Jose-Miguel called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM (Eastern).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 20 meeting as revised. The motion was made and seconded. The motion was approved.

MENTORING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Felicity reviewed the minutes from the Promoting Promotions Committee conference call. In particular, she said that the committee would come up with a list of Associate Professors and Professors who are TSHS members and who agree to be listed as external reviewers for promotion packets, put together a document of advice for those planning a future promotion, and host an annual event at JSM regarding promotions. For the first of these, she noted that two questions were added to the TSHS member survey to assess interest in this list.

PORTAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Ann provided an update by e-mail. She noted that Amy has been submitting about one new dataset per month to the Portal. One of these, “Blood Storage”, has been peer-reviewed and was posted on March 28. Two other datasets are under review. There are now six datasets available on the Portal. There are 58 registered instructor users. Ann is trying to determine how to track “hits” to the Portal site. The Portal manuscript that she and Amy have been writing was submitted to Technology Innovation in Statistics Education (TISE) on April 7.

FUNDRAISING EFFORT UPDATE

Jose-Miguel mentioned that he has a commitment from R Studio to partially sponsor our section mixer during this year’s JSM. R Studio will contribute $500 towards the cost of the mixer. He is also trying to get a commitment from Stata to partially sponsor the mixer. Bob will find out from ASA the process of how we can “accept” the contribution from R Studio into our treasury.

SURVEY OF TSHS MEMBERS

Ann provided an update by e-mail. She noted that the survey request was included in the spring newsletter and also in the TSHS Community on April 3. So far, she has received 29 responses. She will post reminder notices about the survey on May 1, May 8, and May 15. The closing date of the survey is May 15.
TSHS AWARDS UPDATE

It was noted that the deadline for receipt of nominations for the three major TSHS awards this year, the Distinguished Achievement Award, the Outstanding Teaching Award, and the Young Investigator Award, is May 15.

All announcements about these awards have been sent out as we previously agreed to.

There was a consensus that members of the TSHS Awards Committee should refrain from nominating individuals for these awards due to potential conflicts of interest.

TSHS BOOK REVIEWS AND RELATED DISCUSSION

Laila noted that a book review would not be ready for the spring issue of the newsletter.

A discussion then ensued about future book reviews, which then broadened into a discussion of the development of resources that would be potentially helpful to TSHS members and the appropriate dissemination of these resources. The primary host of these resources was suggested to be the TSHS Portal. Ideas that were mentioned included the following:

1. Obtain ratings for books from the TSHS Community. This includes an opportunity for comments on a book to be included next to its ratings.
2. Post TSHS book reviews on the TSHS Portal. The latter would involve expanding the Portal to give it additional capacity to host these reviews.
3. Include content on the TSHS Portal such as jokes/humor, lecture outlines, homework examples, exam materials, suggested readings for students, and results of simulations to show graphics.
4. Include links to datasets and teaching materials on the TSHS Portal. These links would be to materials that are not already hosted on the Portal.

Felicity suggested that these ideas be forwarded to the Portal Committee for further discussion.

A brief discussion then ensued about webinars, short courses, and MOOCs that TSHS could offer to its members. It was quickly noted that a full discussion of these should occur at another time and perhaps outside of the regular executive committee conference calls.

JSM 2017 BUSINESS

Jeff noted that we will be sharing a table with the Stat Ed section. This will give us a great opportunity to promote TSHS.

Jose-Miguel noted that our executive committee meeting and our business meeting and mixer will be held on the same day and at the same time as they have been during recent JSMs.

It was decided not to ask for a projector (due to the cost) or to bring a projector since the walls that content would be projected onto are not always white.

Although a few of us could bring laptops to the business meeting, the Internet service (Wi-Fi or 4G) may be spotty. Therefore, it was decided that we should bring handouts of any materials that we want to share with those who attend this meeting.
NEXT MEETING

The next conference call will take place on May 15, 2017 at 1:00 PM (Eastern).

ADJOURNMENT

Jose-Miguel adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM (Eastern).