Robert Oster, Section Chair, presided at the meeting. After introducing the executive committee officers present, he reviewed the treasurer’s report. Our balance has increased from $4205 to $9203, attributable to last year’s continuing education course and an increase in dues. Our expenses were attributable mainly to webmaster fees, awards and meeting refreshments.

Program Chair-Elect Patrick Arbogast reported on this year’s program. Overall, it was felt to be successful with two well attended roundtable luncheons and 70 attendees at the Invited session. Attendance at this year’s CE course on writing was softer than anticipated; this was attributed to the difficulty of foreign-born ASA members entering Canada. The winner of this year’s Best Contributed paper was Lemuel Moye. Next year’s Invited session will be on Distance Learning in the Health Sciences. Topic contributed sessions will be solicited during the next month.

Stephen Looney will be resigning his editorship of our newsletter this year and has requested volunteers to assume this responsibility. During the past year, our section’s newsletter has transitioned from hard copy to electronic transmission. Hard copies were being mailed to about 10% of our members for whom an email address was not available, but this policy will end.

COS Representative Lynn Ackerson reported on the August 8 Council of Sections meeting. Issues discussed included: changing JSM days from Sun-Wed or Wed-Sat, the status of Special Interest Groups and CD publication of the complete JSM proceedings. JSM signed a new partnership agreement with ASA. The number of competitive sessions will increase from six to 14.

On August 10, members of the executive committees of TSHS and Stat Ed sections met for an informal dinner to discuss ways in which the two sections could work collaboratively. The dinner was felt to be quite enjoyable and a list of ideas was generated.

Robert Oster mentioned that the section history is continuing to be updated, primarily by himself and Stephen Looney. He would like to appoint an interested volunteer to the position of Section Historian.

Robert Oster reported that the proposed section charter revisions by the Charter Review Committee comprised of James Leeper, Ralph O’Brien, and himself will be voted on by section members during the upcoming ASA elections. The revisions pertain mainly to the responsibilities of the Publications Officer and to making all officers voting members.
Past Chair James Leeper announced that nominations are needed for 2007 Chair and Secretary/Treasurer for 2006-2007.

Chair-Elect Walter Ambrosius announced that Janet Tooze will be the Section Program Chair for the 2006 JSM.

Ten door prizes were distributed and we adjourned for a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

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