

**DRAFT Minutes: Government Statistics Section**  
**August 3, 2010**

Attended:

Natalia Verbitsky  
Sonya Vartivarian  
Iris Shimizu  
Ken

John Dixon  
Lester R. Curtin  
Steve – chair elect

Lisa Blumerman  
Steve Cohen  
Dan Toth

***Budget report (at end)***

The meeting opened with a brief discussion of the agenda for the next business meeting to be held at JSM. The budget report for year to date was presented, there were no issues. Will keep an eye on membership count. Will check on agency contributions.

Council of sections will be considering the issue of next sections in ASA and its impact on other sections. Ron W will be meeting with all Federal agencies on an ongoing basis to better interaction of ASA with needs of fed stat community. Request to ask membership about needs and how ASA can best serve and increase membership. Fed agencies do not pressure young to join ASA and young see little value in joining ASA. Possibility of holding some sort of recruitment meeting at central location like BLS joint with SS and WSS. Possible closer interaction between GSS and WSS on cosponsoring talks in DC area.

Corporate sponsorship December discuss a more formal position on nongovernment. Carol House now looking into this.

Discussion of JSM – GSS involved with 4 invited, 8 topic contributed and a total of 67 overall sessions. Worked very closely with SS in setting times for presentations to avoid conflicts and duplication. We had 7 roundtables/breakfast sessions with one cancelled... Council of sections will be asked how other sections operate their roundtable, GS currently pays for leader. Only 6 posters submitted and eligible for award. One issue is that some agencies may not support travel to JSM to only present a poster. Proposed to consider reducing amount of poster awards – fewer awards and or less dollar amount per award (maybe 250, 100, 100).

2011J SM possible invited sessions: Innovation in Federal surveys, Data linkages across agencies, Business R and D surveys, Future of Web surveys.

Awards for this year

Jeanne Griffith –

Herriot – Ken Manton

Pat Doyle – Bill Wong

5 student paper awards

ICES (Mark) Montreal June 2012 Website soon

Hard to reach populations – progressing but location still not set John on planning calls

Council on sections – need to submit budget on time

Ken to send e-mail about review of manuals

Charter review OK nothing needed at this time

Newsletter should be back on track for monthly schedule

Some article is forthcoming in AMSTAT news

Richard – need list of candidates for next election cycle

Copafs – check published minutes

Sept 2010 Budget report

Membership totals

	2007	2008	2009	2010	Free
Joint SSS/GSS	383	383	419	439	35
GSS only	435	485	527	400	8

The Trend in GSS Budget

End 2005                \$13,042.51

End 2006                \$14,592.03

End 2007                \$14,705.38

End 2008                \$19,221.07     (Note: ICES-III “profit” increased the balance)

End 2009                \$18,373.79

For the current list of sponsors, NSF provided a 3 year contribution. Among past sponsors who have not yet contributed, BLS (Jon Eltinge may provide). ACTION: discuss again the possibility of Outside Federal government sponsors at next meeting in December