

SCASA Leadership Legacy Corner



From the list of Past Presidents of SCASA:

2001-2002 Harold Dyck, California State University, San Bernardino

Harold joined the American Statistical Association (ASA) in 1978, encouraged by his Purdue dissertation advisor. He became a SCASA member shortly before moving to California in 1979. Early involvement in local chapter events—particularly the Fall Kickoff hosted at

Pomona College—played a key role in drawing Harold to Claremont, where he has now lived for over 30 years.

One of Harold's earliest SCASA projects was helping organize the local arrangements for the 1990 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) in Anaheim. Working with Bob Newcomb, Harold collaborated with Esri in Redlands to design an innovative system to help attendees locate restaurants. This experience led to further collaborations with Esri, including inviting Esri president Jack Dangermond to speak at a CSUSB-hosted conference.

Over the years, Harold has remained deeply involved in SCASA's events:

- Careers Day – A favorite of Harold's for its student engagement.
- Fall Kickoff and Applied Statistics Workshop – Long-standing traditions connecting members across Southern California.
- Consulting Workshop – Co-organized with Janet Myhre and Arnie Goodman, and once featured Peter Drucker as the keynote speaker.

Even in retirement, Harold continues to serve the statistics community. He's actively involved in judging for the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), working with SCASA, the Orange County/Long Beach chapter, and the San Diego chapter to select special awards in Statistics. He also mentored students through DataFest, underscoring his lifelong dedication to education and mentorship.