GSS Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 5, 2020 – 11am

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

Regrets: Jenny Guarino, Kathi Irvine

Next GSS Board Meeting: Friday, July 10th @ 11am

1. Administrative Items
   a. Roll Call / Confirm next scheduled board meeting
      i. Meeting changed to Friday, July 10th at 11am
   b. Minutes/Action items from previous meeting
      i. May minutes approved
      ii. Discuss action items
         1. JSM Mentoring Roundtable- moving to 2021 JSM, but check out other options offered by ASA throughout the year
         iii. Propose agenda topics for next meeting
            1. Consider topics for roundtable discussions outside of JSM, since everyone agreed that many previously-interested participants would elect to skip a JSM roundtable, given the intensive schedule. Instead, GSS can host the roundtables as FREE virtual events, limiting participation to 10 members.
               a. Action Item: M. Yang will send Jenny the two abstracts from JSM 2020’s GSS roundtable sessions
               b. Action Item: Jenny can work with M. Yang to come up with roundtable dates and an enrollment procedure. Zoom seems like a good option, although that will pose some challenges for federal employees in selected agencies.
   2. How to hold open section business meeting in a virtual format
      a. Action Item: Jennifer P. will look into what the GSS charter states
   3. Mike’s virtual mentoring initiative to be held outside of JSM mentoring session

2. Introduce newly selected executive board members
   a. Chair Elect-elect: Simone Gray – CDC
   b. Secretary/Treasurer-elect: Emily Molfino - CENSUS/ADDP FED
   c. Publications-elect: Kathi Irvine – USGS
   d. Program Chair Elect-elect: Stephen Campbell – NIST

3. Upcoming Awards
   a. Wray Jackson Smith Scholarship Committee Update
      i. Will is meeting with David Banks from SSS next week to discuss the one applicant
   b. Student Contest (JSM) Update
      i. There will be a session with the presenters during JSM
      ii. They will receive $1000 from the SRMS budget in check format since there is no travel to fund
   c. The chairs of the Stat Graphics, Computing, and Government Statistics were contacted by Anna Valuev (cc’ed), the Head of Educational Partnerships (US Census Bureau) to see if The Opportunity Project (TOP) topics and data sets would be appealing for a future Data Expo Challenge. This led to a brief discussion of the role of the section chair in the Data Expo
challenge; the other two sections modified their charters to include representation on the Data Expo challenge team, whereas GSS did not (Action item: Jen P. will verify this).

1. **Action Item:** Jenny will send forward Jennifer’s name to the Data Expo team to learn about the TOP and begin discussing the 2022 Data Challenge.

d. Roger Herriot Award Committee
   i. Jenny never found award committee so there is no award made this year

e. Pat Doyle Award
   i. Elizabeth’s name has been added to the home page of the GSS website as the 2020 award winner
   ii. **Action Item:** Need to update the “Nominations” page and the “Award Winners” page

f. Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award
   i. Rajeshwari Sundaram’s name has been added to the home page of the GSS website as the 2020 award winner
   ii. **Action Item:** Need to update the “Nominations” page and the “Award Winners” page

5. **ASA Fellows Committee**
   i. Has been formed

4. **JSM 2020**
   a. How to hold GSS board and section meetings
      i. Agenda item for July meeting
      ii. **Guidance from ASA reads:** “We are still finalizing the JSM virtual program, but currently it looks like we won’t be formally scheduling section and committee meetings like we normally do. We will leave it up to section and committee chairs to schedule their own conference calls to meet with section members at a time/day that is convenient for everyone. And please know that the meeting doesn’t need to take place during the scheduled week of JSM, it can take place anytime between now and end of August.”
      iii. **Can the July executive board meeting count as the JSM executive board meeting?**
      iv. **Board leaning towards scheduling a separate section business meeting outside of JSM week, if one needs to occur**

b. Other changes to be made due to virtual conference
   i. Board agreed to withdraw the two GSS roundtables from JSM and instead offer free roundtables over Zoom for the first 10 participants who sign-up

5. **Blended Data Practicum Update**
   a. Two dates scheduled: September 24, October 22
   b. A call was put out to many sections, in the June issue of Amstat News, and Elizabeth added to the Career Development website regarding the online submission being opened
   c. There were previous submissions that should resubmit through the online forum
   d. Donna LaLonde can contact the student organizations that ASA works with
      i. **Action Item:** Jenny will reach out next week
   e. ASA was very pleased with the success of the Blended Data Workshops and will host additional ones for free if the board or anyone else has other ideas for additional topics/presenters
      i. **ASA usually charges between $500 and $1,000 to host these webinars**
      ii. **This was a way to reach out to section members who can’t travel to JSM, as well as state and local government employees or others who are not local to DC**
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