GSS Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Friday Oct 4 – 11:00am

Attending: William Cecere, Jeffery Gonzalez, Elizabeth Mannshardt, Michael Messner, Tara Murphy, Jenny Thompson, Michael Yang

Regrets: Michael Davern, Jenny Guarino, Wendy Martinez, Jennifer Parker, Marilyn Seastrom

Next GSS Board Meeting: Nov – Tara send poll

1. Budget
   a. Budget submission due by Oct 31
      i. Tara will give board until Oct. 28 to provide additional input over email.
      ii. Tara will also send the final budget as discussed during this meeting.
   b. Sponsor outreach (Michael Y and Will)
      i. 2020 sponsor form has been updated and posted to the GSS webpage.
      ii. M. Davern sent previous GSS list and letter to M. Yang.
         1. Letter has been sent out to the organizations on M. Davern’s list.
         2. Michael Y will send list of organization contacts to board for input.
   c. Griffith Award $250 2020
      i. Board voted in favor of awarding this award in the amount of $250 for 2020.
      ii. Elizabeth will let committee know GSS will commit $250.

2. 2020 Elections
   a. Positions
      i. Secretary/Treasurer 2021-2022
      ii. Program Chair-Elect 2021
      iii. Chair-Elect 2021
      iv. Publications Officer 2021-2022
   b. Candidate suggestions [Due to ASA by Nov 15]
      i. There needs to be two individuals running for each position so it’s a contested election.
      ii. Elizabeth has a couple individuals in mind to put forward to ASA.
      iii. Elizabeth will send an email to the board requesting ideas for names. Board will have one week to respond.
         1. SMRS sent a request to entire section recently to gain input. Elizabeth would like to give the board come time to provide input, especially for the Chair-elect position.
      iv. Solicit input from members
         1. Elizabeth will solicit input from the section to gain new individuals who may not know these opportunities exist.
      v. Anyone who wants to run has to be a current member of GSS.
      vi. Publications Officer and Secretary/Treasurer are eligible for an immediate re-election.

3. JSM agendas (Michael Y)
   a. Upcoming dates
      i. Topic-contributed session proposals are open Nov. 12 – Dec. 10
         a) Michael Y will send an email to GSS in a couple weeks to remind people to ‘start thinking about TC’
         b) One GSS TC will be reserved for student paper winners
      ii. Regular session proposals open Dec. 3 – Feb. 4.
b. How many GSS invited/TC/etc.?  
i. Winners of invited session proposals have been decided and will be announced Oct. 9.  
   1. GSS has four invited sessions:  
      a. Three from the 40 GSS proposals received.  
      b. Fourth session from winning the bonus session available for sections to compete, which will include one of the 40 proposals.  
      c. GSS should look for invited and TC to co-sponsor (March Program Chair meeting?)  
   2. Submission of invited session abstracts open Oct. 9 through Oct. 29.  

c. Think about roundtable topics  
d. Student paper competition (in collaboration with SSS/SRMS)  
i. Due December 21.  
   ii. Will sent an email to the section a couple weeks ago.  
      1. The Social Statistics Section (SSS), Government Statistics Section (GSS), and Survey Research Methods Section (SRMS) of ASA are pleased to announce a competition for student and post-graduate papers. Title? Existing student paper competition?  
   iii. This should be added to the GSS webpage and will be added to the winter newsletter, which is aiming to be sent mid-December.  
   iv. One topic contributed session needs to be reserved for the winners of this competition.  
e. Poster competition is done through the Data Expo Challenge.  

4. COS  
a. Charter updates  
i. Executive Board can provide any input via email to Jennifer Parker. Will be finalized at Nov board meeting, or prior via email if proposed changes due to ASA prior to next GSS EB meeting [Changes to the charter are due Dec. 20.]  
   1. Jenny T. took notes on document and will share with Jennifer P. Tara has incorporated those notes into these minutes.  
   2. Per Article IX of the charter, all amendments that are proposed to the charter need to be approved by the GSS COS Governing Board. Then, the Section votes on the amendment during the upcoming election.  
      a. The board will propose updates, but they can't be implemented (per GSS charter) until after elections.  
ii. Data Challenge Expo - Data Competition Chairs  
   1. GSS needs to update how GSS will designate who serves on the committee.  
iii. Article IV. OFFICERS  
   1. Amend to include language stating “at least one Executive Board member cannot be a federal employee” (Hatch amendment).  
   2. Secretary/Treasurer officer split into two officer positions?  
      a. If that position is held by a federal employee, the Treasurer position isn’t as large of a role, since that person can't solicit funds or approve transactions.  
         i. Won’t add language stating this person needs to be a federal employee.  
iv. Article VIII. Committees  
   1. Standing Committee on Nominations  
      a. Either language needs to be amended to include the entire Executive Board or a committee needs to be established.  
   2. Fellows Committee  
      a. Members of the committee do not nominate fellows, but find an ASA Fellow to put together and submit the nomination for those individuals recommended by the committee.
i. It’s helpful to have an ASA fellow on the committee, who knows the process.
ii. It’s also helpful to have members on the committee for multiple years to follow through with nominations that aren’t selected in the first year.

b. Attendees discussed the suggestion to include three members on the committee as the 3 Chairs – past, present, and future; with chair of committee being past-chair.
   i. Chair-elect may be new to the GSS and not know as many section members.
   ii. The committee offers an opportunity to expand membership participation.
   iii. It would be good to avoid the appearance of partisanship, especially with the new ASA award being established.

c. Regardless, the Fellows Committee for GSS needs to be reestablished.

3. Charter Committee
   a. In practice, the Council of Sections (COS) representative initiates the charter review and revisions, often in partnership with the Chair. The Executive Board reviews the proposed changes, votes, and has the COS representative submit the proposed changes to the Council.
   b. The language in the charter is totally divorced from the practice, at least for the past four years.

5. Webinar/Virtual Workshop (Jenny T)
   a. First workshop was a success!
   b. Don’t forget to register for the upcoming workshops.

6. Newsletter- Winter
   a. Award winners pictures; Data Expo winners
   b. Virtual Workshop recap
   c. Mentoring recap
   d. SAP / ICES reminders or recap depending on timing
   e. Award competitions / student comp
   f. Updates to GSS Charter

7. Member Outreach
   a. Monthly GSS-provided article in Amstat news
         1. Will will send Elizabeth the blurb for this.

November agenda: ASA Strategic Initiatives / HUB (email 10/3)

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

2020 Elect: Michael Messner, EPA – Chair Elect 2020; William Cerece, Westat – Program Chair Elect 2020