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

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

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

Action items are in red.

1. Administrative Items
   a. Roll Call / Confirm next scheduled board meeting
      i. Simone is going on a COVID detail so she might miss the April and May meetings.
      ii. Jenny might need to miss the April meeting.
   b. Minutes/Action items from previous meeting
      i. Approve minutes
      ii. Discuss action items
         1. Simone and Michael meeting with Transportation People so we can discuss next meeting.
      iii. Propose agenda topics for next meeting
         1. Board needs to decide if we need space at JSM for our business meeting. General meeting usually has a cost for food/beverage. Board stopped getting food/drink for executive board meeting to save costs.

Action item: Emily will add these two items to the agenda for next meeting.

2. GSS Standing Committee Open Positions
   a. Mentoring Team Updates – The next mentoring team meeting is Monday. They will discuss planning an event in the next couple of months and future plans. Everyone in program was invited to join this conversation as many members good ideas.
   b. Fellows Committee – No update
c. Roger Herriot – There was one nominee that committee is going through. A potential nominee might be coming through Census, which is going through approval process.

3. GSS Communications
   a. Newsletter – Kathi is set to release the newsletter next week. Only needed the positions. Will said he can send a brief blurb about JSM. Kathi will see if he can get it in time.

   Action item: Will will write and send to Kathi ASAP a short JSM update.
   Action item: Kathi will send out newsletter.

4. Update on JSM
   a. There has been no decision on if virtual or in person. Registrations hasn’t started yet a result.
   b. Will has sent a list of contact for potential sponsorship.

   Action Item: Jenny and Mike will review the list of potential sponsorship contacts.

5. Round Tables Updates and Ideas
   a. Panel adjustment seasonal adjustment in time series that have been interrupted with COVID happening next week. Information has been on website. Nine presenters are slated and then will have open discussion.
   b. Getting published in statistical journals - Jenny was discussing this with Phillip Kott. She needs someone else to take the lead in planning and this person will Need to connect with Phil. Timing should be after a major conference, so early Fall.

   Action item: Need someone take over planning of the round table on publishing.
   c. Federal Hiring process, tips and tricks - Mike will see if someone at USAJobs can partake in this. Board also mentioned that it will be helpful to have someone from HR partake.

   Action item: Mike will write up a paragraph on a round table on getting a job as a statistician in USAJobs.
   Action item: Mike will see if there is someone at USA jobs or an HR representative to partake in this.

6. Open discussion of how to energize, expand, and better serve our members
   a. Board discussed a potential event on the use of statistics in other areas of government and policy (e.g international, state, and local). Jenny brought up that we could check to see if there is interest to have co-sponsorship. This will get buy and gauge interest.
   b. Board discussed a potential event on style guides and culture around statistics in government. For example, how to communicate work to colleagues who are not statisticians.
   c. Board discussed how a good way to gauge initial interest is to set up a small round table. Then we could decide if a larger event would work. These will provide use unique benefits for GSS membership.
   d. The next newsletter can address these events and can invite participants.