**History of Statistics Interest Group**

**Conference Call Minutes, June 26, 2019**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

At approximately 11:05 a.m. this conference call began with a welcome by Chair Amanda Golbeck. In addition to Amanda, participants were Hans Kiesl, Lee Kennedy-Schaffer, Wendy Martinez, John McKenzie, Margie Nemeth, and Beverly Woods. Jeffrey Smith was unavailable to participate in the call due to a conflict with another event.

1. **Minutes**

John reported that he had recently sent out the minutes from the annual business meeting on July 30, 2018. He plans to send out the minutes from the February 20, 2019 conference call before this year’s annual business meeting at the Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM).

1. **Charter**

Amanda announced that the changes to the History of Statistics Interest Group had been approved.

1. **2019 Joint Statistical Meetings**
2. Sponsored or Cosponsored Sessions

At least seven sessions were sponsored or cosponsored by the interest group. They may be identified by going to the JSM 2019 on-line program. John mentioned the programs had recently been renumbered. Hence there is a need to revise the identification of such sessions on the History of Statistics Interest Group microsite.

1. Information Booth

Among the material at our information booth will be a listing of the interest group’s sponsored or cosponsored sessions. Wendy suggested that photocopies of these suggestions be available at the booth. In addition, she reminded the conference call participants of some of the items that had been present at the 2018 booth: badges, postcards, puzzles, and refrigerator mechanic stickers. Amanda mentioned that she was working on a hidden message puzzle. In the future the interest group might consider larger postcards, similar in size to ones ASA sent out to promote the JSM.

Hans and Lee are in charge of this year’s booth. He has volunteered to be at the booth at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning. In addition, the Chair-Elect reminded the conference participants that Carol Blumberg, the booth’s organizer, is still for volunteers to cover the booth during JSM. John suggested that signs at JSM registration area be made to direct JSM attendees to our and other information booths.

1. Annual Business Meeting and Mixer

The annual business meeting and mixer is scheduled immediately after the Florence Nightingale David Award invited paper session, which is sponsored by the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies, Caucus for Women in Statistics, and the History of Statistics Interest Group. Amanda will make the first presentation, followed by Susan Ellenberg, the award’s recipient.

Tentative refreshments for the mixer were iced tea and a sheet cake. This led to a discussion that the cost of such items was extremely expensive at conference center or a hotel. John mentioned that it is usually the case that the conference sites almost always provide more food for the estimated numbers at the event.

Amanda agreed to send out a list of items to mention at the meeting for perusal by the History of Statistics Interest Group officers. Among them should be a call for attendees to volunteer to run for interest group officers.

1. **History of Statistics Interest Group Microsite**

There was discussion about the contents of the interest group’s microsite. Among some of the suggestions were books dealing with the history of statistics, including books that taught statistics through its history, and courses in statistics, that pedagogically used its history. Wendy mentioned adding links to the Statistical Science interviews of famous statisticians. Links to articles, dealing with the history of statistics, in other journals was proposed. John stated that AmStat News has included a number of historical articles over the years, in addition to its History corner. Hans remarked that other possible sources could be found in the websites of European statistical associations and their journals.

1. **Council of Section Sessions at Joint Statistical Meetings**

Representatives from interest groups are strongly invited to attend the following two Council of Section (CoS) sessions: Opening Business Meeting on Sunday, July 28, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the Response Meeting on Thursday, August 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Amanda volunteered to attend the first meeting. Hans will be able to attend the second meeting. [After the meeting John discovered that there was another CoS session for which interest groups are invited. It is the Impact Workshop on Monday, July 29, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.