GSS Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 10, 2020 – 11am

Attending: Stephen Campbell, Will Cecere, Simone Gray, Kathi Irvine, Elizabeth Mannshardt, Mike Messner, Emily Molfino, Tara Murphy, Jennifer Parker, Jenny Thompson

Regrets: Jenny Guarino, Michael Yang

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

1. Administrative Items
   a. Roll Call / Confirm next scheduled board meeting
   b. Minutes/Action items from previous meeting
      i. June minutes approved
      ii. Proposed agenda topics for next meeting
         1. Council of Section items
         2. How virtual format is working

2. JSM 2020 Updates
   a. JSM Executive Board Meeting
      i. August 7th will serve as this meeting
   b. 2020 Open Section Business Meeting
      i. Date/Time
         1. Action item: Tara will send poll to award recipients and Wendy. Jenny will provide Tara their email addresses.
         2. Poll between August 11, 12, or 13 at noon or 5pm EDT
      ii. Platform
         1. Zoom
            a. With call-in number, employees not allowed to use Zoom can still participate, if during work hours
      iii. Agenda
         1. Introductions
            a. Current Board
            b. New Executive Board
         2. Treasury Report
         3. Awards
            a. Pat Doyle
            b. Wray Jackson Smith Scholarship
            c. Special GSS Award for Darcy Miller
            d. Jeannie E. Griffith Mentoring Award
            e. Date Challenge Awards
         4. 2019-2020 in review
            a. Blended data webinars
            b. Seasonal adjustment workshop
         5. Upcoming webinars/initiative
            a. Virtual roundtable (non-probability sample)
            b. Blended data virtual workshop
            c. ICES-VI
         6. COS topics
            a. Invited Wendy Martinez to speak
               i. Data Challenge Guru, ASA President, past-GSS president
               ii. Cancelled Mentoring roundtables and Sampling non-probability roundtable
1. Will confirmed with roundtable speakers they would be willing to do it next year
   ii. SPAIG luncheon co-sponsored by GSS
      1. Jenny believes is still happening on Sunday of JSM
      2. GSS did not provide any financial support, just marketing for event

d. Remaining program
   i. Status of sessions by type
      1. Will doesn’t have updates at this point. Michael Y. unable to call in
      2. Action item: Jenny will reach out to Michael Y. for update
   ii. Publicity assignments
      1. Email - see Rick Peterson’s message
         a. Quite a few sessions cancelled and rescheduled
         b. Rick requested each section publicize their sessions
      2. Newsletter
         a. Usually GSS puts out newsletter right before JSM
            i. Simone is willing to help
            ii. Action item: Jenny and Tara will put together agenda for open business
                meeting
               1. Action item: Jenny will send out assignments by July 17th to board
                  members
            b. Highlights
               i. JSM program, including business meeting shout-out
               ii. Blended Data Series
               iii. Virtual webinar
               iv. Data Challenge for next year

3. GSS Free Virtual Roundtable (outside of JSM)
   a. Topics
      i. Michael Y. has offered to host a free roundtable sometime in September on non-
         probability sampling
   b. Dates
      i. Mid-September
      ii. Elizabeth also suggested November after the virtual practicum’s September and October
          sessions
   c. Platform
      i. Jenny suggested polling membership to see if members prefer smaller, interactive
         platforms or larger group webinars
   d. Enrollment Procedures
      i. Jenny suggested lottery
         1. Action item: She will talk with Donna LaLonde about how to get names submitted to
            a lottery.
         2. If sampling doesn’t work easily, we can do first come, first serve

4. Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award Budget Approval
   a. Board unanimously approved supporting $250 for this award

5. Roger Herriot Award
   a. Co-sponsored with SSS and WSS
   b. Mike M. will lead the re-establishment of the committee for next year

6. Update from the Fellows Committee
   a. Short list of several GSS members, of whom the committee is taking action on two nominees
      and have identified individuals to lead the nominations and contact the nominees
7. **Mike’s Virtual Mentoring Initiative**  
   a. Mike M. had a conversation with a program linking mid-career statisticians with mentors, which shared their goals and plans with him  
      i. That program does not reach individuals working outside statistical agencies and/or remotely, who Mike hopes to reach with GSS’s virtual mentoring program  
      ii. Jenny wants to target individuals working remotely or starting work remotely, and for supervisors with new remote employees, especially given the current environment  
   b. Elizabeth warns guidance needs to be provided on programs to keep them going when the board member who initiated the program cycles off the board  
      i. But still important to have for the years that they do exist, as they serve and help those who participate at the time  
   c. ASA-wide mentoring programs do exist, but section programs are how to reach individuals who wouldn’t otherwise volunteer for the larger programs  
      i. Virtual session at JSM called “Guided Networking” with Rob Santos hosted by ASA’s Committee on Career Development  
         1. “Virtual Interviewing” and “Remote Working” are two sub-sessions from the larger “Guided Networking”  
      ii. Would be good to compliment what ASA has done at the section level  
   d. With so many virtual webinars recently, it’s nice to have virtual panels and/or virtual roundtables (smaller sessions)  
   e. Will and Jen P. will help Mike get the initiative off the ground  
      i. Elizabeth happy to help provide insight she’s learned from other mentoring programs  
      ii. Coordinate with ASA’a Committee on Career Development  

8. **Fall Virtual Practicum Update**  
   a. **Action item:** Jenny will talk to Donna LaLonda about status of submissions. Jenny will possibly send out another call for submissions based on Donna’s feedback.  

9. **GSS articles for Amstat News**  
   a. Jenny G. planning to send something in about Wray Jackson Smith Scholarship  

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