

**American Statistical Association
Section on Teaching of Statistics in the Health Sciences
Minutes of the October 16 2017
Executive Committee Conference Call**

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

Unable to attend: Amy Nowacki (Chair-Elect-Elect), Carol Bigelow (Council of Sections Representative), Jacqui Milton (Program Chair-Elect-Elect), Katy Wright (Book Review Editor)

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

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 18 meeting. The motion was made and seconded. The motion was approved.

WEBINARS – UPDATE

Jose-Miguel provided an update on potential webinar instructors. He said that Sandra Stinnett would be ready to give a webinar on team-based learning in 2018. He also emailed John Fox about doing a webinar on R commander in November, possibly the week before Thanksgiving. He then summarized the sense of the executive committee when he said that we would work with ASA and use their resources (at a cost to TSHS) for the first webinar that we sponsor, and that there would be no fee charged to those who participate in this webinar.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) WORKSHOPS

TSHS will be co-sponsoring a CE workshop on meta-analysis with another section. TSHS would share the profits and costs/expenses with this section, and would also help to advertise this workshop.

TSHS also received another request to co-sponsor a separate workshop with another section on meta-analysis. TSHS would again share the profits and costs/expenses with this section, and would also help to advertise this workshop.

JSM 2018 – INVITED SESSIONS – UPDATE

Kendra noted that the proposal entitled “Building computing age #Statistics Curriculum for biomedical scientists” is the section’s invited session for JSM 2018. The Statistical Consulting section picked up the proposal entitled “Collaborative Biostatistics: Finding a Happy Medium in Bridging the Gap between Theory and Practice” as its invited session. TSHS was awarded a second invited session in the competition for additional invited sessions – this proposal is entitled “Educational Tools for Causal Inference in the Health Sciences”.

TSHS NEWSLETTER/BLOG UPDATES

Bob will send Laila a draft article about the business meeting and mixer. Laila will add the list of those who donated door prizes to this article.

A discussion then ensued about the (proposed) blog and the section newsletter. It was decided that the fall issue of the section newsletter would appear in the TSHS ASA Community area and not on the blog.

Ed mentioned that several people uploaded photos taken during JSM.

The section website needs to be updated so that it contains the most current information for the 2018 TSHS awards. As Past Chair in 2018, Jose-Miguel will serve as the Chair of the Awards Committee.

A discussion then followed on the TSHS Mentoring Committee. The executive committee agreed that Constantine Daskalakis, Chair of the Mentoring Committee, should be invited to participate in the executive committee calls. Jose-Miguel will follow up on this.

OTHER ISSUES – SECTION TREASURY

Bob provided an update on the TSHS treasury. He noted that the current balance in the treasury is \$8,256.55. He was very surprised that the final cost of the section mixer at JSM 2017 was \$5,087.69. Jose-Miguel sent Bob one email showing that the initial quote was \$3,517.17 and another email showing that the final quote was \$4,659.55. Bob will follow up with ASA on why these three amounts for the mixer are so discrepant. He will ask ASA for an itemized receipt.

Bob will also follow up with R Studio and Stata regarding the sponsorships that they agreed to provide to TSHS (R Studio agreed to provide sponsorships for 2018, 2019, and 2020, and Stata agreed to provide a sponsorship for 2018).

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place during on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 1:00 PM (Eastern).

ADJOURNMENT

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