GSS Executive Board Meeting Minutes
July 31st, 2018

Attending: Marilyn Seastrom, Michael Davern, Elizabeth Mannshardt, Jenny Thompson, Darcy Miller, Gina Wolejko, Jeffrey Gonzalez

1. Approval of Minutes.
   a. Minutes approved.

2. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Darcy reported that the membership rolls are approximately the same as last year. The GSS account has $10,001.44, which does not include JSM related expenses (a bulk of the GSS expenses each year). This is approximately 30% less than last year. GSS has been trying to spend extra on deliverables since the influx of money from underwriting a conference in 2012. She expects the account to settle at around $5,000 at the end of this year. The treasurer’s full report can be found attached to these minutes.
   b. The committee agreed that the budget should be balanced for the next year. Michael Davern is working on solicitation to re-open previous revenue streams for the section via support from external organizations. The committee agreed that funding sources provided by ASA should be sought out as well as collaborations with other sections to continue to provide the variety of deliverables the section has been able to provide. Jenny mentioned that the Social Statistics Section has a very large surplus and might be willing to co-sponsor GSS-initiated deliverables.

3. JSM 2018 Program
   a. Gina reported that GSS supported three invited sessions, seven topic-contributed sessions, three roundtables, five contributed sessions, and one poster session. GSS also organized a special course on using hot-deck imputation in survey data. In addition to sponsoring these events, GSS is co-sponsored: eight invited sessions, six topic-contributed sessions, and six speed sessions.

4. JSM 2019 Program
   a. For next year’s program, GSS has three invited sessions allocated. GSS also has three roundtables allocated. Submissions close in September. Jeff will send out a reminder for submissions.

5. Data Expo Challenge
   a. Elizabeth suggested reaching out to other sections to help support this effort (e.g. Environmental Statistics).
   b. Wendy Martinez is working on a draft proposal for a shared annual Data Challenge to be co-sponsored by GSS, Statistical Computing, and Statistical Graphics for next year’s JSM.
c. GSS sponsored the Professional Category of the Data Expo. There were 4 contestants. Winners were: Dooti Roy, Gregory Vaughan, Jianan Hui, Junxian Geng, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, “Should you Pay Attention to Daily Weather Forecasts? An Exploration.”

d. The winners of the Educational Category were:
   i. First Place: Queen Ikhelowa and Darren Keeley, California State University, East Bay, “Modeling and Mapping Weather Forecast Accuracy.”
   ii. Second Place: Jill Lundell, Brennan Bean, Utah State University, “Let’s Talk About the Weather.”

6. Solicitation of Funding for GSS Deliverables
   a. Michael Davern will be sending out the approved solicitation soon.

7. Awards
   a. Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award
      i. Carol G. Crawford
      ii. Howard Hogan
   b. Herriot Award
      i. Bill Bell
   c. Wray Jackson Smith Award
      i. Victoria Kennerly
   d. Pat Doyle Award
      i. Kennon Copeland
   e. 2018 Student Paper Competition
      i. Christina Saunders, Vanderbilt University, “A Classical Regression Framework for Mediation Analysis with Applications to Behavioral Science.”
      iii. Brendan McVeigh, Carnegie Mellon University, “Practical Bayesian Inference for Record Linkage.”

8. 2018 Election Results
a. President Elect – Jenny Thompson
b. Program Chair – Michael Yang
c. Tara Murphy – Secretary/Treasurer
d. Jennifer Parker – Council of Sections Representative

9. Request for Support for Conferences
   a. International Conference for Establishment Statistics (ICES VI)
      i. GSS is an underwriter for ICES VI. Solicitation for contributions to the
         conference will come out in the fall. There is an opportunity to
         contribute specifically to the student contest that is being held. ASA
         rule: up to $2000 student travel internationally; $1500 domestic
   b. 2018 Big Data Meets Survey Science
      i. GSS did not support.
   c. 2018 Seasonal Adjustment Workshop
      i. GSS supported, along with the BES and the Washington Statistical
         Society (WSS). This was held in Spring 2018.
   d. 2019 Statfest or JSM Diversity Mentoring Program
      i. Support would entail contributing up to $5000 (sponsorship levels
         available). The call for support comes out in Spring 2019.

10. Council of Sections Report
    a. Jenny attended the council of sections meeting at JSM and reported the
       following:
       i. Major upcoming decisions: Every 3 years, the COS updates their
          charter. The revisions this time are small. A revision was added to
          make it easier for interest groups to remain interest groups. Instead of
          a full packet of materials every 3 years, the interest group would only
          need to provide an annual report and a list of members and the named
          chair of the group. The GSS executive committee voted unanimously to
          support the revision.
       ii. The Lifetime Data interest group wants to be a section of the ASA as the
           Lifetime Data Science section. They are a very active group with a large
           membership. A suggestion was made at the COS meeting to change the
           name to the Lifetime-Data Science section. The GSS executive board is
           in favor of approving the group’s application.
       iii. Jenny requested feedback about the leadership working group held by
            ASA at JSM. Elizabeth and Marilyn both had positive feedback. They
            will discuss detailed feedback with Jenny.
       iv. Both Elizabeth and Marilyn agreed that possibly too much time was
           spent on the case studies
       v. Jenny has received a template for the 2018 section annual report and
          will share it with the executive board for feedback. She also has the
          published summary report from 2017.
vi. 28 of 36 Sections responded; all were deemed "Strong and Well-functioning". This term is changed to "Performing" going forward. No consideration is being taken by the COS Board on the integrity of self-evaluations.

vii. ASA will begin a section recognition award for outstanding members of sections. GSS will be able to nominate a section member in 2019 for the 2020 award. The award consists of a plaque or certificate. Each section gets one honoree every 3 years.

11. Newsletter/Website
   a. Elizabeth drafted and shared a GSS newsletter with the membership before JSM. The committee discussed continuing with the newsletter and adding a social media / website components. The committee assumes that the communication board member would produce the newsletter and coordinate the information to individuals handling social media/website as needed. Right now, Elizabeth can update the website. The section needs a volunteer to help with the website and/or social media.

12. ASA Fellows
   a. This year, three GSS members became ASA Fellows: Michael Davern (submitted by GSS), Dionne Price, Michael Messner.
   b. GSS has one individual rotating off of the nomination committee. Wendy will see if WSS, SRMS, SSS, and GSS plan to merge nominating committees. Otherwise, the GSS chair will definitely need to appoint a new member to the committee.
   c. The nominating committee is responsible for determining potential candidates and finding nominators. The committee itself does not nominate fellows.

13. Other
   a. Outreach to Local Government Employees
      i. Elizabeth would like to make an outreach effort to government employees at the state, county, and local levels. The committee agreed that this effort is a good idea. Any good contact information should be sent to Elizabeth. When GSS has sorted out webinar options, deliverables will be more accessible.
   b. Webinars
      i. Previously, webstreaming was cost prohibitive. SRMS works with ASA. GSS should talk to ASA and SRMS about the platform that ASA can provide. Also, if GSS works with BLS well in advance, GSS may be able to produce a webinar using BLS technology.
      ii. Partner with SSS and BES in addition to SRMS.
iii. Potential topics include: confidentiality, big data, websites/downloadable government-collected statistics, and disclosure avoidance. Jenny will work with Elizabeth on potential deliverables and survey to request topics.

C. Adding Fee Structure to Deliverables
   i. The GSS agreed that adding a fee structure (free for GSS members, nominal fee for ASA/non GSS members, higher fee for non-ASA members) would be appropriate. Rick Peterson can provide this fee structure upon request. When the Seasonal Adjustment Workshop is held again, this may be good timing to implement a fee structure. It also may be good timing with any webinar we develop (as the webinar technology is often an additional cost.

d. Call for Candidates for the 2019 Election
   i. Marilyn is requesting nominations for the 2019 election.

e. New Member Welcome Letter
   i. Elizabeth and Marilyn will work on a welcome letter to send new section members through ASA.

*Next meeting date: The next meeting date will be Friday, September 28th at 10am.

Section on Government Statistics
Treasurer’s Report
Prepared July 23, 2018 - DRAFT
Darcy Miller, Secretary/Treasurer

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Revenue

Membership dues (2018, through July 22) $607.00
Interest (2018, through July 22) $174.55
Joint Section Revenue Allocation (December 2017) $2,275.38

Selected Expenses (July 2017 – July 22, 2018)

JSM 2017
Food Functions $3,389.70

Student Travel Awards $1,278.00
2017 Data Challenge $1,200.00

May 2018 Seasonal Adj WKSHP
Speaker Travel $500.00
Catering $500.00

Membership

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