SCI 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

FY2025 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE SCIENCE COMMUNICATION INSTITUTE (SCI) AND SCI PROJECTS

SCI 2025 Annual Report
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STATEMENT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SCI's focus in 2025 was almost entirely on our Carbon Dioxide Removal Action Network (CDRANet) project. This report gives a brief overview of our progress on this project, plus SCI's other activities. For additional information, please visit SCI's website at sci.institute, and the CDRANet website at cdranet.org.

I hereby attest that the information contained in this report is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

Glenn Hampson
Executive Director
Science Communication Institute

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SCI continued its three main programmatic focus areas in 2025: climate change, open science and disinformation.

Climate change

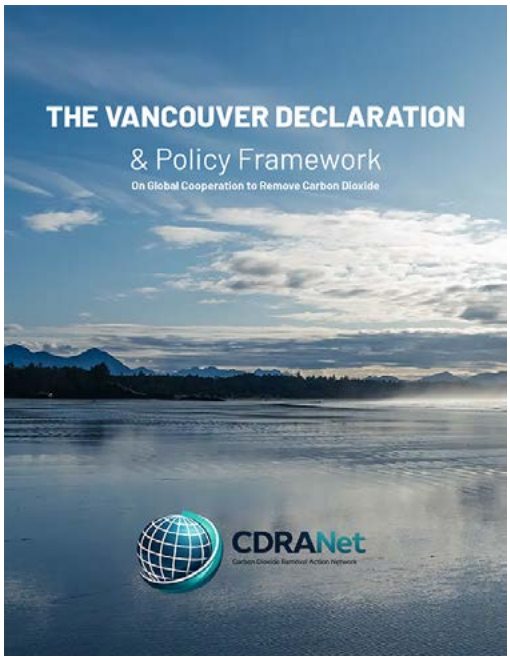
SCI's CDRANet project was the main focus of our climate change efforts in 2025. Our work on CDRANet fell into three main categories: finishing the Vancouver Declaration, planning our October 2026 conference, and reaching out to governments to sign the Declaration.

COMPLETING THE VANCOUVER DECLARATION

The largest share of SCI's program work in 2025 involved completing the first full version of CDRANet's international policy proposal on carbon dioxide removal (CDR). This work was released publicly in May 2025 as the Athens Declaration, together with a companion Policy Framework.

The Declaration is a high-level statement of shared of ambition on CDR, while the Policy Framework lays out a more detailed set of recommendations spanning science and technology, finance, governance, accountability, risk, communication, collaboration, and implementation.

Prior to publishing this work and in the months following—continuing until the end of 2025—the Declaration and Policy Framework moved through several CDRANet committees who reviewed the science and policy details and advised on this agreement's proposed implementation strategy. By late 2025, this proposal had been renamed the Vancouver Declaration, reflecting the fact that we planned to unveil this work at our first CDRANet conference in October of 2026. A fifth "final" edition of the Declaration and Policy Framework was published on December 30, 2025 (in all, the document went through 65 versions before reaching the first "final" edition). Although this completed the core drafting phase, the framework was intentionally designed as a living document that could continue to improve through government experience, expert input, and future implementation work.



BEGINNING GOVERNMENT OUTREACH

With the core policy instrument and outreach logic in place, SCI began the next stage of the project: asking governments to sign this document. Initial outreach began in December 2025. We noticed almost immediately, however, that this challenge was going to be harder than we realized for two reasons: (1) Finding the right government contacts was (and remains) a labyrinth, with no uniform assignment of responsibility for CDR within or across governments, plus exceedingly slow and laborious communication channels; and (2) immediate pushback that governments needed to be more than an audience for prefabricated CDR policy.

In response to this second concern, SCI began reframing its outreach less around signing the Declaration and more around building a forum for government-to-government learning and collaboration on CDR, while preserving an important role for the broader expert community that helped develop the Declaration.

PLANNING AND ORGANIZING CDR26

By the summer of 2025, SCI also began planning and organizing CDR26, a new international conference intended to bring the Declaration, governments, and the wider CDR community together. Work during 2025 focused on finding the appropriate venue, defining the conference concept and its relationship to the Declaration, recruiting speakers, searching for partners and sponsors, and working through the many logistical and organizational questions involved.

From the beginning, CDR26 was conceived as more than a one-time event. SCI's planning envisioned an annual convening where governments, researchers, industry, finance, civil society, and other stakeholders could compare progress, share new policy and technical developments, and strengthen the relationships needed for sustained international cooperation.

Open Science

No work of note was conducted in 2025 in this area, apart from occasional conversations and consultations with other experts in this field, plus continued reading to stay abreast of the latest developments.

Disinformation

No significant progress was made in 2025 on SCI's disinformation work. We did, however, continue to use the SCI website as a platform for analysis and public communication on disinformation matters. During 2025, we published essays examining public trust in science, political interference with scientific institutions, climate communication, disinformation, free speech, polarization, and the relationship between evidence and public policy, including "Americans still having a hard time trusting science," "The substitution of science," "When everything sounds true," and "Bill Gates is wrong about climate change," among other pieces.

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

Fundraising & Outreach

Fundraising and outreach remained a major part of SCI's work throughout 2025. Outreach focused principally on asking countries to sign the Vancouver Declaration, and on securing financial support for CDRANet and CDR26. SCI also continued maintaining project websites, corresponding with partners and prospective supporters, and managing the administrative work required to keep these initiatives moving.

Finances

As in previous years, SCI's program ambitions substantially exceeded its financial resources. This made volunteer effort and uncompensated staff time the norm once again. Developing a more sustainable funding base remained one of SCI's most important organizational needs heading into 2026.

SCI's revenue in 2025 came primarily from personal contributions and from our year-end fundraising drive. No major grants were received.

In terms of reporting, SCI raised less than the minimum amount required to trigger a full year-end tax filing with the IRS or with Washington state's regulatory agencies. Therefore, for the IRS, a 990-N was filed instead, which requests that filers confirm the basics of company operations—that they raised less than $50,000, are still in business, and are still tax-exempt. Copies of this tax form and other finance/legal forms are available online from the various legal entities receiving these filings, such as the IRS and the Washington State Secretary of State. Copies are also provided in this report's annex.

In addition, we provide copies of this information to GuideStar on an annual basis. Since SCI's founding in 2011, GuideStar has given our nonprofit its highest Platinum rating for reporting transparency.

The FY25 Statement of Activity to the right provides a breakdown of SCI's 2025 revenues and expenses.

REVENUE	
Contributions	4,924.72
Special event revenue	710.45
Total for Revenue	$5,635.17
Cost of Goods Sold	
Direct costs – fundraising events	3,500.00
Total for Cost of Goods Sold	$3,500.00
Gross Profit	$2,135.17
EXPENDITURES	
Bank & merchant fees	-48.00
Consulting fees	900.00
Dues & subscriptions	151.51
Information technology	496.44
Insurance	440.04
Licenses	71.00
Web hosting & email	1,448.01
Total for Expenditures	$3,459.00
NET REVENUE	-$1,323.83

Legal

SCI maintained its good legal standing in 2025, filing all required tax reports and business licenses and renewals. The key documents are included in the annex.

SCI is still federally classified as a 501c3 nonprofit, meaning that contributions made to SCI (and its various projects) can be tax deductible for US citizens and companies. SCI is also sub-classified as a public charity, meaning that more than half of its support came from the public and was used for charitable purposes.

SCI projects such as OSI and CDRANet are not legal entities unto themselves. It's possible the need may arise in the future to create a separate legal structure for CDRANet and it's work, but there are no plans at present to do so.

CONCLUSION

Please stay tuned to the SCI and CDRANet website for more details and updates. If you have any questions or would like any more information about SCI or SCI projects, please reach out to us at info@sci.institute. Thank you!

ANNEX 1: BUSINESS INFORMATION

Legal name: Science Communication Institute (SCI)
Legal status: 501c3 nonprofit public charity
Structure: Corporation
Established: January 2011
State of incorporation: Washington

Street address: 2320 N 137th Street, Seattle, WA 98133 USA
Mailing address: Same as street address

Tax ID number: 27-4690007
Washington state UBI number: 603081988

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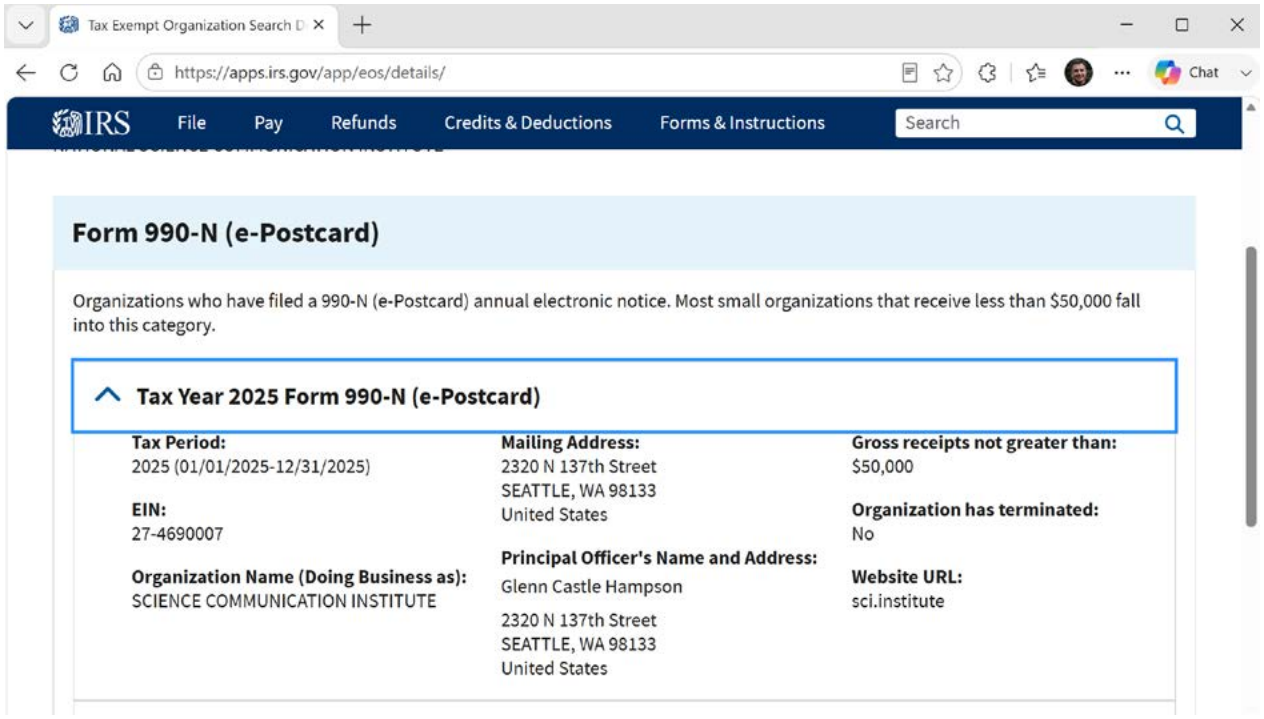
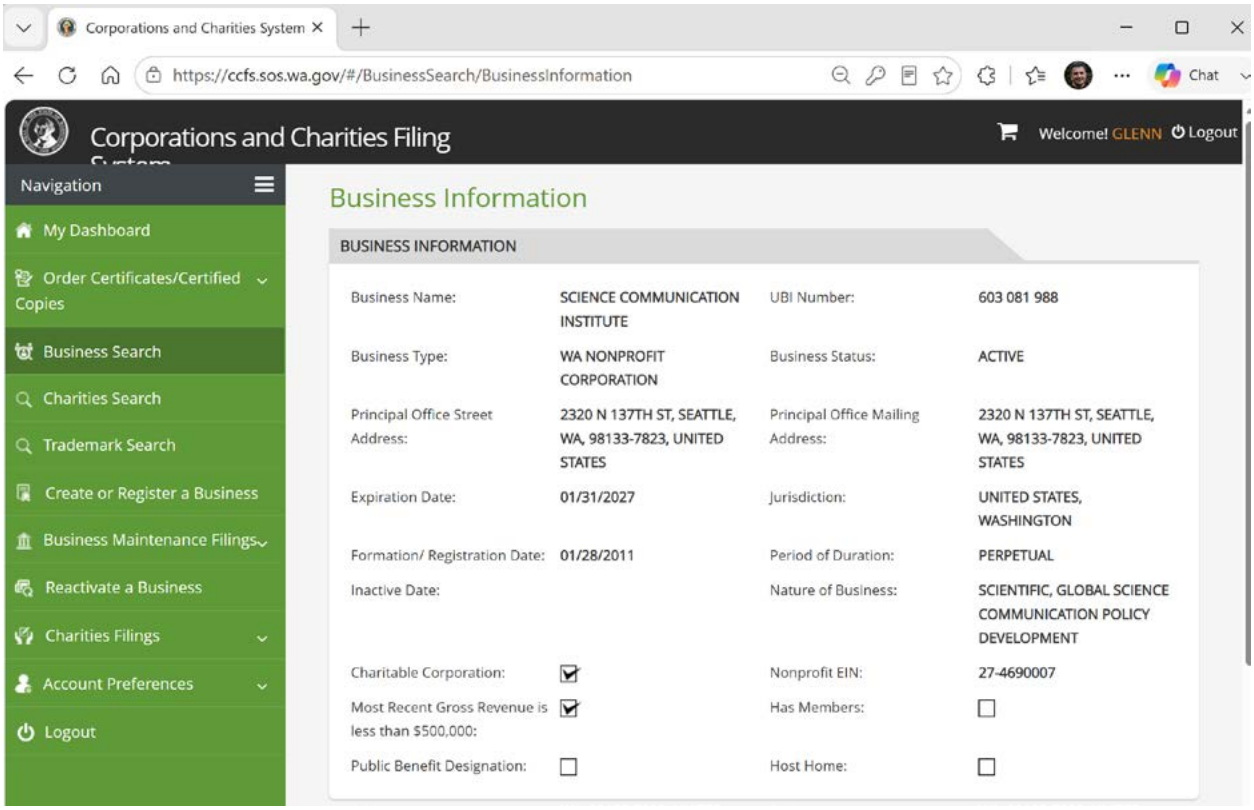
Mission statement: The mission of the Science Communication Institute (SCI) is to help improve science collaboration, discovery, education and public policy by improving the culture of communication inside science.

ANNEX 2: 2025 FEDERAL TAX FILING (FORM 990N)



ANNEX 3: WASHINGTON STATE FILING STATUS

(for actual record, see https://ccfs.sos.wa.gov/)



ANNEX 4: FEDERAL NONPROFIT STATUS

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Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
January 28, 2011
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,

Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

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