

**American Statistical Association
Section on Teaching of Statistics in the Health Sciences
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
September 17, 2021**

Executive Committee		
<i>Elected Officers (Voting)</i>		<i>Present?</i>
Ann Brearley	Chair (2021)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Laila Poisson	Past-Chair (2021)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jacqui Hicks	Chair-Elect (2021)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jose-Miguel Yamal	Council of Sections representative (2019-2021)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Appointed Voting Officers</i>		
Jesse Troy	Secretary (2021-2022)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bob Oster	Treasurer (2021-2022)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jaya Satagopan	Program Chair (2021)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brandon George	Program Chair-Elect (2021)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ed Gracely	Webmaster	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heather Hoffman	Publicity Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Doucette	Blog Editor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Appointed Non-Voting Officers</i>		
Travis Loux	Resource Review Editor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Bigelow	Portal co-director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Doug Landsittel	Portal co-director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amy Nowacki	ASA Fellows Nominations chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tom Braun	Webinar coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ada Youk	Career Development chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other</i>		
Maria Ciarleglio	Chair-Elect elect (chair in 2023)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amy Nowacki	COS representative elect (2022-2024)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CALL TO ORDER

Ann opened meeting at 1:05pm ET.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF July and August 2021 MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 17, 2021 meeting and summary of discussion at the JSM business meeting and mixer on August 9, 2021 with modifications as suggested by Ed Gracely (change the abbreviation “EST” to “ET” and modify the attendee list in the JSM meeting minutes to identify attendees who were former members of the TSHS Executive Committee).

Motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURY REPORT

- Bob reported that the section awards forms have been submitted, which will enable awardees to receive their certificates and cash awards, which are paid from the TSHS treasury.
- Felicity Enders declined her cash award.
- Mary Sammel will receive \$250 and Mina Dogicu will receive \$500.
- The bank balance will be ~\$19k after awards are given out.

- Interest allocations from ASA will be given in a lump sum at the end of the year.

ASA EDUCATION COUNCIL REPORT

Ann provided the following updates on the ASA Education Council, which meets annually at JSM.

- Discussion at the meeting included policies related to the conference registration fee and whether the fee could be modified to enable participation from non-statistician guest speakers at JSM, or to improve attendance by statisticians who work at organizations with limited resources.
- Dick De Veaux expressed his support for a fee waiver for non-statistician guest speakers to give a talk at JSM and spoke in favor of scholarships for statisticians from low resource organizations to attend JSM. Dick will discuss these issues with the ASA board of directors.
- The group also discussed what could be done to encourage universities to adopt career tracks for collaborative biostatisticians and statisticians who focus on teaching. Ann reported Steve MacEachern from Ohio State offered to talk to TSHS about developments in this area at Ohio State.

JSM 2021 DEBRIEF

- Jaya and Brandon briefly reviewed the successful program speakers and roundtable sessions.
- Tom asked for recommendations for TSHS webinars based on any of the JSM presentations. Brandon suggested that Session 242 on anti-racism had some good talks that might become TSHS webinars.
- Ann reported on the success of the TSHS mixer, with good participation in the breakout room discussions. The majority of executive committee members who attended the mixer agreed that it was successful.
- Ann reported that she attended the consulting mixer where they had a “pathways to promotions” group. This group meets monthly and is focused on academic promotion, especially for non-traditional roles in academia.
- Bob attended the History of Statistics Special Interest Group mixer and the Lifetime Data Section mixer. Both mixers included a game using software that was similar to polling software (possibly called Crowd Purr) that could be useful for TSHS. Bob suggested TSHS could use this software to hold a virtual activity outside of JSM because not all section members attend JSM every year.

JSM 2022 UPDATES

- Brandon reported that there are currently 2 invited sessions with TSHS as the primary sponsor. One is related to whether there is a viable career pathway in academia for statisticians who focus on teaching. The other is a session on how to incorporate diversity, equity, and inclusion into biostatistics curricula.
- Ann reported that she met with Ron Wasserstein (ASA Executive Director) and Donna LaLonde (ASA Director of Strategic Initiatives and Outreach) to discuss whether any data are available on who is attending JSM online vs. in-person. Ron and Donna reported that at most 1/3rd of the ASA membership attends JSM every year and a large proportion of the membership has never attended. Donna reported that ASA will soon start having focus groups to determine whether JSM should move to a remote-only, in-person only, or hybrid attendance model.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Laila and Jacqui reminded the committee that we will need a new Program Chair and TSHS Resource Editor for next year, and that we must submit two nominations for Section Chair to

ASA by the end of this year. Laila asked that suggestions for Section Chair be emailed to her.

AWARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Laila reported that 8 people volunteered to be reviewers to nominate the Best Talk at JSM. The top score went to Philip Martin Sedgewick from St. George's University of London for his presentation "Trials Tribulations of Teaching NHST in the Health Sciences."
- Tom announced that the first webinar will be in early November and asked that ideas for webinars be emailed to him.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Ada discussed the following ideas for Career Development Committee activities that were proposed at the JSM mixer:
 - A webinar panel discussion on how people have navigated their career path teaching statistics in the health sciences
 - CV review sessions
 - Create a repository of potential letter writers for people applying for promotion
- Ada also reported that several people expressed interest in joining the Career Development Committee at the JSM mixer. Ada is in the process of following up with those contacts.

PUBLICITY UPDATE

- No updates

BLOG UPDATE

- No updates

WEBSITE/YOUTUBE UPDATE

- No updates

PORTAL UPDATE

- Carol reported that Chance Magazine has accepted an article on the TSHS Portal for publication in the November 2021 issue. Carol and Amy are authors.
- Carol also reported that there is a new pop-up window on the portal that asks people to sign an agreement when downloading a teaching resource, and that there will soon be a dataset posted related to James Lind's study on treatments for scurvy in British sailors in the mid-1700s.
- Ed asked the following question prior to the meeting: "Question, perhaps more for Doug and the portal group -- should we find a way to provide either links or a pdf of this article and other portal publications over the years on the portal site? On our web site? Chance has a paywall, but I suspect they'd be happy for us to post a pre-pub pdf." Ann suggested posting links to the portal-related publications on the public-facing TSHS website. The committee agreed this was a good idea.

COUNCIL OF SECTIONS UPDATE

- No updates

FELLOWS NOMINATIONS UPDATE

- Amy reported that she has received current CVs from the nominees and has emailed the previously identified letter writers to begin the process of collecting letters, with a target date of November 30th.

- obtained current CVs from nominees
- emailed previously identified and confirmed letter writers to begin process of collecting letters (arbitrary deadline given as November 30)

Other discussion at the meeting: Amy has reached out to the fellow nominees to request updated CVs. Received one of them so far.

OTHER BUSINESS

- None

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting: Friday, October 15, 2021, 1pm Eastern via Zoom

Ann adjourned the meeting at 1:56pm Eastern.