# Section on Statistical Education  
## 1999 Business Meeting

Chris McLaren, Section Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm., Wednesday, August 11, 1999. Those in attendance were:

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1. Introductions and Congratulations

Christine McLaren, Section Chair, thanked Springer-Verlag for providing refreshments for the business meeting.

Christine congratulated the newly elected section officers: Allan Rossman, the 2000 Chair-elect, Section Council Representative, Anne Sevin, and the newly elected Executive Committee members, Karla Ballman and Deborah Rumsey. Christine also congratulated, Dick Schaeffer, on his election as the 2000 ASA President-Elect.

Ron Wasserstein presented the Best Contributed Paper Award to Harry James Norton for his paper on the Fallacies in Statistical Reasoning. Christine thanked Ron for all the work involved in making this award.

Christine congratulated Ann Watkins, newly named Fellow of the ASA, and Jerry Moreno for receiving the ASA Founders Award for his work for the ASA and for the Statistical Education Section.

2. Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The minutes of the 1998 business meeting of the Statistical Education Section were distributed and approved.

The June 30, 1999 financial statement showed a balance of $8607 in the treasury with the expenses for another edition of the newsletter (about $500) and with income and expenses involved in the Proceedings yet to come. The treasurer's report was accepted.

3. Reports from Program Chairs

Tom Short, 2000 program chair, reported on the invited sessions for next year: Using Technology to Develop Statistical Reasoning and Thinking, The Teaching of Statistics
Across Disciplines and Departments, and Distance Learning in Statistics Education. He requested help for the special contributed sessions and the invited technical sessions. He needs contributed papers, roundtable ideas, and volunteers to chair the various sessions.

Brad Hartlaub, 1999 program chair, thanked Rosemary Roberts for appointing him, Tom Short for organizing the Roundtables, Ron Wasserstein for dealing with the evaluation forms, and the session organizers: Deb Rumsey, Chandler Pike, and Dick Schaeffer.

Brad then reported that the topic, Teaching Students with Disabilities, which was submitted to the competition for invited sessions, was not successful.

The Section on Statistical Education had 3 invited sessions with 9 speakers and 3 discussants; 5 invited technical exhibits and a Statistical Education Section table organized by Jerry Moreno; 2 special contributed sessions with 14 speakers and 2 panels; 4 regular contributed sessions with 24 speakers; 23 posters; and 10 roundtables.

Roxy Peck announced that the 2001 program chair will be Jim Matis.

4. Report from the Section Chair

Christine reported that the Executive Committee voted to write a letter to the ASA Board of Directors expressing support for the Mu Sigma Rho College Bowl and requesting that the ASA do more to support the Mu Sigma Rho College Bowl.

She reported that the Charter Committee recommended that the lead newsletter editor and the webmaster be given positions on the executive committee. The current executive committee recommended that the current six members-at-large be reduced to three members-at-large to assure that the committee membership would not be increased.

There was considerable discussion on the proposal, mostly concerning the loss of the three elected members-at-large. It was argued that member-at-large was an important entry position to the executive committee and many members were reluctant to eliminate any of these positions.

Christine announced that any amendment to the charter would be written and sent to the section membership for a mail vote.

5. Other Business

Rosemary Roberts reported that ASA's 1999 Strategic Planning Initiative had allocated $10,000 for planning a symposium on undergraduate education to take place the Saturday before the 2000 JSM. The workshop will discuss curricular issues in undergraduate statistics.
Christine reported that the section was encouraged to write a section history. John McKenzie reminded the meeting that Henry Inman wrote a Statistical Education Section history for the sesquicentennial of ASA.

Jackie Dietz reported that the Journal of Statistics Education is now an official ASA publication, available on the ASA Web site, and would be supported for three years, after which it is expected to be self-supporting. She asked members to please subscribe.

It was suggested that there should be a mailing to the section membership and to AP teachers. It was also suggested that an advertisement should be placed in the AMA publication and in the AMSTAT News.

Dick Schaeffer suggested that there should be advertising in the Journal of Statistics Education. He also suggested that the symposium on undergraduate education should include colleges of education that prepare future teachers of mathematics. Dick also pointed out that statistics will be included in the report issued by the Conference Board of Mathematical Sciences.

Don Bentley described the organization of isolated teachers of statistics.

Joe Ward encouraged the membership to get involved in Science Fairs to greatly improve the use of statistics and computers.


Terry King requested ideas and articles for the section newsletter.

Bob Newcomb conducted a raffle. The winners were:

Silas Edet won Chance Rules, published by Springer
Henry Gibson, Conceptual Software, developed by DBMS/HTML
Marlin Eby, ActivStats, published by Addison Wesley
Judy Dill, Minitab, version 12
Ginger Rowell, Go Hog Wild dice game

The meeting adjourned at 7.10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilynn Dueker
Secretary/Treasurer
Section on Statistical Education
1998 Business Meeting

Rosemary Roberts, Section Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on August 12, 1998. Those in attendance were:

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1. Introductions

Rosemary Roberts introduced the 1998 section officers. She also introduced and congratulated the new officers for 1999: Chair-elect, Roxy Peck; Secretary-Treasurer: Marilynn Dueker; Publications Officer: Jessica Utts; Council of Sections: John Boyer; and Executive Committee members, Beth Chance and Katherine Halvorsen.

2. Best Contributed Paper Award

The Best Contributed Paper Award was presented to Ann Watkins by Ron Wasserstein on behalf of the Section.

3. Minutes and Treasurer's report

The minutes of the 1997 Business Meeting were distributed and approved. The June 30 financial statement shows about $5000 in the treasury. Income and expenses from the Proceedings and some expenses for the newsletter are not included in this figure.

4. Reports from Program Chairs

a. Jerry Moreno reported on the 1998 program. The new rules have decreased the number of contributed papers by about 200. Our section sponsored five regular sessions, four special contributed paper sessions, three invited sessions and ten round tables.

b. Brad Hartlaub reported on the plans for the 1999 program. There are three invited sessions planned: The Role of Statistics in Math Education, Teaching Statistics at the Undergraduate Level and Teaching Statistics to Students with Disabilities. There will also be an increased focus on invited posters. There are plans for five special contributed paper sessions.

c. Tom Short will be the program chair for 2000.
5. Educom Award

Jackie Dietz reported on the selection of the Educom Medal Award. She announced that it was awarded to Paul Velleman who created *ActivStats*, *DataDesk* and *DASL*.

6. Report from Chair

Rosemary Roberts thanked Jerry Lyons from Springer-Verlag for providing the refreshments for our meeting. She also thanked Terry King, Joan Garfield, Tom Moore and Carol Blumberg for their work on the newsletter this year. Ideas for the newsletter should be sent to Terry.

The Executive Committee voted to continue co-sponsorship of the College Bowl which requires no funding. Funded sponsorship was approved for the ASA Poster and Project Competition and the Undergraduate Data Analysis Competition. The committee also voted to provide some funding for the travel and hotel expenses of the speaker for the 1999 invited session on Teaching Statistics to Students with Disabilities and to reimburse some of the travel expenses for one of the invited speakers at the 1998 meetings.

Rosemary also reported on a couple of issues from the Council of Sections. Only about 50% of ASA members are also section members. Most non-renewing members are not members of any section. There are 16 member initiatives with approximately $100,000 allocated for implementing them. Some of the issues most pertinent to the sections include Issue 1, Initiative 2 on outreach to non- and future statisticians and Issue 2, Initiative 10 on diversity in publications to meet the needs of the members. The Journal of Statistical Education received $25,000 under this initiative to get established as an ASA sponsored journal and work towards self-sufficiency.

A charter committee has been set up to revise the Stat. Ed. Section Charter. The review committee will make recommendations to the executive committee for approval. Any approved changes will be voted on by section members.

7. Other Business

Chris McLaren reminded us that many of our departments receive Stat Magazine as part of our institutional membership and suggested that we make it available to our students.

Joe Ward suggested that an excellent outreach program is for individuals and/or chapters to become involved in local science fairs and provide assistance to science teachers in the public schools.

Roxy Peck reported on the success of the AP exam in statistics. She encouraged those interested in serving as an exam reader to apply to be an advisor. Check the web site, [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).
The problem of the unreliable link between the SciStat.edu news group and EdStat.L list server was discussed. Perhaps someone could submit fixing this problem under one of the ASA member initiatives. This would require a fully developed business plan.

Bob Newcom held a raffle for the prize of a DBM CD. Ron Wasserstein won the raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
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1997 Business Meeting

Jackie Dietz, Section Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on August 13, 1997. Those in attendance were:

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1. Introduction of section officers, Congratulations and Thank you's

Jackie Dietz introduced the 1997 section officers and thanked Jerry Lyons from Springer for providing the refreshments for our meeting. She also congratulated Christine McLaren as the 1998 Chair-elect and new executive committee members, Jon Cryer and Anne Sevin. Jackie also thanked Ron Wasserstein for handling the Best Contributed Paper Award, Roxy Peck for this year's program, Jerry Moreno for arranging the round table discussions and Carol Joyce Blumberg, Joan Garfield and Tom Moore for the section's newsletter.

2. Minutes and Treasurer's report

The minutes of the 1997 Business Meeting were distributed and approved. The June 30 financial statement shows approximately $6800 in the treasury. Income and expenses from the Proceedings are not included in this figure.

3. Best Contributed Paper Award

The Best Contributed Paper Award was presented to Robin Lock by Ron Wasserstein.

4. Announcements
a. Tom Moore reported on the response from the American Statistical Association's Advisory Review Group about the NCTM's K-12 Mathematics Standards Update. Details are provided on our Web page. Tom welcomes additional responses.
b. Carol Joyce Blumberg has decided to resign as newsletter editor. She has been serving in this capacity for three years. Jackie Dietz announced that Terry King of NW Missouri University has agreed to take over these responsibilities. Joan Garfield and Tom Moore have agreed to continue serving as assistant editors and Carol Joyce will continue to be involved with the newsletter as well.
c. Jackie Dietz called for ideas for the section's Web site.
d. Jackie Dietz reported on the Journal of Statistics Education (JSE). JSE is in its 5th year and subscriptions continue to rise. JSE has been operating from a FIPSE grant from the Department of Education. ASA is considering sponsoring the journal and their recommendation will be out in December.
e. David Moore reported on a recent survey of members. One area of special concern is whether the sections are providing services in return for their dues. He also reported that he would be available in February, March and April of 1998 to visit Chapters. Requests should be made through Nancy Hewitt.
f. Tim Hesterberg reported that S-Plus has a new evaluation copy available. He would be interested in seeing any new teaching initiatives using this software.
g. Chris McLaren expressed a concern that Stats Magazine is not being put to good use. She asked that we make sure that this resource is available to our students in our own programs and departments. Tom Moore also suggested that the Stat Horizons (MAA) is a useful resource and it is inexpensive to obtained in bundles to pass out to students.
h. Don Bentley reported on the American Math Competition and the International Math Olympiad. Around .75 million junior and senior high schools participate. Good statistics problems are needed for the exam. Names of anyone interested in working on such problems should be sent to Don. MAA sells copies of past exams.

5. Reports from Program Chairs
a. 1997 Program

Roxy Peck reported that are fourteen sessions sponsored by the section, with something in education at every time slot. This includes three invited sessions, 1 poster session and 10 contributed paper sessions. Jerry Moreno reported that 10 round table sessions were also held this year.

b. 1998 Program

Jerry Moreno reported on plans for next year's program. So far there are three invited sessions: a session on Technology and Education being organized by Tom Short, a session on Teaching Statistics to Students with Disabilities organized by Carol Joyce Blumberg, and a session on the AP Statistics Courses organized by Dex Whittinghill. The contributed sessions planned so far are one on Quantitative Literacy and a panel discussion by new Ph.D.'s about their educational experiences. If anyone has an interest in chairing a session contact Jerry.
c. 1999 Program

Rosemary Roberts announced that Brad Hartlaub will be the 1999 program chair.

6. Report from Section Chair

Jackie Dietz reported on the following items from the executive committee meeting:

a. Requests for financial support

Several requests for financial support were made to the executive committee. The executive committee approved $750 each to 1) the ASA Poster and Project Competition for prizes, 2) the Undergraduate Data Analysis Contest which is operating under a new format, and 3) to pay the travel expenses of the invited speakers for next year's session on Teaching Statistics to Students with Disabilities.

b. Possible changes to Section Charter

The section's charter is overdue for a review. A committee will be appointed to suggest changes. These changes will be on the ballot for next year to be voted on by section members. Some possible changes include making the Newsletter Editors members of the executive committee and changing one of the 'at-large' Executive Committee Members to a Continuing Education Officer.

7. Report from Council of Sections

Jim Davenport reported on Council of Sections meeting. The Council of Sections is the link between the sections and the Board of Directors. The ASA budget is fine although there is some concern about journal subscription revenue. The Constitution Committee worked on revisions of the constitution and by-laws to present at the December Board meeting. Look for more information on this in the Amstat News.

8. Educom Medal Awards Program

Jackie Dietz described the Educom Medal Awards Program and directed members to the Educom web site (http://www.educom.edu) for additional information about the award and past recipients. The Statistical Education Section is responsible for selection of this year's recipient. Various suggestions for soliciting nominations and for the process of selection were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.
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Secretary/Treasurer
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Mary Parker, Section Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm on August 7, 1996. Those in attendance were:

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Jim Bentley           Winthrop University
John Boyer            Kansas State University
Carol Joyce Blumberg  Winona State
Ann Cannon            Cornell College
Bill Carlson           St. Olaf College
Beth Chance           University of the Pacific
George Cobb           Mount Holyoke College
Linda Collins         Iowa State University
James Davenport       Virginia Commonwealth University
Jackie Dietz          North Carolina State
Carolyn Dobler        Gustavus Adolphus College
Mark Eakin            University of Texas - Arlington
Marlin Eby            Messiah College
Beth Eltinge          Texas A & M
Leonard M. Gaines     Suny-Empire State College
Joan Garfield         University of Minnesota
Robert Goldman        Simmons College
Miriam S. Grosof      Stern College for Women
Katherine Halvorsen    Smith College
Terry King            Northwest Missouri State
Jim Landwehr          Bell Laboratories
Robin Lock            St. Lawrence University
Don Macnaughton       MatStat
Jim Matis             Texas A&M
John McKenzie          Babson College
Christine McLaren     Moorhead State University
Tom Moore             Grinnell College
Jerry Moreno          John Carroll University
Mary Parker           Austin Community College
Roxy Peck             Cal Poly
Ron Randles           University of Florida
Marta Remmenga        New Mexico State University
1. Members of the executive committee were introduced.
2. Minutes of the 1995 business meeting were distributed and approved.
3. Treasurer's Report:

   The ASA accounting office has had some difficulty getting out timely and complete treasury reports due to the new computer system. As of June 30, we have approximately $7500 in the treasury. The income from the Proceedings and the bills for the newsletter are not accounted for in this figure.

4. Best Contributed Paper Award

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

5. Outreach to Public Schools
   a. Fred Djang reported on the ASA's School Membership initiative. The membership costs $50.00 and includes subscriptions to Statistics Teacher Network newsletter, CHANCE and STATS magazines. There are about 14 public school which have become members so far. ASA members are encouraged to sponsor their local public schools.
   b. Dick Scheaffer and Rosemary Roberts reported on the AP Statistics Course which was approved this year. ASA members are encouraged to become involved by helping train local teachers. There is a draft document on how to teach the AP course. This and other information can be obtained through your regional representative. The first exam will be given in May of 1997. Readers are needed to help grade the exam. Interested members should contact Rosemary Roberts.

6. Report from the Chair:
   a. Regional Conferences

   Last year's conference in Boston on "Trends in Introductory Applied Statistics Courses: Topics, Techniques and Technology" was a success. The executive committee voted to allocate $750 to the Boston Chapter of ASA to help support
their upcoming conference on "Assessment in Statistics Courses". This conference is tentatively scheduled for April 19, 1997. The executive committee also voted to endorse the Conference on Teaching Statistics organized by the Department of Mathematics at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

b. Newsletter

Mary Parker thanked the newsletter editors Carol Joyce Blumberg, Tom Moore and Joan Garfield for the excellent newsletters this year. Carol, Tom and Joan have agreed to serve as editors for another year. Send ideas for articles and announcements to one of these people. Carol Joyce Blumberg reported that there have been some difficulties with the labels this year. Members need to check their labels and online directory listing for errors.

c. Webpages

Mary Parker thanked Jackie Dietz, Tom Short, Tim Hesterberg and Ann Cannon for their hard work on the webpage. Send suggested changes of the webpage to Jackie and additions to book list to Ann.

d. JSM Programs

Mary Parker thanked Allan Rossman for this year's program. Roxy Peck is the program chair for 1997 and Jerry Moreno is program chair for 1998.

e. Amstat News


f. Visiting Retirees Program

Mary Regier is putting together a proposal for ASA to start a Visiting Retirees Program. This program would send a retired statistician from the US to a foreign country to help train statistics on a short-term basis. The retired statistician would agree to go for cost, volunteering time and expertise. Mary Regier's email address is mhr@po.cwru.edu if members have ideas they would like to share with her in putting this proposal together.

g. Strategic Planning

The executive committee identified outreach to organizations that teach statistics as a key element in our strategic plan. One part of this outreach is to have information readily available. A list of activities and organizations involved in the teaching of statistics has been started. Several items were added to this list.
Journal of Statistics Education
The Statistics Teacher Network
STATS Magazine
Chance Magazine
ASA Advisory Committee on Quantitative Literacy
Poster Competition
Data Analysis Competition
Various Regional Conferences
STATS Workshops
Advanced Placement Stat Course
ASA-MAA Joint Committee on Undergraduate Statistics
International Study Group for Research on Learning Probability and Statistics
NCTM-ASA Joint Committee on Curriculum in Probability and Statistics
American Math Competition -- Math Olympiad
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7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.
8. Respectfully Submitted
   Marta D. Remmenga
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