GSS Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Friday, February 5, 2021 – 11am EDT

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Next GSS Board Meeting: Friday, March 5th @ 11am EST

Attending: Michael Messner, Jenny Thompson, Kathi Irvine, Steve Campbell, Will Cecere, Emily Molfino, Jennifer Parker, Simone Gray

Action items are in red

1. Administrative Items
   a. Confirmed next scheduled board meeting
   b. Minutes/Action items from previous meeting
      i. Minutes from January meeting were approved.
      ii. Discussed action items (other action items were discussed throughout)
         1. A call with transportation group to discuss partnership will be scheduled for early March. Simone and Mike will be on the call.

2. GSS Standing Committee Open Positions  
   Overall, board mentioned the desire to have fewer board and more general membership members on committees.
   a. Mentoring Team  
      Connect with current members to encourages if they’d like to join committee and/or plan events. 6 responses out of 20 participates responded with ideas. Mike will invite participants to form an event planning committee.
   b. Fellows Committee  
      Mike to invite contact from NIST, who showed interest in getting involved, to join committee.
   c. Other open positions
      i. Comment made on diversify committee make-up (like GSS Fellows committee) to more government representatives.
      ii. Discussion on if a committee should be made around the data challenges.

Action Item: Mike to connect with Stephanie Eckman to see if there are any nominations for Roger Herriot Award. If not, think about someone to nominate and discuss at the next meeting.

Action Item: Jennifer Parker to ask Wendy Martinez about the status of future data challenges
3. **GSS Communications**
   a. **Amstat News Articles**
      i. In previous years, GSS typically put in an update monthly. Question arose if there was enough activity to do this.
      ii. **Mike to draft February update for Amstat on mentoring activities**
      iii. Previously, Jenny sent out a reminder for ideas and was a standing agenda item. The person to write these does not have to be publications officer.
   b. **Microsite updates**
      i. Microsite is out of date in regard to officers and charter.
      ii. Confirmed that the form for section sponsorship available, but it needs to be updated with new contact. Previously, NORC and Census were sponsors. No automatic renewal system. New contact for section sponsorship will be Will (needs to be non-federal person).
   c. **Newsletter**
      Newsletter will go out about quarterly. Next one should be planned around the ASA elections. Ideas on what to include...
      1. Note from chair
      2. Mentoring Team
      3. Article asking for award nominations as it will go out before deadlines.
      4. Data challenge information
      5. Biographies and pictures for elections
      6. If successful about sponsorship, they can be mentioned and thanked.
      7. From the membership part that includes personal stories (e.g., how working from home as a government employee has been).

**Action Items:** Jenny T. will find out from Jenny Guarino who our contact is for Amstat News.

**Action Items:** Mike will write a brief mentoring article for Amstat news.

**Action Items:** Emily will check on updating microsite with following information: 2020 annual report, 2019 charter, and officers.

**Action Items:** Emily will update new contact information for sponsorship Will will contact others about sponsorship.

**Action item:** Jennifer Parker will ask Wendy Martinez if there is a deadline for data challenge. This can then be included in a future newsletter.

**Action item:** Find out when the elections are for ASA.

4. **Update from Will on JSM (virtual or in-person, GSS roundtables, program planning meeting, etc.)**
   a. No update on whether JSM will be virtual or in person.
   b. Student competition spots were filled.
   c. One round table submitted (unknown if there is a charge for this).

**Action item:** Will agreed to write a brief newsletter article about JSM sessions.

5. **Round Tables**
a. A roundtable on getting published in statistical journals is still of interest.
b. Virtual roundtable on seasonal adjustment in time series that have been interrupted with COVID is being planned. Will be held around March.

6. Other event/coordination ideas?
   a. Mike mentioned starting an ‘energizing, engaging, and expanding’ committee. It was mentioned that we should write and publish something on the benefits of joining GSS. (e.g., networking, mentoring, early notice of available roundtables). Discussion on if we should have explicit member’s only benefits so we could advertise off of that.

Action item: Simone will write up something up for newsletter on the benefits of joining GSS.