Section on Statistical Education
2006 Business Meeting

Christine Franklin, Section Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm, Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at the Seattle Convention Center, room 606. Those in attendance were:

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1. Introductions

   Chris introduced the Section Officers.

2. Election Results


3. Reports

   • Beth Chance, Secretary/Treasurer, asked for additional corrections to the minutes (some names were misspelled, see the corrected 2005 minutes on the web) and reported that the section’s revenues essentially matched the section’s expenditures, but that there is currently a surplus that could be spent down. She highlighted recent expenditures in support of graduate students attending the SRTL conference, Project NExT fellows, the section mentoring program, and the JSM meeting (roundtables, outside speakers, program chair, business meeting).

   • It was reported that Sterling Hilton (publication officer) encouraged members to contact him for help in anything they want published, particularly for Amstat News and the section newsletter. The next newsletter will be published in the fall (contact Jackie Dietz and/or Joan Garfield).

   • Paul Roback, 2006 program chair, thanked the organizers, chairs, and speakers who made his job very easy with their creativity and willingness to step forward. He indicated that we may need larger rooms for stated sessions in the future. The section also helped pilot the coffee roundtables at this year’s meeting.

   • Patti Collings, 2007 program chair, indicated that she was looking forward to hearing from the section with ideas for topic contributed sessions (including topics alone if you don’t know which people to recruit).

   • Carolyn Cuff, Council of Sections representative, announced that the ASA is soliciting nominations for the SPAIG award and reminded members of ASA’s agreement to give $10 to anyone recommending a new student member (student needs to list the recommending individual) along with the free section membership for one year (section needs to maintain 1000 members for second council of sections representative). She requested feedback on whether more prominence should be given to posters at the meeting, largely to aid scheduling (a
straw vote seemed split evenly) and ideas for doing so. Suggestions included adding the posters to Expo Hall and keeping them up for a specified time (with the author only promising to be there for a smaller amount of time, ASA is already doing this for next year); attaching the posters to one of the evening receptions; giving a section award for the best poster; offering a free beer ticket to attendees; soliciting a set of advice guidelines on good posters from ASA (similar to current advice on good papers) with maybe even an introductory overview lecture on effective posters (possible speaker choice: Tufte). She also solicited feedback on the communities booth and the coffee roundtables.

- Jessica Utts announced that the 2008 Program Chair would be Jackie Miller. Jackie’s first task will be arranging the roundtables for Salt Lake City and she asked people to contact her with ideas (miller.203@osu.edu).

- In the Chair’s report, Chris expressed how much she enjoyed being chair this year. The number of requests she received to support SI proposals at the beginning of the year opened her eyes to how many great ideas are out there that involve statistics education, but that there also appears to be a communication issue in terms of the section being aware of what is occurring in different communities. She hopes to make this one of the main agenda items for the year, starting with using the newsletter and the ASA website to improve communications between committees and other sections. She also indicated that the section is trying to prioritize how we can spend some of our funds.

4. Section Awards

The new fellows (June Morita, Brad Hartlaub, Deb Rumsey, and Marcia Gumpertz), Founder’s Award recipients (Jackie Dietz, Joe Ward, and John Boyer), and Mu Sigma Rho Awardee (Chris Franklin) from the section were congratulated.

5. Best Contributed Paper Award

The 2005 Best Contributed Paper Award was presented by Ron Wasserstein to Bob Jernigan.

6. Waller Education Award

Robin Lock, on behalf of committee members Tom Moore, Mike Mosier, Jackie Dietz, Ginger Rowell, and Roger Woodard, presented the Waller Education Award (given to an exemplary teacher within their first ten years and an up and coming mover and shaker in the field) to Joy Jordan.

7. New Business

- Joy Jordan provided an update on the mentoring program with five new pairings to add to three from the previous year. She thanked mentors Katherine Halvorsen, Brad Hartlaub, John Holcomb, Rob Gould, Tom Moore, Michael Kahn, Jerry Moreno, and Ginger Rowell. She asked members to let her know if they would like to be on the mentor list or if they know of anyone in the section in their first five years, especially if they are isolated at their institution.
Dick Scheaffer urged members to become aware of the National Numeracy Network ([http://www.math.dartmouth.edu/~nnn/](http://www.math.dartmouth.edu/~nnn/)) whose mission is quantitative reasoning/literacy across the curriculum and therefore involves lots of statistics and data. The website contains material collected from individuals with active programs in QL in recent years, many funded by NSF. The program is fledgling, with about 16 member institutions, but needs representation from the statistics community.

John McKenzie, head of the Stat Ed Founders and Fellows committee, requested assistance in the nomination of qualified people associated with statistics education. Committee members include Joan Garfield and Bill Notz. They would like to get solicitations for potential candidates to coordinate nominations but will also help provide letters of support if someone is putting forth a nomination.

Joe Ward announced that Steve Zayak passed away in February from an unexpected heart attack. Chris expressed how much Steve would be missed in the section.

Allan Rossman revealed that Russ Lenth is the 2008 JSM program chair.

George Cobb announced a couple of additional opportunities for involvement and influence: writing for Amstat News, a new website that will enable everyone to make nominations for committee membership, including self-nominations, and ASA’s recent commitment to take a more visible place in public life.

Robin Lock agreed again to help with bulk delivery of Stat Geek buttons.

Jackie Miller announced that USCOTS 2007 will again take place at Ohio State, May 17-19, 2007. See [CauseWEB](http://www.ets.org/reader/ap) for more information and soon to be available registration forms. Spotlight sessions will include an idea exchange forum and members should contact Jackie, Larry Lesser or Doug Andrews.

Jerry Moreno announced that the winning K-12 poster displays would be back next year and he distributed a handout showing this year's winners.

Carol Blumberg, now with the federal government, was asked by her boss to announce that they had openings and were looking for younger individuals. She can be contacted for more information.

Nilupa Gunaratna from Purdue thanked the section for support of their STATCOM program, which has been helping other universities develop volunteer consulting programs that are student driven.

Chris Franklin passed on a plea from Brad Hartlaub for AP readers. The next reading will be June 3-9 in Louisville, KY, with over 100,000 exams anticipated. An online reader application can be found at [http://www.ets.org/reader/ap](http://www.ets.org/reader/ap).

Chris announced that Rebecca Nichols is the new ASA K-16 Director. Rebecca has been involved in TA training at BYU. She will start in that position Sept. 1, 2006.

Chris announced that the section was planning to have a separate, stand-alone booth next year.

Chris thanked the retiring executive committee officers: Robin (past-chair), Marjorie Bond and Michael Kahn (members at large), Beth Chance (Secretary/Treasurer) and Paul Roback (2006 Stat Ed Program Chair), as well as the continuing contributions of Joan Garfield and Jackie Dietz (newsletter), Ron Wasserstein (contributed paper award) and Jackie Dietz (web page editor).
The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Chance
Secretary/Treasurer