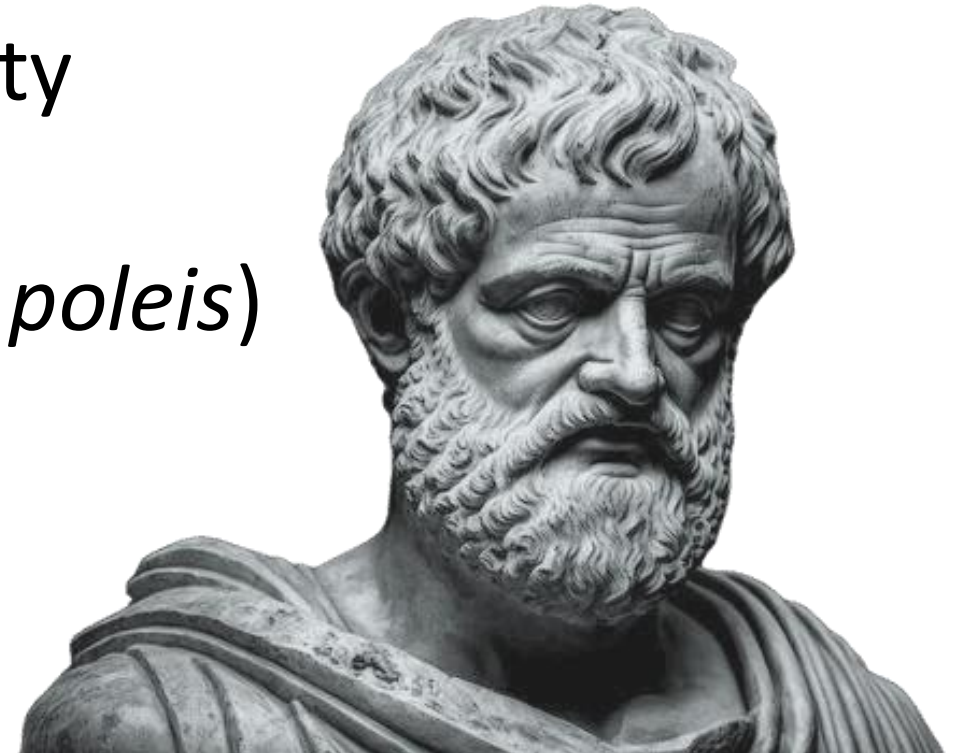
Board Chair's Report

- ASA Member Code of Conduct
- Intellectual humility and radical hospitality
- Listen to others' fears and concerns
- Communicate genuinely and gently
- Practice the art of perspective-taking
- Pray
- Lift up



Board Chair's Report

- God made us to live in community
- Aristotle's πολιτικά (*politiká*)
 - ❖ “affairs of the cities” (πόλεις, *poleis*)
 - ❖ Science → *apolitical*
 - ❖ Science's impact → *political*



Executive Team Report



Janel Curry
President



Vicki Best
Executive Vice President



Mission

The mission of the ASA is interpreting, integrating, and communicating the discoveries of science with insights of Scripture and Christian theology.



Vision

The ASA is a fellowship of Christians in the sciences that supports our members' spiritual, intellectual, and professional formation to serve society, science, and the church.



Values

Intellectual Humility
Courageous Curiosity
Radical Hospitality



What Does the ASA Do?

Serve Our Members through

- Advancing Scholarship
- Professional Development and Formation
- Fellowship and Community Building





Expanding Our Reach

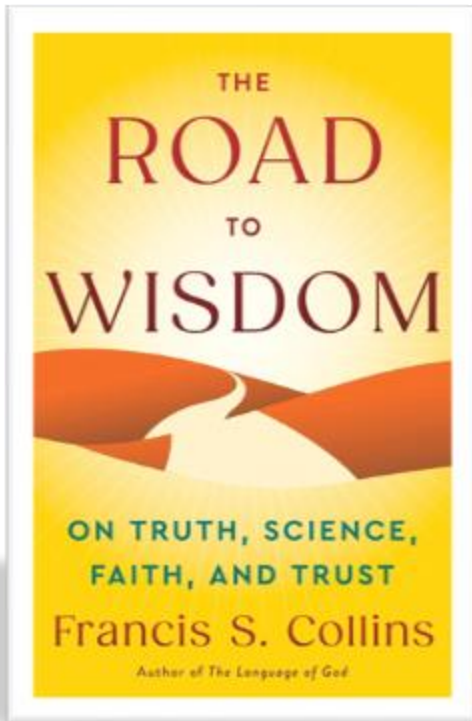
- Membership Growth Plan
- Investing in Chapters & Affiliates
- Growing Leadership Capacity of Members
- Partnerships & Collaborations
- Strategic Planning Process



2025 Templeton Meetings in Montreal

Capacity Building Efforts

Collins book groups



Regional funding for one-day conferences, chapter meetings, & speakers



Leadership Development in under-served or inactive regions





2024–2025 Financial Highlights

- Expanded team – new Marketing/Comms hire
- Strong financial statements and growing budget
 - Assets - \$583K in 2014: \$1.4M in 2025
 - Budget - \$350K in 2014: \$700K in 2025
- Board adopted new investment policy
- New office condo purchase
- Legacy Campaign making good progress
 - Status as of July 2025: \$3.7M



New Office Space

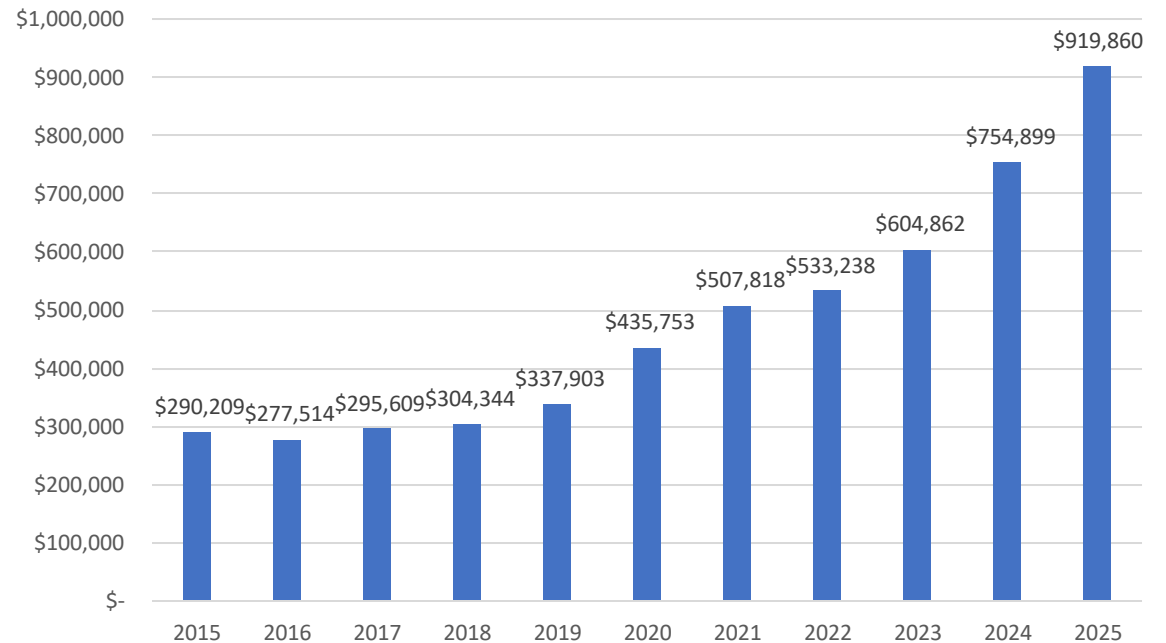
Purchase Price	\$55,000
Closing Costs	\$3,000
Capital Costs	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total	\$63,000
Gifts to Date	\$30,000
Net to Fund	\$33,000



Development Efforts and Resourcing

GIVING BY DOLLARS	
Annual Fund	\$270,436
Student Scholarships	33,153
Capital Fund	1,786
Endowment Fund	172,069
Designated	338,220
TOTAL GIVING	\$815,664

Endowment Funds



Member Support and Service

- Institutional Memberships
- Member Survey
- Programming Activities
- Vocational Opportunities
- Career Center
- Leadership Development Opportunities



2026 Winter Symposium "Role of Worship in Virtue & Character Development"



John Witvliet
Senior Scholar and Program
Advisor, University Missional Initiatives,
Belmont University



Charlotte VanOyen-Witvliet
Senior Scholar for Initiatives in Whole Person
Formation, Mental Health
and Flourishing; Professor of Clinical
Psychology and Character Formation-
Belmont University

WINTER
SYMPOSIUM

"Role of Worship in Virtue & Character Development"

ONLINE EVENT

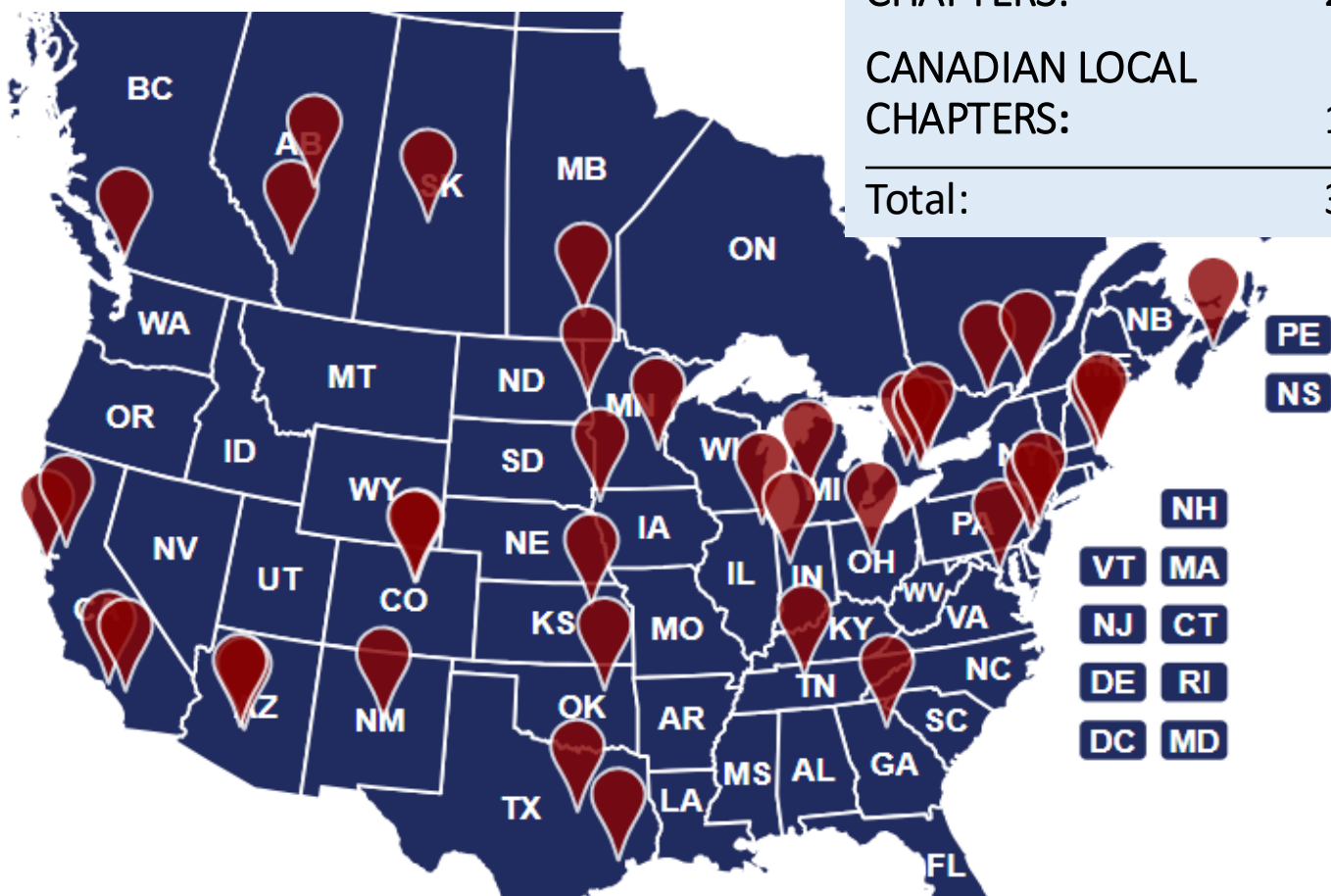
Saturday
January 24, 2026
1 pm EST / 10 am PST




3,719

MEMBERS, SUBSCRIBERS,
and FOLLOWERS WORLDWIDE

Local Chapters & Affiliates



U.S. LOCAL/STUDENT CHAPTERS:	26
CANADIAN LOCAL CHAPTERS:	11
Total:	37

AFFILIATES: 9

ACB (Biologists)

ACG (Geologists)

ACE (Affiliation of Christian
Entrepreneurs)

AMTaP (Ministers, Theologians,
Philosophers)

CCA (Creation Care Affiliation)

CEST (Engineers and Scientists in
Technology)

CSCA (Canadian Scientific and
Christian Affiliation)

CWiS (Women in Science)

SCF (Science Communicators of Faith)

ASA Team

Becky English

*Director of Membership
& Outreach*



Mark McEwan

Digital Content Specialist



John Wood

*Executive Director,
Emeritus*



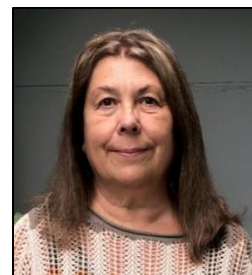
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*Executive Director, Emeritus
IT Consultant*



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*Director of Partnerships &
Innovation*



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*Editor-in-Chief
God & Nature*

Expanding Our Reach

➤ Social Media Platforms

Facebook	3,042
LinkedIn	1,459
YouTube	1,090
Instagram	287
Threads	60

YouTube Views	PSCF Downloads
3,468	45,000

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We Need Your Help!

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Help Us Spread the Word

1 Tell 5 People about ASA in 5 days

2 Bring Someone to an ASA Event

3 Share ASA with Students & Colleagues

4 Connect Friends with ASA Members

5 Highlight on Social Media:

 Follow ASA Platforms

 Like & Share Posts

 Comment or Join the Conversation

 Tag a Friend or Colleague

 Post About ASA Yourself

Class of 2025 Fellows

- Mark Bearden*
- Ben Sanders*
- Gordon Fish
- Stan Rosenberg
- Lauren Seifert

** In attendance*



Mark Bearden



Ben Sanders



Stan Rosenberg



Gordon Fish



Lauren Siefert

50-Year Members

- Moorad Alexanian
- Dorothy Chappell
- Heinrich Erbes
- Larry Funck
- Earl Godfrey
- Gerald Hess
- Sara Miles
- Steven Musterman
- Ronald Myers
- Willard Roundy, Jr
- Jeff Schloss
- Stuart Swenson
- Alan Van Antwerp
- Kurt Wood

** In attendance*

Remembrances

- ❖ Walter L. Bradley
- ❖ Robert C. Fay
- ❖ Alan D. McCarrick
- ❖ Keith E. Mitchell
- ❖ John Warwick Montgomery
- ❖ John M. Osepchuk
- ❖ Yoshihiko Otani
- ❖ Anita F. Seely
- ❖ Lowell J. Smith
- ❖ Margaret G. Towne
- ❖ David Allan Wing
- ❖ Davis A. Young

*“A time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot.”*

—Ecclesiastes 3:2

For our members in glory, Lord,
hear our prayer.

Marie H Berg Award

Christian Women in Science (CWIS)



In advancement of ASA's mission.



Gitche Gumee
HANDCRAFTED JEWELRY
Lake Superior Agates & Stones



Marie H Berg (1909-2007)

- Early woman leader of the ASA
- PhD in Biochemistry (University of Heidelberg, 1934)
- Professor: Hamline University, University of Minnesota, Northwestern College, Metropolitan State Junior College
- ASA Membership from 1961
- First woman ASA Fellow (1963)
- First woman to run for ASA Executive Council (1980)



2025 Marie H Berg Awardee



E. Janet Warren
CSCA Hamilton Chapter



Students & Early Career Scientists





**Ben Sanders,
Executive Director at
Arizona Center for
Christian Studies**

ASA Campus Ministry Award

- Innovative Christian Study Center Leader
- Conference on Faith and Science (COFAS) Organizer
- ASA Collaborator, growing campus and national connections
- ASA ASU Chapter Leader



Veronica Frans, Ecology
Postdoc, Stanford

ASA Early Career Scientist Award

- Quantitative Ecologist & Science Communicator
- Dual degree doctorate from Michigan State University
- Research featured in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Smithsonian*
- ASA Student/Early Career Member and Volunteer
- ASA CWiS Leader



Early Career Testimonial



Kristin Kendall
Research Assistant at Joslin Diabetes Center



Give to Student Scholarships

Student Scholarship Fund

- 71 students awarded \$43,000 to attend ASA 2025
- 261 student memberships

Ways to Donate

1. Cash or check
2. Credit Card



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3. Venmo
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in the memo line.)





2026 ASA Annual Meeting



WHERE: Gordon College, Wenham MA

WHEN: July 24 – 27, 2026

THEME: Science Faith Synergy:
Glorifying God and Serving the World

*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace.”*

1 Peter 4:10 ESV

2026 ASA Annual Meeting

Planning Team:

Angie Cornwell

Hannah Eagleson

Kristin Kendall

Kristen Siaw

Craig Story

Robert Thoelen



2026 Plenary Speakers



Kaye Cook
Psychologist
(confirmed)



Felippe do Vale
Theologian
(confirmed)



Jimmy Lin
Biologist
(confirmed)



Romanita Hairston
Murdock Foundation CEO
(tentative)

Field Trip: Boston Red Sox Game



Field Trip: MIT Museum





Field Trip: Gloucester Whale Watch





Field Trip: Geology Walk at Halibut Point





See You in Boston!



Q & A