GSS Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 4, 2021– 11am EDT

Attending: Michael Messner, Emily Molfino, Jenny Thompson, Will Cecere, and Bahar Dadashova

Regrets: Kathi Irvine, Simone Grey, and Stephen Campell

Next GSS Board Meeting: Friday, July 2nd @ 11am EST

1. Administrative Items
   a. Roll Call / Confirm next scheduled board meeting
   b. Minutes/Action items from previous meeting
      i. Approved minutes
      ii. Discussed actions items left over from last meeting
      iii. Mike has reached out to ASA to get a list of all membership list so we could mine those with .gov addresses.

Emily will check about rescheduling the next meeting due to 4th of July.

Emily will check about budget and membership status.

Emily will reach out to new officers.

Mike will confirm with Simone if she was able to reach out to state/government.

2. Transportation Stats Interest group support
   a. Bahar Dadashbova from the transportation statistics interest group discussed their interest on becoming a section and working with other sections to build partnerships.
   b. Transportation Workshop
      i. University Transportation Centers (sponsored by DOT)
      ii. 6 round table discussions or workshops to discuss emerging topics in transportation and how to use statistics to address them.
      iii. Each workshop will hold 50-100 people, be 1.5-2 hours long, and with at least one policy person and statistician to discuss the topic.
      iv. Transportation research board committees and University Transportation Centers (sponsored by DOT) will help disseminate information.
      v. ASA workshops ---Bahar asked if sections typically must pay to hold a workshop?
         1. If using your own platform, then there is no charge. But paying the fee will mean ASA will run.
      vi. Bahar wants to get GSS and other section to help organize.
         1. Volunteers don’t need to be transportation experts because they want to outreach to those interested in getting involved in the future too.
      vii. Jenny put in a proposal to the ASA volunteer initiative. GSS did that with our data linkage seminars. We did not get money from the initiative, but ASA offered to host for free.
   c. How can we help?
      i. Help disseminate information about the the workshops.
ii. Find members interested in volunteering.

Mike will put together a call for volunteers with experiences with big data and transportation in the next Newsletter.

3. ASA Student Paper Winner

4. Summer Newsletter
   a. Kathi had sent out a list of articles for next newsletter. Discussed adding the following:
      i. Transportation round table interest? (big data)
      ii. Combined letter from chair and mentoring update
      iii. Wray Jackson Smith Award winner

Emily will pass on ASA election results information.

Mike will write piece on the Wray Jackson Smith Award winner for the newsletter.

5. Elections
   a. For next election, potential need list by November 17th. Typically use the newsletter and open the open meeting to ask for volunteers before searching.

6. Update from Will on JSM
   a. There will be 5 invited section, 2 topic contributed sessions. Working on getting chairs for those two), and 1 roundtable

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7. Committees
   a. SSC has two committee members and Will needs to drop off. Need to find replacement

8. GSS Mentoring Program update and planning for 2021-22
   a. Another dry run will be held before the meeting
   b. 14 people plan to attend.

9. Workshops:
   a. Jenny is going to reach out to contacts about doing a workshop on publications.

10. August Open Meeting
    a. Does not need to be during JSM. We were successful doing after JSM last year and we got many volunteers from it.

   Mike will share rough outline and ask for comments.

   Mike will find out what the deadline is to hold an open meeting.