

**AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION
ALASKA CHAPTER
NEWSLETTER
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1991 ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual chapter meeting will be in Juneau on September 16 and 17. Dr. Robert V. Hogg of the University of Iowa is featured; he will present a tutorial on robust methods (including some jack-knifing and bootstrapping). The meetings will be held at Chapel by the Lake (11024 Auke Lake Way, phone 789-7592) which is adjacent to the UAS campus. There is a \$50 fee (\$10 for students) for the tutorial on Monday. The meeting schedule appears at the end of this newsletter.

Those of you that know Professor Hogg, know that he is an excellent speaker and entertainer as well as an eminent statistician. He recently served as president of the ASA, but he is perhaps most widely known for his classic book with Allen T. Craig, Introduction to Mathematical Statistics. His visit here is supported by the chapter visitation program of the national office of ASA.

A couple of chapter members have volunteered to make presentations on Tuesday morning. A couple more presentations could be accommodated. A formal paper is not required. In fact, an informal discussion of recent work or a problem with which you are currently struggling usually makes an interesting presentation. Please contact Don Marx to schedule your presentation. Don can be reached at (907) 786-1755 or (907) 694-4603.

The Juneau Travel Lodge, (907) 789-9700, looks like a good bet for those of you needing overnight accommodations. It is close to the University and meeting place, and they have government rates of \$66.60 including tax for one and \$83.25 including tax for a double.

SESQUICENTENNIAL AWARD

At our annual meeting two years ago, this chapter established an award in honor of the sesquicentennial of the American Statistical Association. The award is to be presented for the statistical manuscript judged to be of greatest value to statistics in Alaska. This award will be presented at this year's meeting in Juneau to Dr. Steven K. Thompson for his paper "Sample Size for Estimating Multinomial Proportions" which appeared in the February, 1987, issue of The American Statistician (vol. 41, no. 1).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As always, election of officers is an important part of our annual business meeting. This year, two members are to be elected to fill the offices of Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. We must also elect an additional member of the Executive Committee.

The current vice-president, Doug Pengilly, will automatically assume the presidency for the 1991-92 year, and the current president, Don Marx, will serve on the Executive Committee. Alan B. Johnson will continue as our representative on the ASA Council of Chapters. Alan is completing the first year of his three year term as chapter representative.

The chapter needs your active support. Please seriously consider nominating yourself for one of the available offices. Contact any of the current officers for information about the duties of the various positions and to place your name in contention. You may, of course, also nominate from the floor at the annual business meeting.

NATIONAL NEWS

The ASA national office has decided to assess \$1.00 per person for the chapters for which it collects dues. This assessment is used to cover ASA's costs associated with collecting chapter dues. We will have to decide at our annual meeting whether we wish to continue providing members with the option to pay their Alaska Chapter dues along with their national membership fees.

The new ASA Constitution provides an alternative to some individuals who do not wish to pay for a full membership in the national organization. "Affiliate" memberships at \$30 per year include subscription to the Amstat News and listing in the ASA directory. Chapter membership is required for this new level of membership. Also the "Student Affiliate" membership category was changed to "Student Associate" membership to avoid confusion with the new category. An application form for the new "Affiliate" membership can be obtained from Don Marx or Linda Brannian.

1992 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1992 annual meeting of the Alaska Chapter of ASA will be held in Anchorage. Specific dates have not yet been established. Dr. Robert J. Tibshirani (University of Toronto) will present the tutorial; there are a couple of possible topics. He could talk about bootstrapping, or he could give an introduction to generalized additive models based on his recent book with T. J. Hastie. Make known your preference at the meeting in Juneau.

**1991 MEETING OF THE ALASKA CHAPTER
OF THE ASA
CHAPEL BY THE LAKE, JUNEAU, ALASKA**

Monday, September 16

8:30-9:00 Coffee

9:00-10:30 Robert v. Hogg tutorial

10:30-10:50 Break

10:50-11:30 Robert V. Hogg Tutorial

11:30-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30 Robert V. Hogg Tutorial

2:30-2:50 Break

2:50-4:15 Robert V. Hogg Tutorial

6:00-9:00 Salmon cookout at Auke Rec.

Tuesday, September 17

8:30-9:00 Coffee

9:00-11:30 Presentations by chapter members

11:30-1:00 Lunch

1:00-3:00 Business meeting

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