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3:05 PM ET Monica Cruz called the meeting to order.

Updates from the SDC Steering Committee

- **2026 SDC Conference:** The 2026 SDC conference will occur virtually on July 21 (2:00-4:30 pm ET), July 22 (2:00-4:30 pm ET), & July 23 (2:00-4:00 pm ET).
    - The Census Bureau will send out the initial invitations, with the SDC steering committee following up by using the updated "tree" state assignments.
    - The Census Bureau requested that the SDCs suggest topics for inclusion on the agenda:
        - Participants mentioned both LUCA & the P.L. 94-171 Redistricting program, which includes the Block Boundary Suggestion Program.
        - Participants also raised the use of artificial intelligence as a potential topic.
        - Additional topics will be solicited from the states via "tree" state assignments.
        - As CLMSO likes to highlight the work being done by the SDC network in a panel format, the steering committee can also solicit volunteers.
- **SDC/CIC Brown Bag Programs:** The steering committee is planning two virtual brown bag lunches open to all state affiliates.
    - The first event is scheduled for April 7 (3:00 pm ET) & will feature two presenters: Esteban Camarena from The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights talking about LUC & Jeff Howison talking about Minnesota's project to collect a list of all references to census data in state & local laws.
- **Network Communication:** The Census Bureau will share a current, Excel-style list of CICs with the steering committee for communication; the Census Bureau also should share/maintain a contact list for the SDCs & CICs with the email addresses of each lead.

Updates from the Census Bureau:

- **Hiring:** The agency is hiring for many different positions across all functions and regions, & SDC affiliates are asked to help spread the word; all jobs will be posted to http://www.usajobs.gov
- **Next Quarterly Meeting:** The next network-wide meeting date will be on April 14 (3:00 pm ET)

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM ET

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