

American Statistical Association
Section on Teaching of Statistics in the Health Sciences
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
August 8, 2022

Present

Executive Committee		
<i>Elected Officers (Voting)</i>		<i>Present?</i>
Jacqueline Hicks	Chair (2022)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ann Brearley	Past-Chair (2022)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria Ciarleglio	Chair-Elect (2022)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Melinda Higgins	Chair-Elect (2023)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amy Nowacki	Council of Sections representative (2022-2024)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Appointed Voting Officers</i>		
Jesse Troy	Secretary (2022-2023)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bob Oster	Treasurer (2022-2023)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brandon George	Program Chair (2022)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amanda Ellis	Program Chair-Elect (2022)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ed Gracely	Webmaster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Heather Hoffman	Publicity Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Doucette	Blog Editor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Appointed Non-Voting Officers</i>		
Charlotte Bolch	Resource Review Editor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carol Bigelow	Portal co-director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jenna Carlson	Portal co-director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amy Nowacki	ASA Fellows Nominations chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Darsy Darssan	Webinar coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ada Youk	Career Development chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Also!</i>		
Steve Grambow	Chair (2013)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Doug Landsittel	Portal Co-Director 2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Mark Your Calendar.

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 October 31, 2022: Budget for 2023 due
 November 2, 2022: Webinar
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 April 23, 2023: (not applicable to TSHS in 2023) Outstanding Service Award Names due

A. Review/approval of July 2022 minutes (Jesse).

APPROVED

Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 15, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

B. Treasury report (Bob)

APPROVED

Motion: To appoint John Doucette Treasurer for a 2 year period beginning January 1, 2023. The motion was seconded and approved.

ACTION ITEMS

(1) Bob to notify Rick Peterson that John Doucette will become the Treasurer, effective January 1, 2023; and (2) Amy to pass along the "how to be a Treasurer" video to Bob and John.

Updates. Bob had no new updates. The section budget is still at ~ \$21K. The expenditures for JSM will be paid after the conference is over. Related, Amy reported from the Council of Sections meeting that the TSHS is the only section that is on target for its budget. Transition. In anticipation of John becoming Treasurer beginning 2023, he and Bob and have already discussed responsibilities and timeline. Amy noted that, coincidentally, the transition from one treasurer to the next came up for discussion in yesterday's (8/7/22) Council of Sections meeting. There is now available a short video to assist in such transitions; Amy offered to pass this along. The Council of Sections asks that if there is a change in Treasurer that the ASA Headquarters should be notified. It was further suggested that the best might be to notify Rick Peterson.

C. JSM 2022 updates (Brandon)

Our first sponsored session is today (Monday August 8), 8:30-10:20, Room CC-201. One of our three roundtables was cancelled. Conveniently, the cancellation was a while back so the roundtable does not appear in the flyer. Two of the 7 presentations in our contributed topics session were also cancelled. Amy encouraged everyone to attend Wednesday's panel session on careers in teaching: Wednesday August 10, 2:00 – 3:50, Room CC-149AB.

D. Awards committee update (Ann, Jacqui, Maria)

ACTION ITEMS

(1) All, if you have information useful to updating awards information, please pass this along to Ed and Ann; (2) Jacqui will help with providing information on awardees to Ed for posting on our section website, to John for posting on the Blog, and to Heather for inclusion in our newsletter; (2) Ed will add to the website awards information that we now have a fourth award: Outstanding Service; and (3) Charlotte will send mixer pictures to Jacqui and Heather.

Jacqui reported for Ann. Updating Awards Information. Ann and Ed would like to update the information on the section's awards pages (see <https://community.amstat.org/tshs/awards/awardsoverview> and its subpages) so that every past awardee has some kind of description of their accomplishment. There are some gaps, particularly for more recent awardees. Ideally, each awardee's name and photo would be accompanied by a link to the relevant newsletter article or blog post announcing their award. Failing that, the wording from the award certificate, or the wording from an announcement on the section's community forum, or even just the information from the Executive Committee Meeting minutes or emails could be used. Ed noted that, if we haven't already written up blog posts for recent awardees, we could write a "catch-up" blog post in the next few months. Ed also noted that a lot of people are "catching up" with things that got left in the dust during the chaos of the pandemic. If anyone has information that would help us fill in the holes on the awards pages, please let Ed or Ann know. Award for Outstanding Service. Amy reminded the group that we now have a fourth award, Award for Outstanding Service; it is awarded every 3 years (2021, 2024, etc).

E. Nominations update (Jacqui)

ACTION ITEMS

(1) All, if you have any ideas for candidates for the positions of Chair Elect 2024, Program Chair Elect 2023 and Resource Review Editor, please let Jacqui know; and (2) Charlotte and John to coordinate Charlotte assuming the role of Blog Editor.

The following is from Ann.

Chair Elect 2024. This is an elected position. We will need (at least) two candidates for the election (next spring) for Chair-Elect (to serve as Chair in 2025). The Nominations Committee will discuss this in late September. Ann (in her role as 2022 Past Chair) will submit the names to ASA in October.

Program Chair Elect 2023. This is a Chair (Jacqui) appointed position. We need candidates for this position as well. This person will serve as Program Chair Elect 2023 and Program Chair 2024.

Blog Editor. John would like to step down as Blog editor (understandable as he will be our Treasurer!). Charlotte is interested (thank you!). She will email John to discuss the transition.

Resource Review Editor. We also need a Resource Review Editor. If anyone has ideas, please let Jacqui know.

General. The mixer (and JSM, generally) is a good time/place to identify interested people for all of these openings. We can also solicit interest after JSM via the community forum, at least for the program chair and reviews editor positions. Please direct any ideas or suggestions to Ann, Jacqui or Maria.

Webinars update (Darsy, Ann)**Mark Your Calendar.**

November 2, 2022 2:00 – 3:00 Central Time: Webinar

ACTION ITEM

Amanda will send to Jacqui the title and abstract of the webinar that will be presented on November 2, 2022.

Darsy reported that the next webinar will be on November 2nd, 3pm central time. Amanda will send Jacqui the title and abstract in time for the mixer.

F. Career Development update (Ada)

Deferred

G. Publicity update (Heather)

We are expecting ~ 40 will attend the mixer

H. Blog update (John, Charlotte)

Charlotte reported that the next resource review post will be in October.

I. Website/YouTube update (Ed):

Ed reported that links to articles published in Chance for our TSHS column have now been added. He added that, in theory, we could post pre-prints, and explained that posting pre-prints requires the author to fill out a special form. Few or none of our authors have done that. So for now, we will stick to posting the links. In the future, we could ask all Chance writers to complete the necessary copyright transfer form, so then we could post a pre-print link that would be accessible to anyone.

J. Portal update (Carol, Jenna)*ACTION ITEMS*

(1) Carol will send Bob the information needed (name, phone, email, mailing address, W9) for the two \$500 stipend awards for 2022; (2) Carol will notify Dennis when there are a couple of new posts so that he can announce it on the CAUSE site; and (3) Carol will let Amy know if she has received a picture to go with the hypothermia dataset.

2022 Stipend Awards. Our two 2022 stipend award of \$500/per to support the development of dataset posts for the Portal have been awarded to: Laura Grau (University of Colorado – cohort study of hormonal, behavioral, and psychological factors in late reproductive years) and Amy

Nowacki (Cleveland Clinic – retrospective study of moderate hypothermia and surgical site infection). Carol will send Bob the information so that the stipends can be paid: W9, name, email, mailing address, phone. Status of submissions. We may get 3 additional datasets in the coming months: Laura Grau, Amy Nowacki and Carol. Discussion of requesting stipend awards in 2023. We decided to hold off on this decision until we see how things wrap up in 2022. Bob was encouraging. He commented that he feels that these stipends are a good use of section monies and that we are in good shape.

Council of Sections (Amy)

APPROVED

Motion: To NOT increase TSHS section dues at this time. The motion was seconded and approved.

ACTION ITEMS

(1) Amy will send the one page summary of ASA initiatives to Jacqui for inclusion in the September minutes; and (2) All, let Amy know if you would like to volunteer to assist in ASA's development of training videos.

Mark Your Calendar (this is a duplicate from page 1).

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Outstanding Service Award. This award is awarded every three years beginning 2021. Congratulations to Amy Nowacki for winning this award in 2021!

COS Discussion of Section Dues. Compared to those of other sections, our dues are in the middle. As well, we have a healthy budget. We decided NOT to raise the dues at this time.

COS discussion of Treasury Reports. Section budgets vary hugely (range \$4500 - \$562,000). The median is \$24K; ours is \$21K. The advice from COS is that we should be spending our money and that we prioritize our spending in ways that benefit *all our members*. Suggestions for good ways to spend our money are: development of datasets for posting on the Portal, student travel, recruitment activities, awards (as these help with career development), inhouse strategic initiatives (e.g., sponsoring non ASA conferences such as ENAR). We agreed that partial reimbursement of ASA dues is **not** such a great idea.

COS discussion of executive leadership. Ron Wasserstein, Dionne Price and Kathy Enser discussed ASA's three initiatives for 2022. Ron will send out a one page summary to COS meeting participants; Amy will then put these into the minutes of our next executive meeting (September).

COS and TSHS Executive Committee Discussion of Text Analysis Interest Group Application for Section Status. This interest group currently has 326 members. Their application for section status includes: petition, signatures, and a summary of their activities. Amy reported that this interest group has been active for 4 years or so, has monthly meetings, offers many webinars, hosts a student competition and has 26 presentations at this year's JSM. The COS is

requesting our input/vote in advance of their fall meeting and vote. Each section will have one vote. In the COS meeting, there was some discussion of the potential impacts of awarding Section status to the Text Analysis Interest Group. In the COS meeting, the answer was “*not much*” and that the impacts would be limited to JSM planning and, in particular, competing for invited sessions. In the TSHS Executive Committee meeting, Brandon clarified that allocated invited sessions (the TSHS has one allocated invited session)s would **not** be impacted, adding that any potential impact would be limited to the invited sessions that are awarded by competition. For the 2022 JSM, there were 80 submissions for 40 invited session slots. Ed felt that, inasmuch as the likely impact will be at most the loss of 1 (or so) invited session awarded by competition, the TSHS should vote to approve Section status to the Text Analysis Interest Group. Another possible impact of Section status discussed at the COS meeting pertains to our ability to fill topic contributed sessions, panels, etc. We were not very concerned about this. The Executive Committee decided that TSHS should vote yes to awarding Section status to the Text Analysis Interest Group.

COS and TSHS Executive Committee Discussion of the ASA Job Posting Community Board.

Amy reported that the ASA has started a job posting community board. For reference, the ASA already hosts **ASA Jobs**; employers have to have to pay to post here, however. We discussed the pros and cons of the addition of a ASA Job Posting Community Board. Advantages might be: 1) the postings will now be in ONE place (less to post); 2) it might reduce the annoying clutter of seeing the same posting over and over when multiple sections post the same advertisement. A potential (likely) disadvantage is that some sections may choose, **regardless**, to continue to post their own jobs on their own community sides. Repeated postings would still occur and, in fact, might actually increase by one.

COS Report from the Membership Community. Membership in ASA has been dropping in the last couple of years. Five sections have experienced double digit declines and four have experienced zero growth. The TSHS section was not listed in either of these membership status categories. Amy reported that professional societies are also experiencing membership declines. The ASA is working on developing networking strategies (“network in a box”) to share with section leaderships. It will restart the quiz bowl competition to engage new members. The ASA is also developing a training workshop in social media presence; stay tuned for that.

COS Discussion of membership List. Obtaining membership lists has been problematic. For now, the advice is to email Steve Porzio (steve@amstat.org). The good news is that the ASA is beta testing a new system that is expected to be available in the next month or so. This system is designed to provide access to membership lists to any section executive board member.

Videos for how to be an ASA officer. The ASA has developed a training video for new Section Treasurers. They are looking for volunteers to assist in the development of training videos for other positions. Please let Amy know if you are interested in helping out. Ed asks if the TSHS should have a new position called “Media Presence Officer”. Bob asks if we want to change the timing of our annual meeting. At this time, we decided not to try to change it.

K. Fellows Nominations update (Amy).

Amy reported that a blast request for names has been sent out (thank you, Heather) and, so far, we have 3 names. One of us has already volunteered to help. After JSM, Amy will meet with other fellow committee members to select our nominee(s). Typically, we support 1 or 2 and that is the plan for this cycle. The other names will be kept for consideration in a subsequent year. One TSHS member is planning to submit a nomination of another TSHS member and requested assistance with the process; Amy agreed that the Fellows committee will provide this support. Amy noted that, if you are a Fellow already, we may be asking you to write a letter of support.

Other items – Jacqui Attended the 2022 JSM Education Council Meeting*ACTION ITEMS*

(1) Jacqui will share the Education Council's document on appointments; and (2) Jacqui will assist the Education Council in developing a document that encourages ASA members' efforts to advance DEI.

Jacqui attended the 2022 JSM Education Council Meeting and reported back on several items.

- (1) Appointments. Appointments to the Education Council work differently for different sections. The Education Council is developing a document for circulation; it clarifies how this should be done and how to ensure diversity. Jacqui will pass this around.
- (2) ASA Recruitment of an Outside Consultant for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). In the next couple of months, on the recommendation of an anti-racism task force, the Board of Directors of the ASA will be hiring an outside consultant for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI).
- (3) Membership Requirement for Award of ASA Fellow. The ASA is debating increasing the 3-year minimum time of membership in ASA for Fellows. This will be voted upon in November. Doug feels that 3 years of continuous membership might be reasonable.
- (4) Education Council Attendance at TSHS Executive Board Meetings. The Education Council would be happy to attend Section Executive Committee meetings upon request. It was noted that we are familiar with the Council of Sections sending a representative to our Executive meetings but not the Education Council sending a representative.
- (5) ASA Activities to Advance DEI. At the Education Council meeting, there was much discussion about the ASA's activities to advance DEI. These efforts are great but are limited in being "one off's", suggesting the need for additional, longer term, initiatives as well. Moving forward, Jacqui will be assisting in the development of a proposal to encourage ASA members (and non-ASA members) with expertise in this area to attend and contribute to JSM. We discussed ideas for what TSHS could be doing. One idea is to apply for financial support from the ASA that would be used to support attendance at our webinars and JSM. The Section on Statistics and Data Science Education was eager to collaborate with us on this initiative. Amy felt that ASA should be flexible in structuring its options in this regard; in her view, attending JSM for just one day doesn't seem optimal. The Section on Statistics and Data Science Education is developing

resources for building more inclusive classroom experiences. Jacqui spoke to this person and inquired about getting more information. Amy suggested that we incorporate our plans to advance DEI into our annual report.

- (6) Miscellaneous -Teaching Statistical Theory. We wondered how much statistical theory needs to be included in our teaching to keep up with data science.
- (7) Miscellaneous – 2022 JSM TSHS Panel and Possible Webinar. Ann is not able to attend her own 2022 JSM session and is not able to obtain a video. Apparently, the panel members might be willing to do a webinar version of this panel. Bob asked if it would be possible to make this webinar longer and have the panelists just give their presentations over again? Amy suggested that we see how the JSM panel goes on Wednesday and adjust from there. She added that this would have the advantage of serving as a career development offering.

Next TSHS Executive Committee Meeting
Friday September 9, 2022
1:00 – 2:00 EDT