teaching statistics in the health sciences
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number of meetings - 2
dates of meetings - wednesday, august 8, 2001
average attendance - 20

number of conference calls - 0

HIGHLIGHTS / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Section continued to promote the communication among those with
interests in teaching of statistics in the health sciences. This was
accomplished through activities at the JSM in Atlanta, the newsletter
and the web site.

At the JSM, we sponsored sessions of relevance to our membership. A
highlight was a lively, well attended debate about whether or not the
teaching of biostatistics in medical schools should be eliminated. We
sponsored two round table luncheons, which gave participants the
opportunity to share their experiences, concerns, and ideas related to
the teaching of physicians and medical students. We sponsored two
short courses, each dealing with sample size calculation. At
our business meeting / mixer, attendees were brought up to date about
the Section's current status and plans for 2002. Our award for the
Section's best presentation at the JSM 2001 was also made at this
time.

The Section's newsletter was sent out to the membership three times in
2001. Regular features included contributions from the Chair and
Program Chairs, and book reviews. A summary of our debate and a
description of a successful course in biostatistics / epidemiology at
one medical school are examples of two features that resulted from
interaction among members at JSM 2001.

Our web site continued to be updated. In addition to information
about the Section, articles of interest to members (for example, on
scientific writing) and links to other web sites were maintained or
added.