Survey Research Methods Section (SRMS) Business Meeting

August 9, 2023 (6:00 – 7:00 PM EDT)
InterContinental Toronto Centre, Ballroom B

Agenda

1. Section Officers: Roll Call

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<td>Chair (2023)</td>
<td>Brady West</td>
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<td>Past-Chair (2023)</td>
<td>Jean Opsomer</td>
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<td>Don Jang</td>
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<td>Secretary (2022-2023)</td>
<td>Qixuan Chen</td>
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<td>Treasurer (2023-2024)</td>
<td>Rebecca Andridge</td>
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<td>Education Officer (2023-2024)</td>
<td>Julia Soulakova</td>
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<td>Program Chair (2023)</td>
<td>Andreea Erculescu</td>
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<td>Pushpal Mukhopadhyay</td>
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<td>Hanyu Sun</td>
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<td>Darcy Steeg Morris</td>
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<td>Maura Bardos</td>
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2. Approve Minutes from the July 2023 Meeting – Brady West (Via Email)

Action Items from July:

- EC committee: please share with Julia any ideas or suggestions about Continuing Education Courses at JSM 2024.
- EC committee: There are two new interest groups. The second is more relevant to our group – this is on Privacy and Confidentiality. If anyone has any thoughts about this interest group, please let Kristen know.
- EC committee: Please email Kristen if anyone wants to bring something up to ASA in the COS at the business meeting at JSM so that Kristen can pass this along to Tony An.
- Julia: will prepare a sponsor letter for the CEC and email it to Rick as an attachment by Sep 30. Because there is usually more attendance for Saturday and Sunday CEC sessions. Julia will place a request for these days to the ASA CEC planning committee.
- Julia: will prepare a letter of support for the CEC we agreed to sponsor (due Sept 30).
- Kristen: will send the list of webinars related to diversity and inclusion to the SRMS listserv.
- Rebecca and Wendy: Rebecca will look into the instructions for accessing JSSAM, and Wendy will then send the final newsletter on to Maura for posting. (DONE)
- Brady: will check with ASA for the JSM business meeting raffle tickets and print out the two prize vouchers. (DONE)
3. COS Representatives Update – Kristen Olson & Stas Kolenikov

- Congratulations to the new ASA Fellows who are also SRMS members: Tony An, Marcus Berzofsky, and Booil Jo!
- Congratulations to Tony An for winning the Outstanding Service Award from SRMS!
- Council of Sections representatives liaison between the section and the main ASA leadership. If there is anything that you want to ask about or know more about from ASA, please let the COS reps know.
- One question that ASA has for the sections has to do with student paper awards (they call these student travel awards). Currently, students can apply for multiple awards but can only receive one of them. There is interest in having feedback from sections about:
  - Should there be a common timetable for student awards?
  - Should there be an earlier submission deadline for sections for the student travel awards (e.g., before Jan 15)?
  - How many awards should students be able to apply for?
  - Should the limit on the number of awards students can win continue to be 1?
- There are questions from ASA about whether there should be one set of dues or a tiered set of dues for section memberships. Currently sections have dues that range from $4 to $12. It’s too late to change for this year, but ASA wants to know what sections think about any possible changes to the dues for sections.
- ASA offered an idea of splitting the election: a ballot for the national / association-wide offices, and another ballot for sections / chapters. The voting rate is a measly 15%, and they are looking for ways to boost it. Also, some of the logistics of the vote would be made easier, as the nationwide office votes can be rolled out uniformly for everyone, vs. custom database extracts for the person-specific votes given their sections and chapters.

4. Treasurer Report – Rebecca Andridge

- Announcement of the student travel award winner:
  - Chengpeng Zeng, Iowa State University, Department of Statistics.
  - Congratulations!
- Announcement of the free access to JSSAM (free to the section)
- SRMS has a $35,000 balance at the moment.
- Change in SRMS dues is unlikely.

5. JSM 2023 Updates – Andreea Erciulescu & Pushpal Mukhopadhyay

- SRMS sponsored 23 sessions (6 invited, 9 topic-contributed, and 8 contributed) and 6 round table discussions at JSM 2023.
- Announcement of the poster award winners (9 speed and 9 regular posters, with one speed poster winner and one regular poster winner):
  - Speed poster winner: Harold Gomes, NIOSH, CDC, “Generalized Estimating Equations for Interpretable Coefficients of Trends, Seasonality & Covariates”.
  - Regular poster winner: Timothy Van Blarcom, D3 System, “Machine Learning Applications to Survey Quality Control and Fraud Detection”.
- Joint SRMS / GSS / SSS Student paper competition award winners (over 50 submissions, 5 winners):
- Yuke Wang, Georgia State University, “Bayesian jackknife empirical likelihood-based inference for missing data and causal inference problems”
- Rahul Singh, MIT, “Causal Inference with Corrupted Data: Measurement Error, Missing Values, Discretization, and Differential Privacy”
- Elizabeth Bersson, Duke University, “Optimal Conformal Prediction for Small Areas"
- Yi Zhang, Harvard University, “Safe Policy Learning under Regression Discontinuity Designs with Multiple Cutoffs”
- Melody Huang, UC Berkeley, "Sensitivity Analysis for Survey Weights"

- Acknowledge session chairs and 17 poster judges (each poster was judged by 3 judges)
- Pushpal will send the 2024 JSM invited session submission reminder.

6. **Education Officer Update – Julia Soulakova**
   - Two webinars were offered in the past year.
   - Please share any ideas for future webinars!

7. **Newsletter Update – Darcy Steeg Morris, Wendy VanDeKerckhove**
   - The July 2023 SRMS Newsletter is now available and posted on the SRMS website: take a look when you get a chance!

8. **Publications Officer Update – Hanyu Sun**
   - No update

9. **Student Representative Update – Ulrich Kemmo Tsafack and Stephanie Morales**
   - Invited student members to join the Facebook and LinkedIn groups.

10. **Other items**
    - There were several suggestions for ASA to improve the online JSM program (maybe offer a paper version again?). It was hard to find talks and sessions for JSM 2023 online. The search engine is bad. Co-authors were also listed before the actual presenters.

11. **Prize Raffle Drawing:** Two (2) $150 gift vouchers for Chapman Hall / CRC Press Books!

12. **Key dates throughout the year:**
    
    Student paper award winners notified 1/15 – Program Chair-Elect  
    Student travel award – Treasurer  
    Poster competition – Program Chair  
    JSM roundtable/luncheon with speaker 2/4 – Program Chair-Elect  
    JSM meetings and events 4/3 – Chair  
    Outstanding Section Service Awards 4/22 – Chair (every 3 year, next in 2023)  
    JSM Awards to Rick 6/1 – Treasurer, Chair  
    Dues changes 8/10 – Chair  
    JSM continuing education 8/31 – Education Officer  
    JSM invited sessions 9/8 – Program Chair
Budget 10/31 – Treasurer
Election slate 11/15 – Chair Elect
Lester R. Curtin Award mid Nov – Past Chair
JSM topic contributed sessions 12/8 – Program Chair
Student paper competitions must close 12/15 – Treasurer
January newsletter submission – 12/20 - Everyone
Outstanding Section Service Award selection – Chair (every 3 years, next in 2025)
Annual report 12/31 - Chair

13. Review of New Action Items – Qixuan Chen

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