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ANNUAL REPORT

2025

MISSION

The North American Associates of the STS *forum* (NAA-STS) builds on the legacy of the American Associates of the STS *forum* (AA-STS), expanding its reach beyond the United States to engage leaders across North America in advancing the global mission of the Science and Technology in Society (STS) *forum*.

Founded in 2004 by H.E. Koji Omi, the STS *forum* serves as a global platform where leaders in science, technology, government, academia, and business collaborate to maximize the benefits of scientific and technological progress while addressing associated risks. With a long-term perspective spanning centuries, the forum fosters dialogue to strengthen the lights of science and technology and mitigate their shadows, ensuring a sustainable and equitable future for humanity.

Originally established in 2011 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, AA-STS supported the STS forum by raising awareness, fostering U.S. participation, and securing financial support. In January 2025, AA-STS was transformed into NAA-STS, reflecting a broader commitment to North American engagement in the global dialogue on science and technology.

OUR GOALS

BUILD

Strengthen North America's role in the STS forum, ensuring regional engagement in global discussions.

ADVANCE

Foster cross-border connections among leaders, policymakers, scientists, and industry experts to promote innovation and collaboration.

EXPAND

Encourage thought leadership and meaningful contributions toward addressing global challenges through science and technology.

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2025 ACTIVITIES

January 14: Official Luncheon

March 5: Board Meeting

May 13: NAA-STS Leadership Summit

High-Level Workshop & Advisory Board Inaugural Meeting

October 4: Advisory Board and Board Meetings

October 4: Forum for Unity, Science, and Empowerment

October 6: Leadership Lunch

IBM-STS HIGH-LEVEL WORKSHOP MAY 13, 2025

2035: AI and Society

At IBM One Madison, NYC



Co-hosted by IBM and NAA-STS, the High-Level Workshop brought together 62 Presidents, CEOs, national laboratory directors, and senior executives from across North America to examine how AI will influence societies and economies over the next decade. A panel of leading experts opened the session with perspectives on emerging AI architectures, energy demands, workforce transformation, and global market shifts.

Participants continued the conversation through facilitated table discussions, which encouraged cross-sector dialogue and enabled leaders to exchange insights on strategic decisions required in an AI-driven world. The Workshop provided a platform for deep engagement among senior leaders and served as the prologue to the 2026 STS forum in October, where AI and Society was explored across 11 plenary and concurrent sessions.



Panel Discussion

From the left: Moderator Dr. Bernie Meyerson, IBM; Panelists - Dr. Jianying Hu, IBM Research; Prof. Peter Norvig, Stanford University; Mr. Edward Screven, Oracle; Dr. Hugh Thompson, Crosspoint Capital Partners; and Dr. Thomas Zacharia, AMD



NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATES OF THE STS FORUM INAUGURAL MEETING WITH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS MAY 13, 2025



Following the High-Level Workshop, NAA-STS held its inaugural meeting to mark the formal transition from the American Associates of the STS forum (AA-STS) to the North American Associates of the STS forum (NAA-STS). The gathering brought together the Board of Directors, newly appointed Advisory Board members, and senior leaders from across the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Dr. Hank McKinnell introduced the mission and goals of NAA-STS, followed by the introduction of Advisory Board members and reflections on their role in strengthening North America's engagement in the global STS forum network.

A panel on “**International Relations Meets Science and Technology in Society**,” featuring leaders from the United States, Canada, and Mexico, offered perspectives on how scientific cooperation and geopolitical trends shape innovation.

The meeting concluded with an open discussion on the 2025 STS forum program and ideas for future activities, reinforcing NAA-STS's role in advancing dialogue and collaboration across the region.



Panel Discussion

From the left: Moderator Dr. Hank McKinnell, Chairman NAA-STS; Panelists - Dr. Joshua Walker, Japan Society; H.E. Dr. Herminio Blanco Mendoza, IQOM; Amb. Donald Campbell, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP; and Mr. Scott Mitchell, Sumitomo Chemical America Inc.



FUSE: FORUM FOR UNITY, SCIENCE, AND EMPOWERMENT OCTOBER 4, 2025

FUSE 2025 gathered 130 women leaders and emerging scientists from around the world on the afternoon before the STS forum opened, offering a valuable opportunity for connection and inspiration.

Supported by the Henry Luce Foundation and organized by NAA-STS in cooperation with the STS forum, the event provided a dedicated space for women in STEM to meet, exchange experiences, and strengthen their global networks.

This year's program adopted an open format that encouraged movement and conversation, with corsages helping participants recognize young, mid-career, and senior leaders.

Dr. Shu Ying Tan, a young leader sent from MIGHT in Malaysia, moderated a panel featuring Prof. Frances H. Arnold (Caltech), Dr. Motoko Kotani (RIKEN), and Dr. Marcia McNutt (NAS), whose discussion underscored mentorship, community, and leadership among women in STEM.

The gathering concluded with free networking over Japanese tea and sweets, creating an informal setting for meaningful dialogue. FUSE continues to grow as an important platform within the STS forum, advancing connection and elevating women's leadership in STEM worldwide.



NORTH AMERICA LEADERSHIP LUNCH OCTOBER 6, 2025

The North America Leadership Lunch brought together 143 presidents, CEOs, national laboratory directors, foundation leaders, and senior executives from across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Held during the STS forum in Kyoto, it offered a dedicated setting for North American leaders to reconnect, exchange perspectives, and reinforce regional engagement within the global STS community.

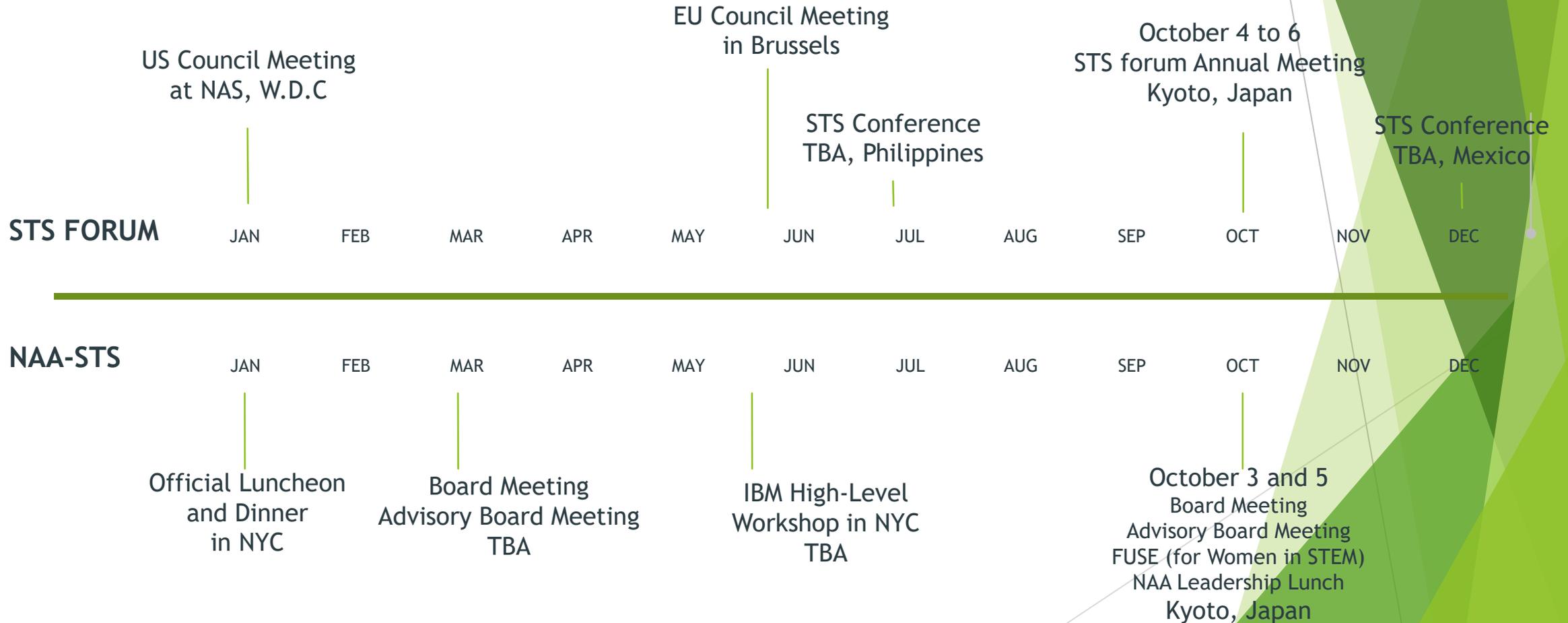
Chaired by NAA-STC Chairman Dr. Hank McKinnell, the Lunch opened with remarks from Directors highlighting the significance of the STS forum and the value of cooperation across borders. As participants enjoyed a Kyoto-style Bento Box, they engaged in conversations on shared challenges, emerging opportunities, and areas where North America can further contribute to global dialogue.

This gathering has steadily grown in scale and importance, becoming one of the largest and most anticipated regional meetings during the STS forum. The Lunch provides a consistent platform for strengthening connections among leaders and deepening North America's collective presence within the broader STS network.

The discussion and relationships nurtured at the Lunch continue to inform NAA-STC activities throughout the year, supporting our mission to enhance North America's contribution to global dialogue in science and technology.



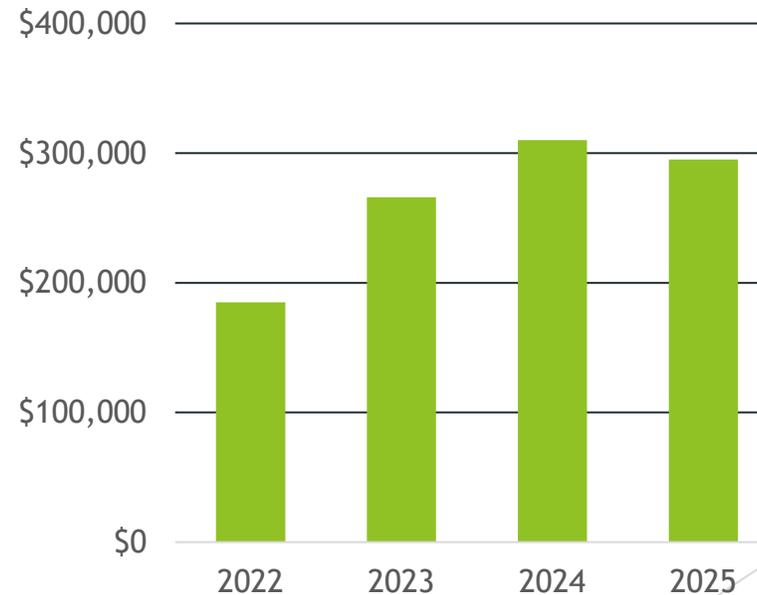
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Growth in Charitable Contributions (2022-2025)

Growth in contributions and grants demonstrates increasing confidence in our mission and expanding support across North America.

	Official Contributors	Grants and Donations	Total Support Received
2022	7	2	\$185,000
2023	8	2	\$266,000
2024	10	2	\$310,000
2025	9	3	\$295,000



LAYERS OF CONTRIBUTIONS



OFFICIAL CONTRIBUTOR - STS JOINT MEMBER

\$25,000/YEAR



OFFICIAL CONTRIBUTOR - STS JOINT START-UP MEMBER

\$10,000/YEAR



NAA-STS INNER CIRCLE

\$5,000/YEAR



NAA-STS FAMILY

\$3,000/YEAR



NAA-STS FRIENDS

\$1,000/YEAR

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