As the ability to do survey research has become increasingly simple and inexpensive via the internet, the KASP board has gone from receiving 1-2 research requests a year to receiving well over 40 annually.  Requests are typically from Ed.S. and doctoral candidates trying to complete research requirements at their universities.  Those requests invariably involve accessing the KASP membership database for purpose of surveying members.

As a clear policy, the KASP board does NOT share any KASP member data with any outside entity for any commercial or research purpose.  However, under certain circumstances we will deliver to KASP members a request for participation in research. This may be done via email solicitation, without cost, or via traditional mail solicitation for the cost to our organization.

The official KASP policy is to solicit from our members no more than four research requests a year, typically no more than one per quarter.

Research requests must go to webmaster Jim Persinger via his email, jpersing@emporia.edu.  Dr. Persinger is chair of the ad hoc research participation committee which will then vet these requests and decide which research request will be put forward.

Requests MUST include a sample of the survey instrument, a sample of the solicitation language, a statement regarding how participation in the research will further the KASP mission, and before an approved solicitation goes out, requires a copy of the IRB approval from your institution.  Requests for research related to a commercial venture will not be considered. Requests which don't include these elements will be disregarded without further consideration.

The criteria used to decide which requests to consider are:

1. Order in which they are received (e.g., if we have already send out a solicitation during a quarter, we will typically not consider further ones until the following quarter unless the request is compelling.
2. Extent to which KASP member participation in the research will further the KASP mission statement.
3. Extent to which the research will contribute new knowledge of relevance to Kansas practitioners.
4. A preference will be given to candidates who are affiliated with Kansas universities.