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3:05 PM EST Mallory Bateman called the meeting to order

Updates from the SDC Steering Committee

- **SDC Steering Committee Election** – The email about nominations has been sent out, and individuals have reached out to potential nominees to encourage them to consider participation. Once the new steering committee is elected, they will elect their cabinet.
- **LUCA** – The steering committee wants an update on the LUCA preparation so they can start laying the foundation for it in their states (training schedule, budgets, staffing, etc.).
 - CLMSO will reach out to Geography to ask for an update on that and will share the results with the network.

Updates from the Census

- **LUCA** – New Jersey had their affiliate meeting right before Christmas, and the recording of the LUCA presentation is available on the Share Drive. The slides will be available on the LUCA site soon.
- **Pre-Release Webinar for Population Estimates** – The webinar will be scheduled for next Tuesday. The estimates will be released on January 27th.
- **ACS 5-Year Estimates** – There will be a webinar for pre-release on January 22nd, the embargo is January 27, and the public release is January 29.
 - DUBS will look into scheduling a post-release Q&A session with the SDC network.
- **Block Boundary Program** – This is the first phase in the 2030 redistricting program and will be beginning in early February.
 - Some states don't have a liaison yet, so SDC steering committee might be useful for connecting with those states' redistricting office.
- **SPD-15** – No updates from them yet, but we can send them specific race and ethnicity questions.
- **2026 Census Test** – There has been some movement. The office will have more information tomorrow.

- **Census Travel for Affiliate Meetings** – The new budget and guidance should be available on January 30th. Right now, there is a travel ban, so only essential travel is being considered. The other consideration is that there are fewer employees on each team, so bandwidth for traveling is limited.
- **FSCPE Spring Meeting** – If FSCPE is open to it, they may invite the SDC network to attend relevant sessions.
- **MOA for Affiliates** – There used to be MOAs for affiliates, but it is not really a thing anymore.
 - There is an MOA for the SDC leads, and it may be time to extend the existing MOA soon.
- **Annual Report** – Devon will send out the request for the annual report by the beginning of February, and we'll have two or so months to get that data. The steering committee can reach out to the new people in the network to make sure they know how to participate.
- **SDC Steering Committee Biannual Meeting** – We will have that the afternoon of February 10th. Devon will send out a draft agenda that will include welcoming the new steering committee members.
- **SDC/CIC Collaboration** – DUB will invite the SDC steering committee to attend the CIC steering committee meeting to introduce ourselves and make collaboration easier in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM EST