WELCOME

JSM 2020 Council of Chapters
Business Meeting
You’re Doing Great

Several years ago, I wrote about “Chapter health” and discussed various activities that might indicate that a chapter was healthy.

While one likes to talk about growth and new activities, the bottom line was always “Are you providing what your members need?”

The elephant in the room these days is COVID-19.

Many chapters have reduced their level of activity; some have temporarily suspended it... some have already advanced into virtual conferences and meetings... it’s all relative!

In the words of comedian Tom Papa. “Look at you! You’re here. You’re doing great!”
### Council of Chapters Governing Board

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Who are you?

- At the Business meetings, we tend to hop out to the tables at this point and ask you
  - Who are you and what chapter are you from?
  - Can you share with us ONE activity that your Chapter did this year that was a stand out?
- I’d like to know THIS year… (smaller group, different concerns)
  - I’ll call out a chapter, and the rep can introduce themselves.
  - Has your chapter done anything to maintain/change member contact during the Covid-19 pandemic? (Newsletter, virtual meetings/talks/courses; but FINE if you are not doing anything)
  - Are there barriers for you to do things that you would like to be doing now, that perhaps the COCGB could assist?
ASA leadership report

ASA President Wendy Martinez started with three initiatives in 2020:

- LGBTQ+ Inclusion
- K-6 Statistics and Data Science
- Holding a TEDx event in November 2020

Details on the first two initiatives are available in the President’s Column in the June issue of AMSTAT News (LGBTQ+) and the August issue (K-6). We summarize some of the highlights on these first two initiatives below. The TEDx initiative is on hold for this year. We planned an event for November to take place at the Urban Institutes in Washington, DC. However, we had to postpone it because of COVID-19. We are also working out some issues to gain approval from the TED organization.
LGBTQ+ Inclusion highlights:

- ASA Committee name change and new leadership - now the ASA LGBTQ+ Advocacy Committee
- ASA is now an Affiliate of the National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals, which led to a presentation opportunity to oSTEM conference.
- Working Group established and website under development
- Thanks to two anonymous donors, we were able to provide JSM registrations to 10 attendees from the LGBTQ+ and People of Color communities.
- Looking into developing Ally Training - all groups
- Project on Best Practices for establishing inclusive gender data collection standards - led by Stephen Perry (Cornell)
K-6 Highlights

- Develop games and apps to encourage children to develop data literacy skills - SPREAD THE WORD! This was extended to later in the fall.
- Curate existing resources to provide easy access - government and House of Statistics (http://houseofstatistics.org/)
- Extending the “data for good” theme with a focus on activities that engage students in human rights activities - potential effort with AAAS
- Conversations with Middle Schoolers - interviews with ASA President and ISI President by middle schoolers - thank you to Ji-Hyun Lee, John Bailer, and LaToya Jennings-Lopez! See the AMSTAT News Presidents Column for August to access the podcast.
- Build new collaborations with education-focused organizations, e.g, the Concord Consortium
- Harvard DS Review article on K-6 efforts - to be published in August or September.
- Possible ‘Develop Lesson Plans Competition’ with Stats + Stories
ASA President Rob Santos (2021)

- Initiative 1: *Building Community through membership development*:
  - Work with the Membership Committee and other ASA entities to assess:
    - the changing needs of our *existing members*, especially in these times of COVID; ultimate objective is enhanced benefits & value as well as membership retention in our new environment
    - the vast pool of statisticians & (potential) students in statistics related fields that can and should become ASA members (*outreach to potential members*)
    - what’s the value proposition for being an ASA member?
  - Work with Membership Committee and other ASA entities to assess membership itself
    - What does it mean to be a member of ASA?
    - How can ASA promote community engagement among its members so that we can support each other better?
    - What outreach levers can be used to tap attract members

ASA Leadership Report
Initiative #2: Building Community through advancing diversity, inclusion and equity: Support and follow through with the recommendations of the (upcoming) Anti-Racism Task Force. This TF is in the process of being created by Wendy. Rob is highly interested in supporting it and assisting in any way possible. He believes that its activities (including gathering feedback from members) and the roadmap that it will prepare are very much in line with my initiative theme of “building community”.

- Expect that this would include building pipelines for a diverse pool of students to attract them to careers in statistics (e.g., Statfests, Datafests)
- Expect this would include leadership building for students and early career statisticians via Chapters, Sections, Committees and more generally through volunteerism
- Rob does not see this “initiative” as requiring new infrastructure (e.g., a new committee)
Initiative #3: Building Community through external outreach: Foster closer working relationships with the News and Science Media (journalists, newspaper editorial boards), scientific associations, and the federal statistical system, and state and local governments. Initiatives already exist in these areas so the idea is to further support them with an influx of resources and new ideas. This “initiative” should not require new infrastructure.
BOD Elections

- Kathy Ensor will be taking office in 2021 as ASA President-elect. Matilde Sanchez Kam will take office as Vice President.
- President-elect candidates for the Spring 2021 election (to take office in 2022) are Dionne Price (FDA) and David Williamson (CDC).
- VP candidates will be David Banks (Duke U.) and Nick Horton (Amherst College).
Nominations/Advocacy

- Nominations for the third International Prize in Statistics are due August 15.
- ASA’s advocacy efforts remain active. Just in the past two months ASA has issued four statements, two on the census and two related to covid-19:
  - ASA Board issues Statement and Request on the June 23 Census Bureau Appointments, 6/24/20.
Continuing to Monitor

- NCES staff and budget issues
- On-going concerns over Census citizenship information collection through administrative records
- Greece’s persecution of its former chief statistician, Andreas Georgiou
- Science integrity at EPA through communications regarding rule seen to undermine science informing regulations
- 15-20% cuts in purchasing power for several federal statistical agencies
- Publications issues at BJS
Fundraising/Development: Gifts totaling about $233,000 were received in 2019. We had 991 donors and 245 first time donors, also highs for us. Thank you to all who support ASA with their money and/or their time!

The Board has met almost weekly since mid-April to address issues related to the pandemic and to the events following the murder of George Floyd. A couple of new ASA communities, the two aforementioned statements, and several other activities have resulted from these efforts.

The Board approved an ASA Statement on Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI)

ASA is actively involved in education at all levels, under the leadership of Director of Education Rebecca Nichols. Of special interest is our Meeting within the Meeting program at JSM, which this year was conducted virtually during the week of July 20.

We created the ASA Leader Hub, where ASA volunteers can find tools and materials all in one convenient location.

We conducted our first virtual meeting in June. The Symposium on Statistics and Data Science, scheduled for Pittsburgh, was conducted entirely online. Of course, JSM is virtual, as will be our next several meetings (Biopharm, WSDS for certain at this point).

We smoothly transitioned operations so that ASA staff members work remotely. For many weeks everyone worked from home. Almost everyone still does, but a few staff occasionally work in the building. Those who do are there voluntarily and work under strict guidelines for safety.
BOD Report

- Ad Hoc Data Science Advisory Committee, and Outreach Project on Data Science and Statistics
- Website Committee
  - Composed by board representatives from the Council of Sections and the Council of Chapters
- NYT What’s Going On in This Graph?
  - Since inception, September 2017, 67 release, the only math-oriented weekly feature on the New York Times Learning Network
  - 7 COVID-19 related graphs
  - Soliciting moderators: 2½ hours commitment, contact Susan Hessney: shessney@gmail.com
- Rename Journal of Statistics Education (JSE) to “Journal of Statistics and Data Science Education” (JSDSE)
- Policy and Process for renaming an award or scholarship was proposed and approved
- ASA Constitution and Bylaws were reviewed, changed, approved. It will be posted in September Amstat news for members’ comments. Board will vote changes in November meeting
JSM Report

- Here is where we usually remind you of the Sessions to be held at JSM.
- We did sponsor 2 sessions this year
  - The OHDSI Collaboration: Generating Reliable Evidence from Large-Scale Healthcare Data
  - ICH E9 R1 Addendum: Can We Deliver on the Promise
  - For those who attended JSM. Thoughts on these or other sessions? General comments?
- There will be a workshop on Monday 8/10 3:00PM (Eastern) It will be recorded so that you can view at your leisure, but you will miss chance at live interaction!
Officer Workshop

- The presentation with resources on the ASA website for chapters will be sent following the workshop and will be available on the Council of Chapters Community site.
- The workshop will focus on fostering development in the chapters.
- The workshop will be held on August 10th from 3-5pm ET.
- The workshop presentations will be recorded. There will be breakout sessions that will not be recorded.
Chapter Status Reports

- 87% (64 out of 74) of chapters completed the annual chapter report (remember, a chapter must submit the report to be eligible for stimulus funds)

- There are a variety of activities that chapters participate in. On average, chapters hold:
  - 1 social event,
  - 3 outside speakers,
  - 2 chapter speakers,
  - 1 short course,

- Other activities that some chapters participated in are
  - Business meetings with officers and everyone
  - Career day
  - Chapter visitation program
  - Science fair
  - Mentoring

- 22 chapters received stimulus funds

- 18 chapters (at the time the report was completed) need officer updates
Chapter Status Reports

- Chapters would like the following issues or projects addressed by the ASA or the Council of Chapters:
  - Arranging a chapter social (19)
  - Planning an outside speaker (17)
  - Organizing a short course (19)
  - Organizing a career day (21)
  - Promoting the chapter (44)
  - Expanding the chapter membership (43)
  - Connecting with other chapters to coordinate activities (30)
  - Connecting with sections to coordinate activities (29)
Reminder...

ASA leaders are ASA members who volunteer in some way, primarily as chapter or section officers or committee members, to make your volunteer experience easy by providing materials you need in one convenient location. If you can think of additional resources to add to this page, please contact us and let us know how we can assist you.

Resources for:

Chapter Officers
- Annual Reports
- Chapter Leadership Updates
- IRS Filing requirement for US-based chapters
- Member Rosters
- Stimulus Funding Program
- Travelling Course
- Visitation Program
Traveling Courses

- 21 Chapters Applied and Awarded - 2 to 6 per District
- All held virtually this year, May to November 2020
- 4 Courses Offered

  **Empowering the Statistician with Spark, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning (7)**
  Instructor: *Ming Li, Amazon, and Hui Lin, Netlify*

  **Guidelines for Using State-of-the-Art Methods to Estimate Propensity Score and Inverse Probability of Treatment Weights when Drawing Causal Inferences (5)**
  Instructor: *Beth Ann Griffin, RAND Corporation*

  **Rshiny Essentials (4)**
  Instructor: *Mine Cetinkaya-Rundel, Duke University*

  **Analysis of Big Healthcare Databases (5)**
  Instructor: *Rebecca Hubbard, University of Pennsylvania*

- **Next Deadline:** approx. December 15, 2020
- **Website:** [https://community.amstat.org/coc/chapterresources/travelingcourse](https://community.amstat.org/coc/chapterresources/travelingcourse)
There was significant redistricting done in the early 2000s so that the same number of chapters would be in each district, thus equalizing the work of the Vice Chairs.

Earlier this year, there was discussion about the coloring (who really wants to incite red and blue states).

The map was to be re-created!!

- Change color scheme (avoid red/blue, ensure distinction among colorblind)
- Show, ballpark, where chapters are.
- Include Puerto Rico!
Region 1: Districts 1 and 2

Albany, Boston (also serves Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Western Massachusetts), Buffalo-Niagara, Connecticut, Montréal, New York Metro, Ottawa, Rochester, Southern Ontario-Toronto, Syracuse

Central Indiana, Chesapeake, Delaware, Eastern Tennessee, Kentucky, Maryland, Mid-Tennessee, Virginia, Washington Statistical Society, Western Tennessee
Region 2: Districts 3 and 4

Ann Arbor, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Princeton/Trenton, Mid-Michigan, New Jersey, Southwest Michigan

Central Arkansas, Central Illinois, Chicago, Colorado-Wyoming, Iowa, Kansas/Western Missouri, Mid-Missouri, Nebraska, Northeast Illinois, Oklahoma, St. Louis, Twin Cities, Wisconsin
Region 3: Districts 5 and 6

Alabama-Mississippi, Austin, Florida, Georgia, Houston Area, Louisiana, North Carolina, North Texas, Puerto Rico, San Antonio, Southeast Texas, South Carolina, South Florida

Alaska, Albuquerque, Arizona, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, Orange County-Long Beach, Oregon, Puget Sound, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco Bay Area, Snake River, Southern California, Utah
Be a part of the COCGB!

- Every year after JSM, the nomination committee meets to determine who will be on the ballot for the elections. The slates are typically due to the ASA in September/October.

- If you are interested, PLEASE consider reaching out to one of us (your Vice Chair, or any of the Governing Board listed on the first slide). For the elections in March 2021, we are looking for candidates to run for VC of districts 3 and 4, a Board Rep from Region 2 (districts 3 and 4), and a chair elect. All positions are 3 years (2022-2024). Next year, we will be looking for folks from region 3 (districts 5/6) to run in March of 2022 (service in 2023-2025). And the following year, we are back to regions 1 (service in 2024-2026). If you want to be involved, but not willing to make that commitment, we have appointed positions (secretary/Communications/nominating committee).