American Statistical Association
Section on Teaching of Statistics in the Health Sciences
Minutes of the July 17 2017 Executive Committee Conference Call

Attendees: Jose-Miguel Yamal (Chair), Felicity Enders (Past Chair), Jeff Syzchowski (Chair-Elect), Wenyaw Chan (Program Chair), Amy Nowacki (Chair-Elect-Elect), Bob Oster (Secretary/Treasurer), Ed Gracely (Webmaster), Laila Poisson (Newsletter Editor), Ann Brearley (Publications Officer), Kendra Schmid (Program Chair-Elect), Carol Bigelow (Council of Sections Representative)

Unable to attend: none

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

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 19 meeting. The motion was made and seconded. The motion was approved.

PROGRAM CHAIR-ELECT-ELECT

Amy contacted Jacqui Milton about this position. Jacqui has since confirmed that she is interested in this. Jose-Miguel will formally offer her this position.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The members of the 2017 Nominating Committee are Felicity Enders (Chair, per the TSHS Charter), Jeff, Amy, and Jose-Miguel.

PUBLICIZING TSHS TO NEW BIOSTATISTICS FACULTY – WHAT DOES TSHS HAVE TO OFFER TO THIS GROUP?

Ann will draft this list and then send it around to the executive committee. Kendra will assist Ann in sending this to biostatistics department chairs.

Following are several ideas that should be added to the list. The relevant details for each idea should also be included.

- Networking
- Promoting promotions (access to senior faculty to assist with promotion packages)
- TSHS Portal
- Webinars organized and sponsored by TSHS
- Potential collaborators for education research (research on statistical education)
- ASA TSHS Community Forum
- Promoting TSHS as an academic home for statisticians involved in health sciences
- Giving talks in sessions at JSM
UPDATE ON TSHS INFORMATION TABLE AT JSM

Jose-Miguel reported that all materials were sent to ASA. He indicated that ASA thought that these materials were ideal for the information table. The possibility of doing a joint workshop with Stat Ed on how to train teaching assistants was discussed.

TSHS MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

Ann led the discussion of these results. She first noted that Question 3 (Would you be interested in attending TSHS webinars on teaching practices for health sciences learners, attending TSHS webinars on career advice for health sciences educators, giving a 3-5 minute webinar presentation of a specific problem in your research and/or career in order to get advice from TSHS members, or getting a list of senior TSHS members who can serve as external promotion reviewers?) and Question 4 (If you are interested in attending TSHS webinars on teaching practices for health sciences learners, what topics would you be especially interested in?) appear to be of most interest to us. Regarding Question 4, the responses that were mentioned most often included online teaching, active learning/flipped classrooms, group or team learning, and programming skills.

The possibility of sponsoring a webinar was next discussed; specifically we need to find out how we can arrange for presenting an ASA webinar, whether there is a charge (from ASA) to attend such a webinar, whether we should limit the number of participants, whether the webinar can be offered for free, whether participants should have an access code for the webinar, and the possible formats for a webinar. Jose-Miguel will contact ASA for answers to the first two items.

Based on the results of the member survey, we then identified five broad topics that would be further looked into as potential topics for future webinars. Following is a list of these topics along with who will be looking into them.

- Online teaching – Laila, who will contact Rebecca Andridge
- Flipped classroom – Ann with help from Amy
- Group/team projects – Ann with help from Amy
- Teaching programming skills – Jose-Miguel will contact John Fox and Sandra Stinnett (Ed will send Sandra’s contact information to Jose-Miguel). Ann will contact Laura Le.
- Technology for teaching – Jose-Miguel will contact Michael Swartz to possibly co-teach on this topic in the future.

Another possibility for a webinar is having a JSM attendee repeat his/her talk from JSM.

Finally, a brief discussion ensued about coordinating a session with ENAR, either a contributed session for 2018 or an invited session for 2019. It was agreed that we will try to coordinate an invited session for 2019.

PREPARATION FOR JSM 2017

Jose-Miguel noted that ASA or Stat Ed will pay for copies of material for the booth, but ASA will charge us to print the extra copies that we will need to hand out at TSHS sessions and at the TSHS Business Meeting and Mixer. He will find out how much ASA will charge us for these copies. If the cost is nominal (<$200), we will pay for them from our section treasury. We will
need these extra copies of the following materials: the TSHS flyer, the Portal flyer (two versions), and the TSHS award information.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place during JSM 2017 on Monday, July 31, 2017 at 7:00 AM (Eastern). This will be our annual executive committee meeting at JSM.

ADJOURNMENT

Jose-Miguel adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM (Eastern).