



Business Meeting Minutes
Statistical Consulting Section (CNSL), American Statistical Association
The Joint Statistical Meetings in Montreal Canada, Tuesday, August 6, 2013 5:30-7:00pm
CNSL Microsite: <http://community.amstat.org/CNSL/Home/>

Prepared by Ann Lazar, Secretary/Treasurer Elect

Attendance: 54 total, including 15 CNSL section officers (all listed below). Of the 39 non-officer attendees, 4 (10%) attended in 2012. Overall attendance this year was slightly higher than 2012 (in 2012, 48 total including 37 non-officer attendees).

Marlene Egger, chair elect, called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 pm.

- Historical information about the section for the 175th ASA anniversary JSM 2014 meeting was requested from CNSL members
- A vote was taken about the possibility of raising section dues by \$1 (from \$6 to \$7); There were no objections to raising section dues

Chuck Kincaid reported on the transition of the CNSL website to ASA microsite

- ASA resources are available on microsite and new statistical resources are being added, such as datasets, professional development resources, and CNSL resources, such as a list of the current officers and charter
- To access microsite, need to sign-in to ASA website with your password, then go to ASA Community, then look for your own name, and click on My Communities, and scan down to Statistical Consulting Section
<http://community.amstat.org/CNSL/Home/>

Stuart Gansky and Eric Vance gave a report about the Council of Sections (COS) meeting

- A new section is being formed called Medical Devices, Stuart Gansky and Eric Vance plan to vote to support this new section unless they hear otherwise
- Available travel funds for a conference called "Women in Statistics" May 15-17 2014
- Two new ASA journals, including Statistics in Public Policy
- 2014 JSM theme "175th birthday of statistics" in Boston
- CNSL is partnering with Canadian Statistical Association since Canadians do not have a consulting section

Liaisons provided reports-

Eric Vance: Liaison to STATCOM (Statistics in the Community) and Committee on Applied Statisticians

- STATCOM was created by students for students; it provides professional statistical consulting services to governmental and nonprofit groups free of charge
- If you would like to start a STATCOM at your university, please contact Eric Vance
- Committee on Applied Statisticians has a pilot membership program that matches mentees with mentors
- Sections are being encouraged to create a mentoring program

Nilupa Gunaratna: Liaison to "Statisticians without Borders"

- Provides free consulting services
- If interested in volunteering with this organization or if you would like to share ideas and/or resources, please contact Nilupa Gunaratna

Chris Holloman: Liaison to "Committee on Career Development"



- Survey distributed and returned to ASA special assistance at JSM

Walter Ambrosius (chair electe-elect 2014) Led Charter Review Committee

- CNSL members will vote on the revised charter in the 2014 ballot
- Revised charter; available on microsite and a copy was made available at the meeting
- Charter review committee (members were Stuart Gansky, Nan Hu, Ann Lazar, Margaret Nemeth)

Ann Lazar (Secretary/Treasurer) gave the Treasurer's report.

- The section's revenues were lower (~\$5493) than expenses (~\$6279). The balance has decreased from \$11205 in 2011 to \$10420 in 2012, with expenses exceeding revenues by \$786.
- To increase revenues, a proposal to raise chapter dues by \$1 from \$6 to \$7 and spend less on food at the executive meeting and/or business meeting was discussed. For other sections, chapter dues range from \$3 to \$12.
- Membership increased this year, and the number of dues paying membership slightly increased from last year, but the number of dues paying memberships is still much higher than the years before 2006 (prior to the policy of free one-year trial section memberships).

Nan Hu (Program Committee Chair) reported on the CNSL program at this year's JSM (see newsletter for details), and encouraged all to attend the remaining Wednesday and Thursday sessions.

- Announced the following 3 winners for:
 1. Best Topic Contributed Session (Organizer): Li Qin, Amazon.com Awarded \$750 + plaque and CNSL membership, if applicable
 2. Best Presentation for Regular Contributed Session (presenter): Jason Parcon, Pepsi Co. awarded \$500 + plaque and CNSL membership, if applicable
 3. Best poster presentation (presenter): Andrew Hoegh, Virginia Tech, awarded \$250 + plaque and CNSL membership, if applicableAll award recipients will be announced in an upcoming issue of Amstat News.

Chris Barker requested that section members provide feedback to him about any electronic resources and venues that would benefit section members

- He will report back about any suggestion received at JSM 2014

Nominating Committee report by Ralph O'Brien

- Nominations for 4 open positions were solicited (Consulting Section Representative, Executive Committee, Publications Officer, Chair Elect): Email obrienralph@gmail.com with nominations for the ballot by 10/14.
- The new officers were announced: Eric Vance (Chair-elect 2014), Ann Lazar (Secretary/Treasurer 2014-2015), Executive Committee at Large: Scott Berry (2014-2016)

Door Prizes:

- Every member won a book-
- And Lazar & Marlene Egger received contributions from exhibitors for these door prizes, including Chapman & Hall, Brooks/Cole, Macmillan, Springer, SAS, Siam, SAGE, Springer, STATA Freeman and company, Wiley, Cambridge, and Oxford University Press.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7pm.



CNSL section officers (n = 15):

Marlene Egger (Chair elect- 2013)
Ralph O'Brien (Past Chair-2012)
James Grady (Past Chair-2011)
Todd Nick (Past Chair-2010)
Walter Ambrosius (Chair Elect Elect - 2014)
Ann Lazar (Sec/Treas-Elect 2012-2013)
Nan Hu (Program Chair- 2013)
Jonathan Mahnken (Program Chair 2012)
Kim Love Meyers (Program chair-2014)
Chris Barker (publications officer 2013-2014)
Chuck Kincaid (webmaster 2010-2012)
Nilupa Gunaratna (Exec Comm member 2011-2013)
Eric Vance (COS rep-2012-2014, chair elect 2015)
Stuart Gansky (COS rep-2013-2015)
Chris Holloman (COS rep-2013-2015)

Other Attendees (* indicates attended last year – 2012 n = 39):

Carlos Alzola*
Cynthia Augustine
Amy Beresky
Laura Bond*
Chun-Yen Cochrane
Bruce Craig
Christopher Cummins
Jarrod Dalton
Bonnie Dumas
Min Guan
Speetzuin Han
Richard Heiberger
Andy Hoegl
Bin Huang
Shelly Hurwitz
Anamaria Kazanis
Adel Lee
Larry Lesser
Jay Mandseker
Colleen Mangeot
Mathew Mayo
Megan McGoldrick
Elizabeth D. Mills
Raymond Mooring
Xuema Pan
Jason Parcon



Teri Peterson
Bob Riffenburgh*
Naomi Robbins*
Jim Roseberga
Nancy Schatz
Michael Schell
Jack Schuenemeyer
Heidi Scott
Sandria Stivett
Weining Volinn
Sophie Wang
Xiachui Wang
Chris Williams