

Chapter Notes

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Message from the President

Sterling Hardy

I'm excited about the coming year! Work is already underway on the third annual mini-conference. We would like the mini-conference to become an annual event, where chapter members have the opportunity to hear from experts on a range of statistical topics. Last year's mini-conference, which focused on data mining, was the first step in this direction. Excellent invited presentations were made by Dan Larose, Heping Zhang, and Joe Cappelleri. This year, we plan to have a strong program built around presentations on missing data and statistical genetics. The question in my mind is not whether it will be well worth attending, both for chapter members and others, but whether you will take advantage of it. I am sure if you do, you will not be disappointed.

Of course, we would not be talking about the mini-conference right now if it hadn't been for the efforts of Tim Keyes, our current past-President. Tim organized the first mini-conference on his own

initiative two years ago. He was also responsible for the successful Chapter Banquet held last June 29. The banquet included a presentation by Fritz Scheuren, the 2004 ASA President-Elect. We also took the opportunity to honor some of our chapter members. Uwe Koehn received the Honor a Statistician Award, which is given to a statistician who has made significant contributions to statistics and its applications, and has been involved in chapter activities. In addition, Patricia English received the Chapter Service Award. Patricia became involved in Chapter activities when she moved to Connecticut in 1992, and stayed involved continuously over the next 12 years, serving in every chapter officer position, as well as being treasurer for much of that time. Now, career opportunities have taken her to California.

Finally, when Patricia left, she had to resign her position as Chapter Rep, with a year and a half left in her term. Bill Pan, our last Past-President, graciously offered to fill out the rest of her term.

As I said, I am excited about the coming year! I look forward to continuing the great traditions of service and activity that the Connecticut Chapter has developed.

Sterling Hardy

Communication With the Past President

Last year, our very effective President, Tim Keyes, moved our chapter towards increased involvement with the national chapter of ASA. This year, he continues in that role, working on the Committee on Applied Statistics, as well as on the President's task force on "self-awareness".

For information on how ASA can better cater to both applied statisticians and practitioners, Tim recommends reading "The Membership Seven," an article by Fritz Scheuren that appears in the latest AmStat News.

We look forward to Tim's continued input, as we strive to integrate the role of Statistics into the needs of our ever-changing society.

Marilyn Lender

Chapter Events

Mingxiu Hu

Vice-President and Program Chair

A program committee has been formed, consisting of Dr. Hongyu Zhao, Yale University, Dr. Haiqun Lin, Yale University, Dr. Naitee Ting, Pfizer, Dr. Toshio Kimura, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Sterling Hardy (President of the Chapter), and myself. The committee held its first teleconference on September 10, 2004, and discussed topics, speakers, and possible locations for a series of seminars and the Third Annual Mini-conference.

On September 21, 2004, our chapter co-sponsored a seminar presented by Professor Xihong Lin, Editor-in-Chief for Biometrics at Yale University Biostatistics Department. We would like to express our appreciation to Professor Hongyu Zhao and the Yale Biostatistics Department for hosting that seminar.

Ming Xiu Hu

The program committee is also pleased to announce two seminars for the upcoming months:

Upcoming Events

December

Speaker Dr. Gordon Lan, Sr.

Director, Aventis Pharmaceuticals

*The Use of Prior Information in
Medical Research*

Friday, December 3

Social Hour 5 pm, Seminar 6 pm

Pfizer, Inc.

Building 118 Auditorium

Eastern Point Road

January

Speaker: Dr. Daniel Meyer (New ASA Fellow)

Senior Director, Pfizer, inc.

Tuesday, January 11, 2005

Yale University

Biostatistics Department

60 College Street

New Haven

2005 Statistical Poster Competition

Saturday, March 19

Alexia Iasonos

This year, the Ct Chapter will again sponsor the Statistical Poster Competition for students in grades K – 12. The competition announcement letter will be sent in November to teachers and principals. In December, there will be a call for volunteers to give presentations in schools regarding the poster competition or careers in statistics. The posters will be judged on Saturday, March 19, 2005, and the awards ceremony will be on Saturday, April 2, 2005.

Thank you in advance for participating in this wonderful activity!!

Alexia Iasonos

Around New England

Boston Chapter Career Day Planned for 2005

Statisticians of all levels including students will be invited to attend Career Day 2005. This event will be held on Saturday, February 12 from 10:30 am to 3 pm at Simmons College in the Conference Center, Third Floor, Main College building, 300 the Fenway, Boston.

We will feature speakers from a variety of fields in statistics, and we will provide opportunities for statisticians to exchange resumes with potential employers. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet the speakers over lunch, which will be provided. RSVP's are much appreciated. RSVP to Sue Perry at sperry@rhoworld.com, or (617) 965-8000 x 21.

Chapter Representative

William Pan

My name is William Pan. For the next two years I will represent you as the Connecticut Chapter Representative to the national ASA organization. Patricia English was elected to serve as Connecticut Chapter Rep, 2003-2006. Since Patricia resigned from that post as a result of her relocation to California, I was appointed to fill the remainder of her three-year term. First, I am very honored to be chosen and to have another opportunity to serve you. Secondly, I am fully aware of the fact that Patricia has worked in various official capacities for the Connecticut Chapter for many years, and her impact and footprint are both huge and hard to duplicate. Nevertheless, I am determined to maintain that excellent record, as well as to continue the good relationship Patricia worked hard to build with the national ASA officers.

The 2004 Joint Statistics Meetings sponsored by ASA, IMS, Biometrics, and the Statistical Association of Canada was held in Toronto, Canada, from August 9 to August 12, 2004. The JSM meetings were attended by approximately 5000 statisticians around the world. I, with many ASA members from Connecticut, also attended

these meetings. As the Chapter Representative, I had an added responsibility. I was required to attend the Council of Chapters (COC) meeting scheduled on August 9, 2004. In the COC meeting, we discussed issues related to career days, traveling courses, and updates of Chapter status. I was impressed with the comradeship among chapter officers. I left the meeting with the assurance that the national ASA office will provide the necessary logistic support to us and to our planned chapter activities.

Before I conclude this short report, let me take this opportunity to pass a piece of information to our members from the national office. If you are scheduled to present a research paper at the International Statistical Institute 2005 meeting in Sydney, Australia, you are qualified to apply for a Travel Grant from ASA to attend that meeting. Those members who are newly minted Ph.D's, women, and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. You may have a better than even chance to get the support. Application forms can be obtained from the ASA website (www.amstat.org) and must be postmarked by November 22, 2004.

Bill Pan

Treasurer's Report

Alexia Iasonos

Update Based on Activity for
July 1, 2003- June 30, 2004

The total income was \$5478.91, and total expenses were \$3640.86, with a cash balance of \$4885.47, at the end of the period. The membership dues of \$91 for May, 2004 (deposited later in August, 2004) and two previously issued checks (Checks 208 and 238 have been issued with a total amount of \$37.50) have been included in the calculation but not reflected in the bank statement. Excluding these items, the total balance on the bank statement as of June 30, 2004, when the treasurer-transition took place was \$4831.97 (= \$4885.47 - 91 + 37.50).

The main resources of income were membership dues, the mini-conference registration fees, and ASA travel course fees, while the main expenses were from the poster competition awards, the mini-conference, and the ASA travel course. Most of the 2003 mini-conference expenses were accounted for in the previous fiscal year, while its entire income is included in the fiscal current year. Currently, we have 184 members.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of our organization is to encourage the use and appreciation of Statistics and its applications, and to facilitate interaction among all persons having an interest in or being concerned with the field of Statistics.

Statement of Cash Position for Connecticut Chapter of the ASA

Beginning Cash Balance (as of July 1, 2003)	\$3047.42
Income (revenue, receipts)	
Dues	\$1467.00
Statistician of Year Banquet	440.00
2003 Mini-conference	711.00
Meeker's travel course	1485.00
Interest/Checking/savings	5.91
2004 Mini-conference	1370.00
Total Income	\$5478.91
Expenses	
Statistician of Year Banquet	\$460.95
Binders, Stamps, Mail	8.17
Mini-conference gifts (reimbursed this year)	91.95
Meeker's course	1413.02
Profit Sharing to ASQ (from Meeker's course)	36.00
2004 Mini-conference	739.67
Poster Competition	791.10
Honorarium, Prof. George Tiao	100.00
Total Expenses	\$3640.86
Ending cash balance (as of June 30, 2004)	\$4885.47