



The Alaska Chapter of the American Statistical Association provides a community for statistically-inclined people working in Alaska. Many of our members belong to the ASA, but chapter membership is not limited to ASA members. This website serves as both a communication tool for our membership and to the general public.

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Subject: Chapter Officer Nominations

Greetings Chapter Members,

Judging by the comments I received, last week's annual chapter meeting in Kodiak was enjoyed by all. The Time Series Analysis lecture presented by Prof. Richard Davis was interesting, informative, and included a nice software application for time series analyses that is both sophisticated and easy to use. We had four member talks that illustrated some of the diverse problems our membership work on. Even the weather was cooperative - only one morning of horizontal rain and more than the usual sun for this time of year. All in all it was a successful meeting. We had 10 out of town attendees and four from Kodiak. I wish more of you had been able to attend.

If you don't know already, our annual chapter meetings are not the usual for American Statistical Association chapters. Few chapters invite prominent statisticians to present their work in an intimate one or two day short course. These meetings provide our membership with the opportunity to learn about new or different statistical techniques from the people who develop and apply them. For myself, these meetings give me an opportunity to rekindle my enthusiasm and always leave me energized.

Organizing and conducting this meeting was not something I normally do, and even though I 'volunteered' to be the chapter President, it was definitely outside my comfort zone. Now that it is over I can honestly say that it was a pleasure and an honor to provide our chapter's members with an enjoyable and productive experience in a beautiful location. Our chapter is a great group of people and this was an opportunity for me to repay some of the hard work put into the eight meetings I have attended and enjoyed in the past. It was more than worth the time, effort, and lost sleep; I sincerely mean that.

Which brings me to the topic of officer nominations. In the past the nomination process has taken place at the annual meeting. Nominating someone in absentia isn't always fair to the nominee and often results in a withdrawn nomination. Last year three individuals were nominated for Vice President and all three withdrew leaving the executive committee with asking for volunteers. This year we would like to solicit email nominations or volunteers. Self nomination (volunteering) is acceptable, but if you do nominate someone else you should get their blessing to assure they are a viable candidate. This year we need nominations for the offices of Vice President and the chapter's Council of Chapters (COC) Representative.

The Vice President position is for the 2011 term and becomes the chapter President for the 2012 term. The most time consuming responsibility for the President is to arrange for a short course speaker and organize the annual meeting. It should be noted that we moved next year's meeting to Juneau to facilitate organization for VP Sarah Power. The 2012 meeting will be held in Anchorage, so preferably nominees should be from there. If elected, the Vice President must become a member of ASA.

