GSS Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Friday, March 18, 2022 – 11am EST

**Attending:** Simone Gray, Claire Bowen, Michael Messner, Emily Molfino, Jennifer Parker, Lisa Mirel, Stephan Campbell

**Regrets:** Kathy Irvine

**Next GSS Board Meeting:** April 15, 2022 @ 11am EST

**Action Items in Red**

1. **Administrative Items**
   a. **Roll Call**
   b. **Minutes/Action items from previous meeting**
      i. Board approved minutes from the February 18th meeting
      ii. Action items:
         1. Mentorship pages need updating for the 2021/2022 mentors
         2. Removed mentioned that there would be a JSM 2022 roundtable.

   Mike will write a blurb for the mentoring page.

   Mike will reach out to Rick about members who dropped GSS membership.

   3. **Newsletter:** Next newsletters will be for spring

   Steve will double back with Kathi Irvine for JSM in newsletter

   Simone will put together welcome letter for newsletters.

2. **CHANCE issue on Government Statistics**
   a. Special issue in targeted for September related to Statistics in the Government
   b. Meeting with Amanda Peterson-Plunkett on 2/17/2022
   c. Mike, Simone, and Jenny met to discuss what this issue would look like.
   d. Board discussed a potential article on the federal job search. Outline of what an article would look like
      i. Job title difference
      ii. Hurdles
      iii. Steve will help form NSST side
      iv. Other tracts like economics
      v. Don’t have to be a statistician either!

3. **Standing committees/Team Updates**
   a. Mentoring Committee
      i. Meeting next week. No other updates
   b. Board asked if we want to invite committee members to board meetings to provide updates. This led to conversation about if committees are providing updates and who should do this.
   c. The charter needs to update this year as it is updated every three years. Board agreed to potentially make committee updates part of a position.

4. **Activities updates**
   a. Seasonal adjustment practitioner’s workshop (virtual June 8 and 9)
i. The team requested support for the workshop and they primary need a virtual platform in addition to advertising.
ii. Board agreed to help
b. Zoom membership
   i. Board needs to renew anyways by April 16
   ii. Plans can be updated to include large meetings, which will help the seasonal adjustment practitioner’s workshop.
   iii. Board approved the purchase

Emily will purchase new zoom plan.

Board will brainstorm other uses of zoom plan.

c. NISS: Mike will attend meeting in March (updates)
   i. Next meeting is April 5th
   ii. Address the topic of tension between data science, statistics, computer science and how governments, business, and academia are handling that
   iii. Elizabeth Manchart might be a good fit to help as she heads a data science group.
      1. Are there any one form national labs who can speak?
         a. PNL leader? Applied statistics and statistician group?
      2. Simone will look to see if someone at CDC can help?
      3. Mike will give Elizabeth heads up
   iv. They had a mentor workshop but was focused on academia. Mike will update the microsite with their link as its useful.

Claire will attend the next one.

d. Spring Newsletter
   i. See above

5. New Ideas and Topics
   a. JSM business meeting
      i. Board hasn’t heard anything yet, because it is possibly too early
   b. Membership outreach/new member recruitment ideas
      i. Are we declining membership? Budget isn’t declining.
      ii. Joint membership is going away.
      iii. Are there things we can do (like busy work) to get people involved.
      iv. Board discussed how we need to clearly lay out what GSS membership provides on micro site
         1. Matrix of benefits for early, mid, late career?
         2. We advocate for government perspective.
         3. We can start providing mentoring on the go. Google form with questions and we can find someone to help.
         4. ASA rewards sections based on sections work together, which can go against individual benefit to a particular section.
   c. Events calendar/deadlines
      i. Board discussed need to have a calendar of tasks and deadlines by position.
      ii. One tool to do this is GitHub. Claire went through this for computing statistics.
   d. JSM
      i. GSS has 4 invited 6 topic-contributed and 6 regular-contributed
      ii. Need chairs for them.
      iii. As of now, it will be an in-person conference and not fully hybrid. Authors will have the option to prerecord their paper presentation if they can’t come. Live connection for panels, which is why they limited the number of panels.
iv. Every section will be recorded anyways as normal.

Steve will send out list of those that need a chair.