GSS Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Oct 26 2018 – 12pm

Attending: Marylin Seastrom, Jeff Gonzalez, Elizabeth Mannshardt, Jenny Thompson, Wendy Martinez, Darcy Miller, Michael Davern

Regrets: Gina Walejko, Jenny Guarino, Michael Hawes

Next Meeting Date: December 7th @ 12pm. Incoming officers will be invited to this board meeting.

Budget
- Finalize 2019 Budget Proposal
  - Darcy will use discussion of additional expenses to update the 2019 budget proposal and submit the budget proposal by October 31st.
  - Sponsorship/underwriting of conferences and workshops
    - 9/28: Executive Board voted to support ICES 2020 at $1000. Vote to increase to $1500 to co-sponsor. The increase was unanimously approved. Mike will handle the processing of funds.
    - 9/28: Executive Board voted to support Data Expo Professional Category at $500. This is already included in the draft budget proposal.
  - The GSS will reach out to other sections such as SSS to co-sponsor a webinar. Also, the ASA Member Initiatives Proposal is due on Feb 3, 2019; if awarded, this money could also be used towards webinar expenses.
- Update on Sponsors/Additional Revenue Streams
  - Mike reported commitments for BEA and NCHS at $400. EIA declined sponsorship; he is still following up with others. NORC does not have the funds to sponsor the food at the JSM business meeting next year in Denver. Mike will broaden his search for food sponsorship to AIR, RTI, and Westat. Some individuals to target there were suggested. If committee members have other ideas, contact Mike. Regarding food sponsorship, in addition to the general sponsorship perks, the organization sponsoring the food, will also be offered time at meeting to speak as well as signage at the meeting.

Activities
- Webinar Topics
  - Marilyn suggested something in the area of linkage and trying to pull in state/local governments that link data.
• Jenny, Elizabeth and Darcy will meet separately to discuss options for webinars for 2019 and bring ideas to the board at its December meeting.

• Awards Schedule
  • The committee discussed timelines for soliciting nominations and selecting awards throughout the year.
    • Last year’s schedule
      • ASA Fellows (March 1)
      • Wray Jackson Smith (April 1) – Awarded by GSS & SSS
      • Roger Herriot (April 1) - Awarded by WSS, GSS & SSS
      • Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award (April 16) - Awarded by GSS & SSS
      • Pat Doyle (June) – Awarded by GSS
        • Marilyn suggested that this deadline be moved up. The turnaround time was too short.
    • JSM Student Paper Competition (December 15)
      • The committee discussed moving due dates for all awards except ASA Fellows and JSM Student Paper Competition to April 1. GSS also needs to reach out to get the selection committees together.
  • JSM Student Paper Competition
    • This competition is co-sponsored with SRMS, GSS, and SSS. Awards need to be selected by January 10. A call for papers needs to be made soon. Jeff will reach out to other sections to get this coordinated.
  • ASA Fellows
    • The GSS chair needs to appoint a new member to the nomination committee to replace Nancy Bates. The committee nominated Mike Davern.

• 2019 JSM Data Expo
  • Creating a High School Category
    • Wendy reported that she had not checked with SSS on supporting this category. She noted that the judging is based on presenting at JSM, and this may be difficult for HS students. She suggested thinking more about logistics for a separate award, perhaps with presentations via e-conference, for HS students. Then, GSS should explore options with jointly hosting the award with SSS, WSS, or others.

• Appoint Outgoing JSM Program Chair as Lead for 2020 Data Expo
  • At the last meeting, the committee discussed assigning the GSS representative to the 2020 Data Expo organizing committee to go to the past-Program Chair.
- Wendy suggested Jonathan Auerbach for next year as he suggested the dataset (NYC housing data) and is familiar with it.

- Elizabeth suggested highlighting the Data Expo on our webpage as a way to reach out to state and local governments and use the space on the webpage in the future as a place for members to connect.

- **Link Lecture Award**
  - Marilyn received an email asking permission to solicit funds from GSS membership for the Link Lecture Award. The award and lecture will be November 5. Award recipients are: Constance Citro, Robert Groves, and Fritz Scheuren. The lecturer is Dr. Frauke Kreuter.
  - None of the board members had an issue with passing along the solicitation to the membership.
  - Marilyn will talk to Rick about how to mass email the GSS membership and ask that the solicitation be sent through ASA.

**Member Outreach**
- **New Member Welcome Letter Finalized**
  - The letter was finalized at the September board meeting. Elizabeth will send out the letter. Marilyn will ask Rick how to get a list of new members/how to email new members when she talks to him about the Link Lecture Award email.