Section on Statistical Education
2001 Business Meeting

Allan Rossman, Section Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm, Wednesday, August 8, 2001, at the Rockdale Room of the Atlanta Hilton. Those in attendance were:

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1. Introductions and Congratulations

Allan Rossman, Section Chair, introduced Roxy Peck, past Chair, Jeff Witmer, Chair-elect, and Carolyn Dobler, Secretary-Treasurer. He congratulated the newly elected officers: Joan Garfield, 2002 Chair-elect, Roger Johnson, Publications Officer, and newly
elected Executive Committee members, Brian Jersky and Jackie Miller. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Ron Wasserstein presented the Section's Best Contributed Paper Award for 2000 to Christine Anderson-Cook of Virginia Tech. Her graduate student will also receive a plaque. Allan thanked Ron from the Section for coordinating this award and for all his hard work.

Allan congratulated newly elected ASA Fellow Joan Garfield.

2. Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The minutes of the 2000 business meeting of the Statistical Education Section were distributed. Milo Schield was omitted from the list. The minutes were approved with this correction.

The May 31, 2001, financial statement showed a balance of $13,369.13 in the treasury. The section began the year with a balance of $12,213.60. Income from dues, proceedings, interest, and royalties totaled $2,004.69. Expenses for the newsletter, food functions, awards, and office expenses came to $849.16. The net surplus was $1,155.53. The treasurer's report was accepted.

3. Program Chairs Reports

Jim Matis, 2001 Program Chair, reported that the Section sponsored three invited sessions, one invited session by competition, two invited sessions co-sponsored with outside organizations, one invited session co-sponsored with another ASA committee, six topic contributed paper sessions, and three regular contributed paper sessions.

John Holcomb, 2002 Program Chair, reported on the Roundtable Luncheons and on next year's tentative program. There will be three invited sessions (a degree in Statistics Education, introduction of six-sigma into the undergraduate and graduate curriculum, and instructors doing research in their own classrooms). John asked for ideas for topic contributed paper sessions, with ideas to him by February 1. John McKenzie asked if there was an alternative way to conduct roundtables so that they would not be so expensive.

Jeff Witmer announced the 2003 Program Chair will be Andre Lubecke. Andre asked the membership for suggestions for 2003 invited sessions and 2002 roundtables. There is some concern among the Section members with having only one session for roundtables and the conflict with attending roundtables focused on research versus education. Jim Matis mentioned that the deadlines keep moving up. What can be done about this?

4. Council of Sections Report
John Boyer, Section representative, reported on the improvement in section websites on the ASA website. He encouraged members to check the website to assure that names and addresses are correct. This year is the first time that the Proceedings will be offered on CD for $25. He asked if the Section viewed the Proceedings as a money-making venture or a member service (to keep costs low). The consensus was that the Proceedings are a member service. John then asked about the timing of the issuance of the Proceedings. Currently, papers are due by October 1, and the CD is anticipated to be in the mail by mid-December. He reported that there has been discussion of having the papers due June 1, with the CD distributed at the meetings. He also reported that the income to each Section is based on the number of papers contributed.

5. Chair's Report

Allan reported on ASA's four member initiatives for teacher enhancement. Allan also reported the Executive Committee voted for the Section to become an institutional member of IASE and to provide $2000 to support ICOTS in South Africa in 2002. He also mentioned other projects: RAND focus group on K-12, the W. M. Keck Statistical Literacy Project, the American Psychology Society project, and the Waller award. The Executive Committee created two new subcommittees, one on the Section Charter and one for improving Section Membership. He also mentioned that section news and activities are reported in an Amstat News column. By the end of the year, we should be able to send email to the entire Section membership.

6. New Business

Jerry Moreno asked if we could poll the Section concerning a Section Conference on Statistics Education. Jerry also mentioned that K-12 motivation comes through assessment and that can only be provided by quality questions.

7. Announcements

Allan thanked Jackie Dietz for maintaining the Section's webpage. Any suggestions or comments should be sent to Jackie.

Jackie Miller announced the Project NeXT fellow program, an MAA project for young faculty members. This program is also available to young statisticians, and Jackie encouraged participation.

Dex Whittinghill announced the new MAA SIGMAA in Statistics Education.

John McKenzie announced the NEISM one day meeting to be held September 22.

Joe Ward made an appeal for members to consider being science fair judges for international science fairs.
Terry King made a request for newsletter ideas. Allan thanked Terry for all his hard work on the Section newsletter.

8. Thanks

Allan thanked the retiring officers: Roxy Peck, Jessica Utts, John Boyer, Beth Chance, Katherine Halvorsen, and Jim Matis.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Pillers Dobler
Secretary-Treasurer