There were 60+ section members present at the meeting besides the officers. Most officers were present except Trent Buskirk (publication), Yan Li (program chair 2016), Jamie Ridenhour (newsletter).

1. Introductions – Mike Larsen
   a) Current SRMS Officers
   b) Newly elected SRMS Officers: Elaine Zanutto (Chair 2017), Karol Krotki (Chair-elect 2017), Steven Pedlow (Treasurer 2017-2018), Stas Kolenikov (Program Chair-elect for 2017), Rebecca Andrique (Education Officer 2017-2018), Tony An (Publication Officer). Solicited internally and appointed officers: Elizabeth Petraglia (Newsletter Co-Editor), and Mary Gray and Jay Breidt (SRMS Fellows Committee)
   c) Acknowledge past SRMS Officers: Michael Elliott (Past Chair), Michael Cohen (Treasurer), Yan Li (Program Chair), Stas Kolenikov (Education Officer), Trent Buskirk (Publications Officer), Jamie Ridenhour (Newsletter Co-Editor), and Brian Harris-Kojetin and Mick Couper (SRMS Fellows Committee).
   d) We thanked MSG and recognized its staff present at the meeting for the financial support.

2. Treasurer’s Report – Michael Cohen. The section is down by $8800 including support for 3MC conference ($1000) and food for the reception (a whopping $6900).

3. Fellows Committee Update – David Marker
   a) Announcement of New ASA Fellows who are SRMS members:
      i) Paul Beatty, Census Bureau
      ii) Jonaki Bose, SAMHSA
      iii) Madhumita Ghosh-Dastidar, RAND
      iv) Rachel Harter, RTI International
      v) Ruth Ann Killion, Census Bureau
      vi) Qi Long, Emory University
      vii) Renee Miller, Energy Information Administration
      viii) Van Parsons, NCHS
      ix) Michael Sinclair, Mathematica Policy Research
   Three more new ASA Fellows were members of SRMS at some point, but are not currently: David Haziza (U of Montreal), Elizabeth J. Kelly and Gene A. Pennello.
   b) Committee membership – David thanked outgoing committee members Brian Harris-Kojetin and Mick Couper; welcomed new members Mary Gray and Jay Breidt
   c) Role of the committee – to increase the recognition of the section members as ASA Fellows, and help nominators in the process.

4. Announcement of JSM Awards
   a) Student Travel Awards (Mike Cohen) – the award consists of a small sum of money, $836 this year, to offset the travel costs for students to come to the JSM. This year’s committee was Trent Buskirk, Michael Elliott, and Mike Cohen. This year’s award
winners are Ying Han of the University of Maryland, College Park; Domonique Hodge of Emory University; Dongah Kim of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Katherine R. McLaughlin of UCLA; Lingxiao Wang of the Joint Program in Survey Methodology; Mengyang Wang of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln; and Zhonglei Wang of Iowa State University. Award applications for JSM 2017 will be due in December.

b) Student Paper Awards (Tom Krenzke). The JSM Student Paper Awards are a joint effort of the Government Statistics Section (GSS), the Social Statistics Section (SSS), and the Survey Research Methods Section (SRMS). The students submit papers and the five that are judged the best have the opportunity to present them at a special contributed paper session at JSM as well as receive $800 each. This year the session is Session 483, Wednesday, August 3, 8:30 AM-10:20 AM, “GSS/SSS/SRMS Student Paper Award Presentations.” The 2016 awardees are Raphael Fraser, Medical College of Wisconsin; Katherine McLaughlin, UCLA; Xu Qin, The University of Chicago; Joshua Snoke, Pennsylvania State University; and Jessica Wengrzik, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences.

c) Poster Awards (Tom Krenzke). A committee appointed by SRMS selects the best posters presented at the conference in both the traditional poster format and the SPEED poster format. This year, the winners are: George (Lance) Couzens, RTI; Ying Han, University of Maryland; William Mockovak, BLS; Phil Kott, RTI; Yanna Yan, University of Michigan; and Yan Li, JPSM. We would like to thank the poster judges: Yan Li, Elaine Zanutto, Qing Cathy Zhang, Niloofar Ramezani, Mike Elliot, Julia Soulakova, Suzanne Dorinski, Karol Krotki, Tom Krenzke.

d) GSS JSM Data Challenge Award (Stas Kolenikov). This is the second year GSS run Data Challenge, in which participants are invited to analyze a government data set and extract interesting insights from these data, and/or match it with some other data. This year, the data set of choice was Department of Transportation’s General Estimates System (GES); GSS thanked Roya Amjadi (FHWA) and Stas Kolenikov for identifying an interesting data set and facilitating access to it. GSS gives awards in the student category for the current students, and in the professional category for statisticians who hold full-time positions post-degree. The 2016 GSS Data Challenge winners are Ryan Jarrett and Lucy D’Agostino (Vanderbilt) in the student category, and Chris Eshleman (Port Authority of New York) and Jonathan Auerbach (University of Columbia) in professional category.

e) WSS JSM Student Travel Award (Mike Larsen, in the role of WSS president). The Washington Statistical Society travel award was given to Xia Li (University of Maryland).

f) WSS Award for outstanding service was given to Keith Rust (Westat).

5. JSM 2016 – Tom Krenzke/Stas Kolenikov.

a) Summary of JSM 2016: This year, we’ve had 4+1 invited sessions (4 from the allocated spots, and 1 won in the open competition with other sections), 12 topic-contributed and 13 regular sessions, 3 round tables (thanks to John Eltinge, Trent Buskirk and Peter Miller for organizing them).

b) Dates and location of 2017 JSM – Baltimore, MD; the theme is “Statistics is Essential”.

c) Invited session proposals

- Number of invited & topic contributed sessions allocated to SRMS (deadlines): we have 4 slots allocated. The deadline for invited session submissions is September 4. By this date, the organizers need to identify the presenters and put the overview of the section together. The specific abstract submission will be held later when the
invited session proposals are selected (or turned down)

d) Impression of SPEED poster sessions (Zachary ???). We have had 17 SPEED presentations which filled up pretty much an entire session. The interactive portion was held jointly with biostat, which may have been slightly confusing.

6. Education Officer update – Stas Kolenikov

a) Report on past year’s webinars: Sep 10, 2015 Paul Biemer “Total Survey Error Approach for Managing Data Quality of Statistical Products”; Feb 25, 2016 Annie Pettit “How to Make Presentations that People Will Remember” (she graciously donated her honorarium to supplement the travel awards); June 9, 2016 Margaret Roller and Paul Lavrakas “Total Quality Framework”.

b) JSM 2016 short courses: Pierre Lavallee (Statistics Canada) “Indirect Sampling for Hard To Reach Populations”; Jae Kim and Wayne Fuller (Iowa State University) “Advanced Sampling”.

c) JSM 2017 short courses – proposals are due Sep 30.

d) Update of What is a survey? – Stas and Trent Buskirk are in the process of picking up the 2nd edition of “What Is A Survey?” pamphlet of ASA (last edited by Fritz Scheuren in 2004), putting it online, and updating it. The purpose of this resource is to be useful in classrooms, by press, and by general public.

7. COS Representatives update – Howard Hogan/Julia Soulakova. The SRMS section has been in existence since 1978 when it forked off of the Social Statistics Section. Among the benefits it offers to its members are networking opportunities, awards, and nearly free subscription to the Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology (JSSAM).

8. Sirkin Award (John Czajka, committee chair) – The Monroe G. Sirken Award was established in 2014 with an endowment to recognize a distinguished researcher for contributions to interdisciplinary survey research that improve the theory and methods of collecting, verifying, processing, presenting, or analyzing survey data. The winner of the 2016 Sirkin award is Eleanor Singer (University of Michigan), who gave the Sirkin Award lecture at the JSM titled “Reflections on Social Surveys’ Past and Future” (Wednesday, Aug 3, 10:30am). (This item was omitted from the final agenda.)

9. Publications – Trent Buskirk

a) Pre-1978 Social Statistics Proceedings on SRMS Proceedings page (Pushpal Mukopadhyay): this year, we have successfully scanned and placed on the SRMS webpage the proceedings of the Social Statistics Section which hosted most of the survey research before the section was formed in 1978. We thanked Angela Ulrich who helped Pushpal create the pages with the old proceedings.

b) Past JSM proceedings online: SRMS paper proceedings are identified from the general ASA proceedings and moved to the section page.

c) SRMS Newsletter update – Dan Liao/Jamie Ridenhour. The latest newsletter was published in July 2016, and is available off the section webpage.

d) Ethics (Howard Hogan). ASA has revised its Ethical Guidelines for Statistical Practice, and approved them at the Board level in 2016. The reference is available off the main page, http://www.amstat.org. Howard recommended using this document in mentoring or when orienting new employees.

10. Upcoming conferences:

a) ICES-VI is in planning stages, and will be held in 2020 in North America.
11. Other business
   a) Phil Kott expressed an opinion that ASA gradually moves from contributed sessions to SPEED sessions, and he views the latter as the superior format.
   b) Asaph Young Chun (Census) advertised the new special issue of JOS on admin records for which he will be serving as the guest editor.

The meeting adjourned.