GOVERNANCE

1998 ANNUAL SECTION REPORT

Section: TEACHING OF STATISTICS IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES

Submitted by: Stephen W. Looney, 1998 Chair

Date: March 9, 1999

No. of meetings held: 2 (Executive Committee & Business/Mixer)

Dates held: August 12, 1998

Approximate number attending: 6 (Executive Committee) 18 (business/mixer)

Please summarize, in one paragraph, major issues discussed and/or accomplishments.

The discussion at the Executive Committee meeting focused on the following topics: (1) Issues arising at the Council of Sections meeting at the JSM, including the Section budget, the availability of section mailing labels and e-mail lists, plans for ASA section web site management, and the need to increase the participation of section members in the JSM, (2) plans for the Section's contributions to the program at the 1999 JSM in Baltimore, (3) development of the TSHS website, (4) the Section budget, and (5) the slate of nominees for the 1999 election cycle.

Highlights of 1998:

- Membership as of 12/31/98: 643
  Down slightly from previous years

- Cash on hand as of 12/31/98: $13,533.20

- Election of Ralph O'Brien as 1999 Chair-Elect
  Appointment of Ruth Mickey as Secretary-Treasurer for 1998-99 (to fill unexpired term of Dana Quade)
  Appointment of Bob Oster as Program Chair for 2000

- Sponsored an Invited Paper Session at the 1998 JSM in Dallas entitled "Should We Only Teach Them What They Need to Know to Pass the Boards?"

- Sponsored half-day Continuing Education workshops on Sample Size and Power in Study Planning using nQuery Advisor and UnifyPow at the 1998 JSM in Dallas

- Implementation of Section website: http://www.bio.ri.ccf.org/ASA_TSHS/

- Publication of first Section newsletter since 1996
First Section charter revision since 1991

Co-sponsorship of ASA Poster and Project Competitions (Grades K-12) at 1998 JSM in Dallas

Please attach copies of minutes, if available.