

GSS Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 2, 2021- 11am EDT

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Next GSS Board Meeting: Friday, May 7th @ 11am EST

Attending: Michael Messner, Jenny Thompson, Emily Molfino, Will Cecere, Jennifer Parker, Simone Gray, Steve Campbell , and Henry Olaisen,

Regrets: Kathi Irvine

Action items are in red.

1. Administrative Items
 - a. Roll Call / Confirmed next scheduled board meeting
 - b. Minutes/Action items from previous meeting
 - i. Approved minutes

2. Potential roundtables with Transportation Statistics Interest Group
 - a. The transportation interest group is interested in coordinating a round table or if we would like to co-sponsor one. These will not JSM roundtables but open to members of both groups.
 - b. They sent a list of potential topics:
 - i. Racial equity & social justice (e.g., highway investments, housing, property valuation, gentrification)
 - ii. Economic recovery (including the COVID impacts)
 - iii. ITS, automated vehicles, highly automated systems safety, and operations
 - iv. Climate change and disaster management
 - v. Infrastructure bill (e.g., electricity grid, water & transportation infrastructure)
 - vi. Public health, safety, epidemiology, active transportation (e.g., walking and biking)
 - c. In response to the list, the board wondered if we should send a blast to see if there is interest. The idea list seems narrow, but our members might be interested to learn.
 - d. There was a question on if they want us to lead or just advertise these?
 - e. Will knows some in the realm of crash and will reach out to them.

Mike will follow up with transportation group and get a better idea of what they want. Invited and topic contributed sessions.

3. Update from Will on JSM
 - a. No official word on whether JSM will be virtual, hybrid, or in person. We will know before our next meeting as registration is May 3rd.
 - b. Listing of sessions for June newsletter.

- c. If in person or hybrid, board discussed how we would still like an in person meeting. However, the open virtual meeting following the 2020 JSM was a great success. We also got a lot more volunteers and ideas for committee and round-table participation. Even if an in-person event is help, the board liked the idea of also holding a virtual one after JSM.
4. Update from the Council of Sections key dates throughout the year for sections and IGs:
 - a. JSM meetings and events 4/3
 - b. JSM Awards to Rick 6/1
 - c. Dues changes 8/10
 - d. JSM invited 9/6
 - e. Budget 10/31
 - f. Election slate 11/15
 - g. JSM topic contributed 12/12
 - h. Student paper competitions must close 12/15
 - i. JSM continuing education 12/30
 - j. Annual report 12/31
5. GSS Mentoring Program
 - a. Henry gave an update on the mentoring program. There is currently a group of four working on a virtual GSS Mentoring follow-up to close one year mentoring program. This event would have four parts:
 - i. Introduction by Mike
 - ii. Pitch from mentees
 - iii. Breakout sessions—4 rotating session with preset questions
 - iv. Conclude with lessons learned
 - b. This will take place sometime in late May and early June
 - c. The goal of this would be to discuss lessons learned and gauge interest in future programs
 - d. Henry asked if this could be promoted through GSS as it will be open to all GSS members.
 - e. Jennifer suggested that mentors/mentees to set another event together on professional development.
 - f. Mike mentioned that he will reach out to program members to join mentoring committee.

Include an article in the next newsletter on this event.

6. Federal Hiring / USAJobs
 - a. Mike has not had the opportunity to connect with anyone on this.
 - b. OPM has a series of webinars on the topic. Mike suggested a blast to membership to let them know that these resources are available.
 - c. Jenny brought up how this might be better suited for the student groups and professional development series in ASA. We could sponsor something or help find GSS members to participate in panels.

Mike will send Jenny an email on what we are looking to do.

Jenny will reach out and connect Mike with a contact in ASA who works with ASA student groups.

7. Round Tables Updates and Ideas
 - a. Seasonal adjustment in time series that have been interrupted with COVID was held in March
 - i. GSS website has been updated with information from this roundtable.
 - ii. This was organized by GSS members. It was well attended from all over the world.
8. Open discussion of how to energize, expand, and better serve our members
 - a. Steve Campbell discussed a DOC working group that is focused on post-pandemic rebuilding and equity. He will be attending a training at Census on the topic.

Steven will provide an update next meeting.

- b. There have been nominations for GSS awards. Board discussed how there might need better publicizing next round.
- c. Mike mentioned that many GSS members do not have updated ASA profiles and place of work.

Mike mentioned that the next newsletter could advise members to update their profiles.

- d. Mike reached out to regional stat group but hasn't heard back. He also identified some state level GSS members. This is an underserved group in section. NORC and WESTAT might have better connections with these groups.

Mike will reach out these state level members to say that we are interested to see what their issues are in achieving their work. Also that our goal is to serve all government employees. How can we help.

- e. The board discussed reaching out to international members for a potential mixer. This would be a great project for the mentees.