

Section on Government Statistics

Business Meeting, August 6, 2013, 5:30 to 7:00 PM

JSM 2013, Montreal, Quebec

Lisa Blumerman called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM on August 6. Wendy Martinez took minutes of the meeting.

- Lisa introduced the Executive Board members – present and absent.
- She mentioned the call for invited sessions at the JSM 2014 in Boston

Linda Jacobsen described the ACS Data User's Group.

- This ACS Data UG was formed, partly to broaden public knowledge of the ACS
- They surveyed ACS data users and got over 900 replies and expressions of interest
- A one-page description was available with links. They will have a larger online presence by the end of August.
- They already had a webinar and have been organizing sessions at conferences.
- There will be a conference at the end of May 2014, which was described by Ed Spar. There will be 2 or 3 tracks, and over 300 have expressed interest. It will be over 2 days, and the registration fee will be low. It will be at a DC hotel, and they are expecting attendees from out of town.
- There was a short discussion on being an advocate for the ACS, which has been in danger of being stopped by Congress.

Clyde Tucker described an upcoming conference on Total Survey Error, which will take place in September 2015, near the Washington DC area. Information will be released in the fall.

FCSM in November 2013 was announced.

Awards were described and given. ***NOTE: These are described in the Executive Board minutes; so, I will not repeat them here.***

Eric Rancourt gave an overview of the JSM 103. The final program consists of 3 invited paper sessions, 5 topic contributed, 7 contributed, 1 roundtable and a poster session. For the poster competition, there were 10 candidates and the winner is Lisa Chen from the Federal Reserve Board. She received a \$500.00 prize. An honorable mention was given to Victoria Battista from the Bureau of Labour Statistics. Judges for the competition were the Government Section 2013 Chair, 2013 Program Chair and 2014 Program chair-elect.

Another call for invited sessions at the JSM 2014 – submit proposals to Grace.

Ken Copeland reported the following Council of Sections Report:

- JSM 2014 is the 175th anniversary of the ASA

- Bob Rodriguez described the importance of enhancing/publicizing the accomplishments of our profession.
- Nat Schenker has initiatives in education, leadership training in the field, and a publications portal (expanding to more than peer-reviewed)
- There is a proposal to have a new section on medical devices. He described the outcome of the GSS Executive Board meeting. He welcomed thoughts from the section members.
- Steve Cohen said that this could pull from the other sections – membership and invited sessions.
- Ed Spar gave positive comments in response to Steve's.

A membership report was given, as in the Executive Board meeting.

A Treasurer's report was given, as in the Executive Board meeting.

The newsletter is getting out on a quarterly basis

No issues from the floor

Call for candidates in upcoming election of section officers. See Brian H-K.

The meeting was adjourned at ???.