

## Report from the CSF&HR Meeting in August 2013, Montreal Canada

### Attendees:

Jay Kadane: Chair

Janet Wittes: Member

Cathy Furlong: Friend, Statistics Without Borders Program Chair

Ed Gracely: Friend, Webmaster

Steve Pierson: ASA Liaison

Meghan Price: Friend.

Fritz Sheuren: Friend, ASA past President

1. Jay began by apologizing for the lack of phone access. The system was in place for people to call in (as quite a few wanted to do), but our location underground eliminated cell phone access, so we were unable to use it.
2. Jay reviewed the matters mentioned in his draft report, which he sent to the committee a few weeks ago.
3. Much of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the Statistics Without Borders effort in North Korea, which has its peculiarities, such as no NK statistician contacts.
4. Our session on "When Politics and Official Economic Statistics Collide: Argentina, China and South Korea" was well-attended and interesting. Unfortunately, Andreas Georgiou was unable to attend. He was originally intended to be a key speaker at the session with respect to human rights issues affecting him as Greek official statistician.
5. Megan Price agreed to organize our proposal for the next JSM, on the use of dual systems estimates for human rights work. She asked for suggestions on whether the session would be better focused on a single country like Syria, but the advice was to include several countries as that seems to encourage greater attendance. Ed Gracely volunteered to Chair the session should that role be needed.
6. Janet Wittes agreed to take over primary responsibility on Argentina.
7. Please check out the Committee draft website that Ed Gracely put together, and make suggestions for its improvement. <http://community.amstat.org/CSFHR/Home/>