On January 1, the year began with the installation of the new chapter officers that had been elected/confirmed at the end of last year. The chapter has a new president, Jung Wook Park, and a new president-elect, Lei Shu. Both of them, and the past president, Saurabh Mukhopadhyay, will serve two-year terms in those offices. Recognizing the importance of fostering robust communications among chapter members, the new president aims to build bridges, share knowledge, and propel the chapter forward. A list of the current officers is found on the chapter website at https://community.amstat.org/northeasternillinoischapter/aboutus/officers.

This spring, the chapter is sponsoring and organizing an American Statistical Association traveling course. This year’s course, “R Markdown to Quarto,” is a full-day course that is being held in-person and virtually. The course was prepared by Andrew Bray from the University of California, Berkeley and Mine Cetinkaya-Rundel from Duke University and RStudio. The course was developed to show how to apply R Markdown skills in Quatro, the next generation of R Markdown. Bray is the presenting instructor.

Later this year, tentatively in October, there will be the annual Joint Northeastern Illinois Chapter of the ASA and International Chinese Statistical Association Midwest Chapter Fall Meeting. This year the NIC is taking the lead in organizing the meeting. It will be a two-day event, with two short courses taught on the first day and the statistical conference (keynote address, scientific sections, and student poster presentation) held on the second day.

We are currently reviewing the chapter’s constitution and bylaws, intending to incorporate any changes as necessary. We are also continuing to work on improving the chapter’s website with the goal of making it more up to date and easier to navigate in order to facilitate stronger connections among members.