
1. Welcome and introduction of members
   - Introductions were completed

2. Review of Agenda
   - Jill provided an overview of topics for the meeting

3. Approval of minutes from GSS March meeting
   - Kevin stated he received and incorporated comments from the March meeting minutes.
   - The minutes were then finalized from the March meeting.
   - Kevin said he would email Bill Wong with finalized version of March minutes.

4. Finances
   a) Kevin provided an update on the August 2014 GSS budget:

   Trend in Membership totals:

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   Trend in the GSS Budget Balance
   - Mar 2011    $16,792.38
   - Dec 2011    $13,452.01
   - Jul 2012    $13,002.40
   - Mar 2013    $28,585.78
   - Aug 2013    $28,167.60
   - Nov 19, 2013 $25,918.91
   - Mar 31, 2014 $27,310.25
   - August 1, 2014 $24,108.94

   b) Solicitation of corporate sponsors – Kevin mentioned that one federal agency has contributed in 2014 (US Census Bureau). Ken Copeland indicated that he mailed out letters to other Federal agencies in April and July 2014 requesting a financial contribution for the Government Statistics Section. Thanks, Ken.
5. JSM 2014

- Grace provided the following details for JSM 2014:
  - GSS has 3 invited sessions planned for 2014 (2 competition submissions were not selected). Invited sessions are Innovative Uses of response Rates for Survey Management; Measuring Same-Sex Couples, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity in Population-based Surveys; and Evaluating Quality in Official Statistics
  - GSS planned to sponsor two roundtable topics for JSM in 2014, unfortunately both roundtables were cancelled.

- Topic contributed sessions:
  - GSS was allocated nine topic contributed and we had five submissions: Privacy at What Cost, Valuing Life: Issues in Traffic Fatalities, Applications of Text Analysis, Modeling Driver Behavior, and Non-Traditional Data Collection Methods

- Regular contributed sessions
  - GSS has seven regular contributed sessions including sessions on Targeted Address Canvass and Coverage, Data Quality and Nonresponse, Statistical Inference, Economic Data, Specialized Survey Populations, Disclosure and Privacy, and Time Series/Benchmarking

- GSS Poster Competition
  - GSS has six posters submitted – the poster presentation session is on 8/6 from 10:30-12:20 pm.
  - GSS has four speed session submissions across two speed sessions

6. JSM 2015

- JSM will be held in Seattle, WA next year.
- GSS will have 3 invited sessions planned for 2015 (deadline for invited session proposals is Sept 4). Already received several proposals for next year’s invited sessions.
- Wendy Martinez provided additional details on the “Data Challenge 2015” proposal. This contest would allow participants to analyze a Census dataset using various statistical and visualization tools and methods. Participants could use any statistical or visualization tool to analyze the Census dataset. The contest would be open to both college students, as well as private and public sector employees. The GSS executive committee agreed to move forward with this contest. There would be two awards, one for students and one for professionals. Each winning entry would receive a $500.00 award. A topic contributed session at the 2015 JSM would be created for the winners and other selected submissions involved in the contest.
- The GSS executive committee also agreed to discontinue the poster award for 2015.
- There was also a discussion about how ASA is seeking new metrics for invited sessions for future meetings. GSS should continue to maintain 3 invited sessions, but there appears to be a push toward more speed sessions. Speed sessions are designed to promote material found on individuals’ posters. There have also been discussions considering a possible decrease in the number of contributed sessions at future joint statistical meetings.
7. Awards

- Jeanne Griffith Mentoring Award – Kevin mentioned that the JEG ceremony was held on July 9th and that two candidates were selected in 2014. Gregg Robinson from the Census Bureau and Ken Schoendorf from NCHS were this year’s winners. In addition, the JEG committee added two new members (Brian Harris-Kojetin and Bill Mocovak), replacing Emerson Elliott and Debbie Griffin, who completed their terms in 2014. Details for the 2015 award will be disseminated in Jan 2015, with selections being made in April 2015.

- Wray Jackson Smith Award – Jill mentioned that Mauricio Sadinle was selected as the winner of the Wray Jackson Smith Award. Mauricio will be recognized at the GSS business meeting.

- Roger Herriot Award – Jill mentioned that John Abowd, John Haltiwanger, and Julia Lane were selected as the winners of the Roger Herriot Award. They will be recognized at the GSS business meeting.

- Pat Doyle award: Jill Montaquila, Lisa Blumerman, and Wendy Martinez are on the committee this year. Brian Harris-Kojetin was selected as the 2014 winner and will be recognized at the GSS business meeting.

- Student Paper Competition – The GSS had 15 entries in the competition this year and offered 5 awards. The student paper session will be on Thursday, Aug 7th at 8:30am. Student winners are:
  - "Testing for Phase Capacity in Surveys with Multiple Waves of Nonrespondent Follow-Up" by Taylor Lewis (University of Maryland)
  - "Estimating population treatment effects from a survey sub-sample" by Kara Rudolph, Ivan Diaz, Michael Rosenblum, Elizabeth Stuart (Johns Hopkins University)
  - "Estimating Causal Effects using Stratification and Weighting Propensity Score Estimators with Complex Survey Data" by Robert Ashmead & Bo Lu (The Ohio State University)
  - "Detecting Duplicate Homicide Records Using a Bayesian Partitioning Model" by Mauricio Sadinle (Carnegie Mellon University)
  - "Likelihood-based inference with missing data under missing-at-random" by Shu Yang & Jae Kwang Kim (Iowa State University)

8. Conference Sponsorship

- ICES V
  - Conference will be held in Geneva, Switzerland on June 20-23, 2016; coordinated by the Swiss Statistical Office
  - GSS will contribute toward the “basic” sponsorship for the conference, at a fee of $500. Jill will reach out to the appropriate folks to coordinate details for this contribution.

- Total Survey Error (TSE) Conference 2015
  - TSE 15 planned for Sept 19-21, 2015
  - Conference will be held in Baltimore, MD, sponsored by several organizations
  - TSE 15 Conference committee is seeking a $4,000 contribution from GSS. GSS earlier agreed to make this contribution and submitted funds to the committee on 5/14/2014.
9. **Council of Sections report**

- Ken Copeland provided an update on the following topics:
  - A new section is being considered to be added to ASA: Genomics and Genetics. Voting to take place in December to determine if new section is adopted.
  - ASA re-examining requirements to become a new section. There have been suggestions to form an “interest group” before forming an actual new section.
  - ASA looking into rules for student awards. ASA might change rules allowing students to apply for more than one award.
  - ASA is looking for nomination members for the Council of Sections.
  - ASA pursuing mentoring advocacy opportunities within the various sections.
  - During GSS business meeting, ASA is asking for photos of past council chairs for the ASA website.

10. **Communication Activities**

- Nancy closing out her communication responsibilities. GSS newsletter editor: Aneesah Williams has distributed several GSS newsletters in 2014. Newsletter being distributed on a quarterly basis.
- GSS collaborating with Social Statistics Section on quarterly newsletters
- Nancy continued to encourage folks for ideas and content for articles and material in 2014

11. **Candidates for next year**

- The newly elected GSS Executive Committee members are:
  
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- Jill also reported on the newly selected ASA Fellows who are GSS members: Nancy Bates, Frauke Kreuter, Elizabeth Stuart, and Pedro Silva

12. **Meeting closed.**