

JSM 2025 SSDSE Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Aug 6, 2025: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

6:30-7:00 p.m. Social time

Meeting Called to Order 7:02 pm

(Kay) Thanks/Words from sponsor (Wiley/Zybooks, John LaVacca)

- Huge thanks to Wiley for sponsoring part of the cost of the food for our business meeting!

(Kay) Outgoing members/incoming members to the SSDSE Executive Committee. Thank you for your service and willingness to serve.

1. Outgoing: Kelly McConville (Past Chair), Sara Stoudt (Communications Officer), Prince Afriyie (2025 Program Chair), Samantha Robinson (At Large), Alana Unfried (At Large), Amelia McNamara (Council of Sections Representative), Nathan Kenny (HS Fellow), Emily Buhnerkempe (HS Fellow)
2. Incoming: Mine Dogucu (Chair-Elect), Eric Reyes (Communications Officer), April Kerby-Helm (Council of Sections Representative), Kate Kozak (At Large), Soma Roy (At Large), Abhishek Chakraborty (Program Chair-Elect)

(Davidson) Approval of minutes from JSM business meeting in 2024

- [JSM 2024 Open Business Meeting Minutes](#)
- Minutes approved without any corrections

(Davidson) Treasurer's report

- Beginning of year Balance (Jan 2025): \$28,761
- Incoming Money
 - Member Dues (as of Aug 1 2025): \$4,221
 - Wiley Gift/Sponsor: \$3000 for JSM food
 - TOTAL: \$7,221
- Expenses
 - \$750 JEDI project (paid)
 - \$668 USCOTS HS Teacher Fellow (paid)
 - ~\$2100 USCOTS HS Teacher Fellows (pending as of meeting)
 - ~\$3500 JSM food (pending)
 - TOTAL: \$7018
 - Difference: \$203
- To Come
 - Still more member dues possible
 - Membership grant
 - Donna possibly has additional funds we can use

(Sanchez) *Journal of Statistics and Data Science Education* updates

- Impact factor went up from 1.5 to 1.6!
- 199 submissions since January
 - Maybe get twice as many submissions as last year
- Need many more reviewers!
 - Several sheets were included around the room
 - Reviewers to review about 1-2 papers per year
 - Need many people as experts on new things like AI and data science
- Acknowledge Jennifer Greene – editor for K-12 papers
 - Also acknowledge past editors Nick, Jeff, & Will
- Thank you to all the reviewers!

(Kay) Section-sponsored and other awards in Statistics Education

- Jackie Dietz Best *Journal of Statistics and Data Science Education* paper award: Anna Fergusson and Maxine Pfannkuch (presented by Bill Notz): “Using Grayscale Photos to Introduce High School Statistics Teachers to Reasoning with Digital Image Data”
 - Award includes \$1,500 to be divided among authors

Mu Sigma Rho (presented by Charlie Smith)

- Early Career Undergraduate Impact Award: Nicole Dalzell, Wake Forest University. Citation provided by Mu Sigma Rho: Dr. Nicole Dalzell has made important contributions to teaching and mentoring in statistics at Wake Forest University and beyond. Since arriving at Wake Forest, Dr. Dalzell has played a key role in the growth of the Department of Statistical Sciences and its major and minor programs, creating five new courses to expand the curriculum with important, modern concepts in statistics and data science. She regularly teaches the introductory statistics sequence, and has helped guide its development to incorporate statistical computing, hands-on projects, and extensive experience with real-world data. Dr. Dalzell is a highly sought-after research mentor at Wake Forest, supervising dozens of independent studies, capstone projects, and senior theses. In addition, she has expanded opportunities for students to engage with real, challenging data through data analysis competitions such as ASA DataFest, which she coordinates each year at Wake Forest, and for which she created an additional seminar course to give introductory students the skills needed to participate. Beyond the classroom, Dr. Dalzell lends her teaching expertise to other educators at Wake Forest and in the broader statistics education community. She is the go-to pedagogy expert in the Department of Statistical Sciences, and has helped foster faculty mentoring through the ASA Section on Statistics and Data Science Education mentoring program, for which she is a previous committee member and chair, and current volunteer mentor. She regularly shares her teaching scholarship through journal publications, webinars, and conference presentations.
- William D. Warde Statistics Education Award: Lisa Grossbauer, Ursinus College. Citation provided by Mu Sigma Rho: Dr. Lisa Grossbauer has dedicated her eleven-year career at Ursinus College to making sure all students interested in statistics receive the best possible education that allows them to pursue their goals regardless of their backgrounds. She is a tireless advocate for students coming from marginalized groups that put them at a competitive disadvantage compared to their peers. She weaves her industry experience into her meticulously planned curricula so that students can see practical applications to the statistical concepts she teaches. She has quietly shepherded the statistics program at Ursinus College throughout her time there and is the primary faculty member responsible not only for its growth and success, but also for the success of the junior faculty who have come after her. Her research in overcoming

barriers in mathematical and statistical education dovetail with her devotion to her students' learning. She embodies all the elements that the William D. Warde Award was designed to recognize.

- If you have nominations – send to Soma Roy at Cal Poly (or Lisa or Charlie)
- Officer elections in Spring for several positions for Mu Sigma Rho
- Will have a few fun activities in the fall
 - StatQuest Zoom webinar
 - Statistical Haiku contest
- If you don't have a chapter of Mu Sigma Rho – see pink sheets around room to know how to start one

Additional Awards:

- Waller Distinguished Teaching Career Award: Nick Horton
- Waller Education Award: Matt Beckman
- Section Outstanding Service Award: Ann Cannon
- George Cobb Award for Lifetime Achievement in Statistics Education (given at USCOTS): Beth Chance
- Section Best Contributed Paper Award for JSM 2024: Alyssa Columbus, Johns Hopkins University, "Securing Knowledge: Lessons from Information Security and Privacy Education for Statistics and Data Science Education"
- Speed Session Award for JSM 2024: HM Allyssa Wu; 2nd HM: Aimee Schwab- McCoy; Winners: Erin Howard, Maria Cruciani

Speed Session Award for JSM 2025 (announced by Prince Afriyie):

- Thanks to all the judges for Speed sessions!
- Ended up with more judges than presenters
- HM: Visruth Srimath Kandali, California Polytechnic State University, *Toward a robust and simple guideline for checking the Central Limit Theorem*
- HM: Kristen McQuerry, University of Kentucky, *Biostat PRODIGY*
- Winner: Alana Unfried, California State University, Monterey Bay, *A family of instruments for assessing statistics and data science learning experiences*

Section members who won other awards:

- ASA Fellows: Ben Baumer, David Dahl, Stephanie Hicks, Larry Lesser, Cynthia Long, Yan Ma, Chris Malone ASA Founders Award: Rob Gould, Jeff Witmer

(Afriyie/George) Report on JSM 2025 and looking ahead to JSM 2026

- Pass baton to Tyler George – Point person for sessions of JSM next year (e.g., different types of sessions and ideas)
- JSM 2026 will be held in Boston with the theme: communities in action – advancing societies
- Dates: Aug 1–6
 - First round of submissions (invited session proposals) due date: Sept 3
 - Topic Contributed Session due date: Dec 10
 - Contributed posters due date: Feb 2

(An/McNamara) Council of Section Updates

- No further announcements

(Johnson) HS/two-year section fellows update/report

- Selected two 2-year college fellows
- Haven't told them yet – but will now that we know we can fund both of them
- Both teach stats & data science courses at their colleges
- Neither has had funds to travel – so important for us to be able to support them
- They will come to JSM 2026
- Each will be assigned a mentor for 2-years (email to come with more information)

(Kay) Member initiative grants: Due August 15th

- Form: [Flyer for Member Initiative Grants 2025](#)
 - If you have questions, please email Lisa.

(Kay) Executive Committee report and summary of section activities

- Executive Committee meetings (had 3 thus far, will meet 1-2 more times this year)
- Social events
- Virtual events
 - Panel discussion on GAISE Recommendation #3: September 16, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. ET
 - Panel and group discussions on post-pandemic issues in teaching statistics: November
- The new section dataset repository and submission form are now available on the SSDSE main page ([Home - Section on Statistics and Data Science Education](#)) and Great Links page ([Great Links - Section on Statistics and Data Science Education](#)). The Initiatives page ([Initiatives - Section on Statistics and Data Science Education](#)) also includes these resources, as well as a link to the slides from the Show Us Your Data! event from June 18th.
- Can also pick up fliers for member initiative grants

(Kay) Door prizes

- Winners of magic loops:
 - Ioanna Papatsouma
 - Rob Gould
 - Chris Brignell
 - Robin Lock
 - Winner of R for Data Science: Kodjo Houssou

(Kay) Supporting the section–JSM 2026 (Talk to Tyler George); Mentoring (Talk to Jackie Herman); Being on the Exec Committee (Talk to Ulrike Genschel)

- Nick Horton: mention eCOTS will take place next year June 16 – 18 2026 theme: sparking creativity and joy in an era of AI

(Open) Other business or announcements

- DataFest – if you have any leads on datasets OR if you're looking to join the committee to select datasets or want to be a part of it – reach out to Rob Gould – looking for transition person
- Guest from Royal Statistical Society, Chris Brignell: RSS education area to promote understanding of statistics
- Vote for Nick Horton for president next year!

Job openings

- St. Lawrence – 1 position
- Villanova – 1 position
- Grinnell – 1 position
- McAlester – 1 position
- University of Virginia School of Data Science – 7 positions
- Smith – joint position in govt
- Oberlin – 1 position