American Statistical Association  
Section on Teaching Statistics in the Health Sciences  
Minutes of the Annual Executive Committee Meeting  
Joint Statistical Meetings, Washington, DC  
August 2, 2009

Present: Patrick Arbogast (Chair), Jodi Lapidus (Chair-Elect), Motomi Mori (Chair-Elect-Elect), Carol Bigelow (Program Chair), Mary Gray (Program Chair-Elect), Constantine Daskalakis (Secretary/Treasurer-Elect), Cyndy Long (Council of Sections Representative-Elect), Bob Oster (Publications Officer), Ed Gracely (Newsletter Editor), Dan Byrne (Book Review Editor)

Patrick called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees introduced themselves. Since Lynn Ackerson (Secretary/Treasurer) was not present, Bob took the minutes.

NEW OFFICERS

Patrick introduced the following individuals as our newly elected officers: Motomi Mori as Chair-Elect for 2010, Constantine Daskalakis as Secretary/Treasurer for 2010-2011, and Cyndy Long as Council of Sections (COS) Representative for 2010-2012.

JSM UPDATE

Carol reviewed our two invited sessions and our contributed paper session. She also discussed the surveys that we would be using to obtain information from session attendees for our best paper awards.

Mary reviewed our coffee roundtable. She next mentioned that September 8 was the deadline for organized invited sessions (for the 2010 JSM) to be submitted to the JSM Program Committee. Mary then said that she would contact the Section on Statistical Education (Stat. Ed.) Program Chair to see if some of the sessions submitted to that section should really be in the TSHS JSM program instead. She then described ideas for TSHS invited sessions. Mary asked if TSHS should do more in the area of public relations, and then mentioned that TSHS should consider running a table at the 2010 JSM and offering small items such as bookmarks to JSM attendees. Mary and Carol then briefly discussed the “International Education for Health Professionals” program.

Jodi suggested that TSHS sponsor at least one coffee roundtable each year at the JSM.

Cyndy announced that Bob was the recipient of the 2009 Distinguished Achievement Award. She mentioned the various TSHS positions that Bob had served in during the past several years.

OFFICER REPORTS
Program Chair – Carol gave most of her report under “JSM Update”. She added that she was very appreciative of all who helped out with the TSHS JSM program.

COS Representative – Patrick presented the COS Representative report since Janine Janosky (COS Representative) was not present. He attended the earlier meeting of all COS representatives, and then shared the following information.

a.) Sections need to get their budgets to ASA prior to the deadline.

b.) Occasionally, ASA members win multiple best paper awards from different sections during the same calendar year. In particular, some student members have been submitting their papers to multiple sections that offer best paper awards, and have been winning awards from more than one section. Should members be restricted to one best paper award per calendar year?

c.) More section members are needed to make nominations for section awards.

d.) Next year, the Council of Sections will allocate additional invited sessions for 2011 and beyond. TSHS has had only one allocated invited session until now. Should TSHS ask for an additional invited session for 2011 and 2012? (The TSHS Executive Committee was in favor of this.) TSHS could also consider using unused invited sessions from the Council of Outreach Education (COE), or at least partnering with the COE for their invited sessions.

Secretary/Treasurer – Patrick presented the Secretary/Treasurer report since Lynn was not present. He presented a brief membership update for TSHS, and noted that our membership numbers have been increasing. He reviewed our revenue and expense statements for 2008 (full year) and for 2009 (January-July). He also asked that all corrections to the minutes for the 2008 TSHS executive committee meeting be given to him.

Publications Officer – Bob presented the Publications Officer report. He first mentioned that the TSHS Executive Committee had re-appointed him as the Publications Officer for the next two years (2010-2011). He noted that he writes a column for each issue of the TSHS newsletter that describes things such as section publications and the section website. Bob then mentioned that he continues to have the website updated as needed. He reported that Cyndy wrote an article for Amstat News about his receiving the TSHS Distinguished Achievement Award. He mentioned that he intended to have a second article in Amstat News describing the TSHS JSM program, but that this article did not appear in print due to some confusion between him, Patrick, and Carol. Bob said that he will try to make sure that we have an article in Amstat News in 2010 that describes our JSM program. He also said that his goal is for TSHS to have at least two articles published per year in Amstat News.

Newsletter Editor – Ed presented the Newsletter Editor report. He stated that things were going well with the production of the newsletter. He then mentioned that he is looking for more contributions of articles (especially short ones) and book reviews for future issues of the newsletter.

Book Review Editor – Dan presented the Book Review Editor report. He mentioned that Robert Greevy would be serving as the new book review editor. Dan also said that he had enjoyed serving in this position for the past several years.

Past Chair – No report was presented since Scott Evans (Past Chair) was not present at the meeting.

Chair-Elect (2009) – Jodi presented the Chair-Elect report. She suggested that TSHS sponsor an invited or topic contributed session on “diversity in teaching”. She also mentioned that TSHS
should continue to sponsor webinars and that the section should expand its outreach (to non-
TSHS members).

Chair-Elect (2010) – Motomi introduced herself as the 2011 Chair, and expressed appreciation
to the section members who voted for her in the ASA-TSHS election.

Program Chair-Elect – Mary gave most of her report under “JSM Update”. She also asked for
ideas for TSHS sessions for the 2010 JSM.

Program Chair-Elect-Elect – Jodi stated that Nichole Carlson of the University of Colorado at
Denver was appointed as the Program Chair-Elect-Elect (Program Chair-Elect in 2010 and
Program Chair in 2011).

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Charter Review – Bob stated that the revisions to the TSHS charter that were proposed by the
Charter Review Committee were approved by the TSHS membership in the ASA-TSHS
election. He briefly reviewed what the specific revisions were. The Executive Committee asked
him to try to get a count of how many TSHS members voted in our elections, how many voted to
approve the charter revisions, and how many voted to disapprove of the charter revisions.

OTHER UPDATES

Awards – Patrick stated that there is no Young Investigator Award this year since no one
applied for this award. He also mentioned that the winners of the Best Invited Paper Award and
the Best Contributed Paper Award have not yet been selected since the paper sessions had not
yet taken place.

ENAR 2010 – Patrick will attempt to find a TSHS member to serve as our representative on the
2011 ENAR Program Committee. Constantine served as our representative on the 2010 ENAR
Program Committee, upon the request of Scott. It was too late for Constantine to arrange a
session when he was appointed as our representative, but he did help with the ranking of the
proposals for the 2010 ENAR sessions.

Other Issues – Bob suggested that TSHS develop an award for outstanding teaching (of
statistics in the health sciences). He mentioned that this award could be offered every year (but
does not have to be offered every year), that the award winner does not need to be a TSHS
member, that the award consist of a certificate and a monetary amount to be determined later,
and that the award committee consist of the Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past Chair. This suggestion
was received favorably by the Executive Committee. Bob will write up draft guidelines for the
award and will seek comments and final approval from the Executive Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Patrick adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.
# Teaching Statistics in the Health Sciences Section of ASA
## Revenue and Expense Statement 1/1/08 – 12/31/08

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We were also charged in 2007 for this, so I need to clear this up with ASA.
Teaching Statistics in the Health Sciences Section of ASA
Revenue and Expense Statement 1/1/09 – 7/29/09

Beginning balance $11,104.49

Revenue
  Dues $1283.00
  Interest $200.32
  $1483.32

Expenditures
  2009 TSHS Distinguished Achievement Award to Robert Oster $1000.00*

Ending Balance $11,587.81

Net for year to date $483.32

Current membership is 698, of whom 175 joined for free. Membership was 649 last year at this time.

*No, there was no charge for this in 2008