GSS Executive Board Meeting Agenda
June 21, 2019 – 11am

Attending: Elizabeth Mannshardt, Jenny Guarino, Wendy Martinez, Tara Murphy, Jennifer Parker, Jenny Thompson

Regrets: Michael Davern, Jeffery Gonzalez, Marilyn Seastrom, Michael Yang

Next GSS Board Meeting: JSM Executive Committee meeting: Tues Jul 30 7am MDT

Budget
- Dues changes approved by GSS & SSS - submitted to ASA. Will be effective 2020
- Tara shared report on GSS balance sheet as of 6/21/19
  - Executive Board will highlight to GSS members during JSM business meeting how funds are allocated or sponsorship is decided, what considerations are made, etc.
- ICES VI
  - Conference Organizing Committee would like funds received in 2019 to confirm sponsorship
  - Mike Y. – do you need any help working with ASA to get the approved funds moved?
- Census Data Webinar proposal from James Wagner (SRMS)
  - The webinar will be free to attendees and will be on government (Census) data
  - Webinar to be cosponsored with SRMS and WSS
  - WSS has committed to $233
  - GSS voted in support of funding this webinar at $233
- ICHPS International health conference
  - Jenny T believes a request to sponsor this conference was sent to all sections
  - Conference is not virtually accessible, which makes it a poor option for our constituency
  - GSS voted ‘No’ to support ICHPS
- SAP
  - BLS is hosting the workshop
  - Last year’s keynote speaker requested money for travel expenses; this year’s speaker is not requesting any monetary compensation
  - Last year Wendy purchased food through the cafeteria and was reimbursed $500 from GSS. The first year Wendy purchased food on the cheap by getting Dunkin Donuts coffee and Einstein Bros. bagels.
    - FCSM and WSS workshops have no food, so the precedent has been set to have no food offered at these workshops.
    - There’s no registration charge. BES and GSS are providing funds. Wendy will request WSS to cosponsor.
    - Wendy suggested using funds for coffee and water.
  - GSS voted to set aside $500 as overhead for workshop and SAPW can use the funds as they deem appropriate (i.e., food, etc.)
  - GSS released the additional $500 previous allocated to SAP 2019 to be allocated in the future as deemed appropriate by the Board
- JSM
  - Food expense includes $150 bartender fee, as well as the difference not met of a $500 minimum cash bar charge
    - GSS voted ‘No’ on the cash bar
• Wendy suggested just buying lemonade or iced tea ($65 / gallon for iced tea and lemonade, where one gallon is stated to serve 20 people)
  • GSS voted ‘No’ on iced tea and lemonade
• GSS will not have drinks offered, and will share with attendees why board chose this
  • Will also let attendees know that Executive Board did not serve food at morning meeting
• Elizabeth will adjust requested food and beverage with the hotel to reflect only the food by the June 28 deadline
• Wendy suggested Elizabeth review gratuity and quantity of food options
  • Christina Link can provide Elizabeth a new quote for food items to include tax and gratuity
  • Wendy shared that gratuity is almost $1,400 for Statistical Computing and Graphics Section, so this should be kept in mind
• Griffith Award
  • Need to vote on whether GSS will provide sponsorship for 2020 award
  • Board will vote on this in July once everyone receives updated balance sheet
• Tara will send follow-up email regarding the budget
• Pending budget issue(s)
  • Michael Y – update on any sponsor outreach?

JSM agendas
• Award winners at Business meeting – including students, Data Expo, etc.
• Sessions – Invited; TC, Contributed; Speed/Poster; Roundtables incl Mentoring – newsletter
  • One roundtable was canceled due to lack of attendance. This roundtable was never added to the JSM program correctly so that may have been a contributing factor.
  • Please advertise mentoring roundtable session – one spot remaining
  • Jenny T’s roundtable is half full now
  • Roundtable registration deadline is June 28
    • Jeff of Mike (program chairs) should email the listserv in the next couple days to remind GSS members of the June 28th deadline for roundtable registration
    • Since neither Jeff nor Mike were able to attend today’s meeting, an attendee of today’s meeting should email the listserv this weekend

Newsletter
• Summer newsletter was going to be sent June 23 to highlight roundtable offerings at JSM; however, roundtable attendance is doing really well so newsletter will be delayed until after the July 4th weekend and roundtable information will be removed.
• Newsletter will highlight award winners (Doyle, etc.) and new Fellows
  • Delay of newsletter will allow more time to get all awardee information included
  • The Wray Jackson Smith Scholarship was not awarded
  • Unsure whether Herriot Award can get done
• Virtual Workshop
  • Jenny T currently has some information on the presenters, but as the newsletter is being delayed she should have more information to share by early July as more decisions are finalized

COS (Jennifer P)
• Charter updates
  • This needs to be discussed at the July meeting
• GSS Board Member attending COS at JSM
Jennifer planning to attend the COS meetings at JSM. She’ll be able to report at GSS’s executive board meeting information she learned during JSM’s COS Sunday meeting. More discussion to come during JSM executive meeting, or by follow-up emails.

**Webinar/Virtual Workshop (Jenny T)**
- Updates; Development regarding ASA sponsorship – timeline
  - Idea is for one hour webinar, with half hour follow-up
  - Three confirmed presenters; awaiting responses from two others
  - Organizers are still looking for a speaker on Differential Privacy
  - Jenny T plans to speak with Donna LeLonde at ASA to begin scheduling
  - There will be no charge for attendees
  - Social Statistics to sponsor $1500, which should hopefully cover honoraria for presenters

**Member Outreach**
- Monthly GSS-provided article in Amstat news to show that we’re active
  - June: Mentoring – Eliz (sent)
  - July: Data Challenge Expo – Wendy (sent)
  - Aug: Virtual workshop – Jenny T and Elizabeth (due Jul 1)
  - Sept: SAP to show collaboration with other sections (due Aug 1)
  - Oct: Awards from JSM with pictures (due Sept 1)
- ASA Speaker list
  - Jenny G will resend her April email
  - Jenny G won’t be at JSM so if anyone else would like to bring this up at JSM to add more names to the list that would be great

**Data Challenge Expo (Wendy)**
- Data Challenge 2020
  - Wendy wants to announce the dataset at JSM 2019
  - Work is being done to choose the dataset
- Data Competition Chairs
  - Need to have a GSS 2020 rep
    - Wendy volunteered, as she’s trying to organize the process for future data challenges
    - Stat Computing and Graphics section decided to have the outgoing program-chair serve a third year to serve as the data challenge chair. (This would take effect 2021 for GSS since Wendy can serve 2020).
      - By the time they serve as data challenge chair, they already have the knowledge of JSM and the program
      - This would entail a change to the charter
      - Wendy suggests GSS follow this process
      - Wendy will figure out the details of the 2021 chair if GSS votes in agreement of this
  - Another option would be that the chair needs to appoint someone to serve as chair
  - GSS will vote this as a COS item during the JSM meeting
- Sponsorship
  - Wendy would like to invite the Defense section (SDNS) to be the 4th partner, who would be paired with GSS.
  - SDNS could help with the costs and would support the professional award, along with GSS
  - This was tabled for discussion at the next meeting
Fellows (Wendy)

- The Stat Computing Section is starting a Fellows committee. The three members on the committee are the 3 Chairs – past, present, and future. They do not require someone to be a fellow in order to be on the committee
  - Wendy suggests GSS does it this way. It makes it easier because GSS wouldn’t have to nominate someone to be on the committee, and there is a natural succession, etc. The Past Chair is the Chair of the Fellows Committee.
  - Computing section took this process from WSS
  - The person on the fellows committee does not do the writing, but shepherd those who nominate through the process to nominate an individual
  - This would involve a change to the charter
    - Currently section chair needs to appoint members to the committee
- Elizabeth has concerns with the chair-elect not knowing the members as much. The chair may have too many current responsibilities. Past section chair serving as chair of the Fellow Committee sounds good.
- Elizabeth proposed to circulate other ideas. She doesn’t want to have too many roles for the three chairs to play as they are already on other awards committees. (Shouldn’t be the only selection committee members)
  - It was suggested perhaps having one of the newly elected GSS fellows serving as a floating member for three year.
- WSS fellows combined with the Survey Research section’s fellows committee since there’s a lot of overlap. This joint committee isn’t just past chairs of the committee sections.
  - There was a lot of duplication in names nominated, which is why WSS and SRMS combined
  - It could be that GSS only has one member on the fellows committee to represent in a joint committee
    - Elizabeth wants to ensure more individuals from GSS are nominated, rather than limiting nominations by having fewer representatives on the committee
  - Jill Devers has been on this committee for some years now
    - Jennifer P will reach out to Jill to see if she feels GSS should combine with the WSS and SRMS joint committee
      - Once this information is gathered, GSS will have further discussion

Officers

Chair: Elizabeth Mannshardt  
Chair-Elect 2019: Jenny Thompson  
Past Chair: Marilyn Seastrom  
Secretary/Treasurer 2019-2020: Tara Murphy  
COS Rep 2019-2021: Jennifer Parker  
Program Chair 2019: Jeffery Gonzalez  
Program Chair-Elect 2019: Michael Yang  
Publications Officer 2018 & 2019: Jenny Guarino  
COPAFS: Wendy Martinez  
COPAFS: Michael Davern

Election: Michael Messner, EPA – Chair Elect 2020  
William Cecere, Westat – Program Chair Elect 2020