

Section on Statistics and the Environment
Executive Committee Meeting, JSM 2015, Seattle
Wednesday, 8/12/2015, 7:00-8:50 AM, Daily Grill Restaurant

Attendees (no particular order): Jarrett Barber(Council of Sections Rep); Emily Kang (Treasurer); Megan Higgs (Chair Elect 2016 term/2015 Chair Student Paper Competition); Candace Berrett (publications); Elizabeth Mannshardt (2016 Chair Student Paper/Program chair Elect); William Christensen (Awards /Publications elect elect); Veronica Berrocal (Chair elect elect term 2017; Alix Gitelman (past-chair); Kathi Irvine (Secretary); Kate Calder (Chair) ; Mandy Hering (Treasurer-elect)

Minutes:

1. Welcome and Introduction: notes
 - Dropbox past chairs only have access contains section officer position descriptions—
 - Action Item:** needs to be moved to ASA-ENVR community with one main document for easy reference
2. Approval of minutes from 2014 meeting in Boston (pending a date change) unanimously
3. Treasurer report: student awards budget increased for Seattle travel; guidance from COS is that yearly expenditure*2 ~balance and should not carry more balance than that;
 - Action Item:** What is a reasonable 2 year expenditure/revenue/balance?
4. Conferences:
 - Thanks to Ed Boone for an excellent 2015 JSM program
 - Brian Reich program chair for Chicago 2016 meeting:
 - IDEAS:** Mentoring Lunch Opportunities (informal) in 2016 to establish/promote better connections among federal statisticians
 - Mixer 2015 JSM was on Weds as opposed to usual Monday time slot; was selected by ASA;
 - ACTION ITEM:** pick 2 popular times for mixers (Sunday/Monday/Tuesday); Weds mixer is too late for folks accepting awards for 2016 in Chicago
 - Workshop 2016 in Bayesian Environmetrics at the Ohio State University: NEW DATES: March 31-April 2 Thurs/Friday/Saturday [will be cosponsored by ISBA's EnviBayes section, but EnviBayes will not provide \$\$] STATMOS (NSF network has agreed to give \$\$ for STATMOS institutions for student funding); waive invited speaker registration fees.
5. Student Paper Competition: Proposed submission of papers Dec 1.; Inform winners by Jan. 8 with a request for the student winners' confirmed commitment by Jan 10 or 11; This would give the committee a few days to find and confirm a replacement if needed for the topic contributed session for the paper winners. Topic Contributed deadline (Jan 15). A rule of only 2 submissions to section competitions; awards reimbursement for travel (4 awards @ \$1000);
 - ACTION ITEM:** revisit decision next year board meeting re funding and number of awards
 - ACTION ITEM:** call for paper submission has to be an ENVR/ASA member – this will be added to the call for papers

6. Publications: need content sent to Candace
Action item: update ENVR history poster and send to publications chair Candace [Done!]
7. Awards committee (current Dale Zimmerman Chair; William Christensen Chair 2016; Chris Wikle appointed): appoint someone senior who has received the award of distinguished achievement [committee may solicit nominations for the awards, but cannot prepare nominations directly]:
Feb. solicit nominations/ DUE April 15ish
8. ASA Fellow committee : has to be an ASA fellow to nominate; March nominations due with 3 letters of support; qualifications for evaluation (service to ASA etc)
9. COS report: discussion of interest group/ section/committee delineations; Idea: to change “topic contributed” to “topic invited” sessions; ENVR has 3 invited (primary sponsor counts); ASA statement on data science forthcoming; GAISE second revision on curriculum development in stat education forthcoming report
10. Stats.org requests and possible policy:
IDEAS: include in newsletter/ Stat ambassadors \$\$ available and could receive training on how to deal with media: potentially could have someone on board to serve as this point of contact; need a point of contact for this from ENVR
11. MISC discussions:
ACTION ITEM: need a longer business meeting time
ACTION ITEM: Comments/approval of minutes from this year by ENVR executive committee over email