

NEWSLETTER OF THE ALASKA CHAPTER
OF THE
AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION

October 6, 1986

1986 ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING

The 1986 annual chapter meeting will be held concurrently with the Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) and the Alaska Water Resource (AWR) Group on November 5-6 at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage. The meeting room will be posted in the hotel lobby. A tentative schedule for the meeting is as follows:

Wednesday November 4, 1986

10:00 am	Business Meeting
Noon	Group Lunch
1:30 pm	Paper Session (Earl Becker, and others?)
3:00 pm	Paul Tukey's first topic session
Evening	AFS Banquet (\$20)

Thursday November 5, 1986

9:00 am	Paul Tukey's second topic session
11:00 am	Paper session (continues) and Book review session

Members are invited to attend the paper sessions of the AFS at which Hal Geiger will be presenting a paper Thursday afternoon. A tentative agenda for the AFS meeting is:

Tuesday afternoon: Sessions on Fisheries Management and Escapement
Wednesday morning: Sessions on Oil and Gas and Habitat issues
(Joint with AWR)

Wednesday afternoon: Business meeting

Thursday afternoon: Sessions on Enhancement and Fisheries Research

New officers will be elected at the Business meeting. Alan Johnson will give an overview of his participation at the national meeting this summer. Next year's meeting place and agenda will be discussed. Please contact Linda Brannian at 344-0541 if you are interested in presenting a paper or less formally sharing any interesting statistical or biometric project you are currently working on. Lastly, this year I would again like to host a book review of recently published statistical or modeling references, journals or interesting papers. Please bring any of interest with you. This was last done at our November 1983 meeting with great success.

FROM THE MICRO OF OUR PRESIDENT, HAL GEIGER.....

JOB BOARD

M.S. in statistics (1986) looking for a job in Alaska. Currently working on National Stream Survey for EPA under Scott Overton in Corvallis. Call (503) 754-3366 and ask for Rob McLeod.

Recent Ph.D. from Oregon State (thesis in sampling) looking for summer project in Alaska. Currently working in Tunisia, Tunisia. Can be reached through Hal Geiger at 465-4230.

SHORT COURSE IN TIME SERIES

Our chapter will be sponsoring a short course jointly with the School of Fisheries and Science at the University in Juneau. Tentatively classes will be held February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and March 4th. We will be using a video tape of a class put on at the 1984 National meeting by Johannes Ledolter and Bovas Abraham. A text by the same individuals will be used. It is titled Statistical Methods for Forecasting, and is part of the Wiley series. It has been proposed that each video lesson also be shown in Anchorage on the following week.

TUKEY'S TALKS

As yet we have not received titles and abstracts for the talks Paul Tukey will be giving here in Alaska, but the times and places are known. He will be giving a talk at 1:00 pm on Tuesday November 4th in Fairbanks. He will be giving the same talk and one other to the ASA membership at our annual meeting on the 5th and 6th in Anchorage. Finally he will be stopping in Juneau to give a talk at the University on Wednesday the 12th, before returning to New Jersey.

1986 JOINT STATISTICAL MEETING (NATIONAL ASA)

This past summer Alan Johnson (Biometrician, ADF&G Kodiak) attended a joint statistical meeting of the American Statistical Association (national meeting), Institute of Mathematical Statistics and the Eastern and Western Regions of the Biometric Society. The annual 1986 Joint Statistical Meeting held August 18-21 in Chicago this year was attended by more than 3000 professional statisticians from university, government and industry. Only one individual from Alaska attended (the computerized list thought Little Rock and Fayetteville were in Alaska). The schedule included short courses on the prior weekend with the meeting starting on Monday morning. Eighteen sessions were simultaneously held at the beginning with the activity dwindling to 12 sessions by Thursday afternoon. Paul Tukey was contacted to discuss possible specific topical areas for his

presentation at the upcoming Chapter meeting. The shortcourse on Density Estimation was excellent and turned out to be a small personalized group since most attendants were at the Artificial Intelligence short course. Next year the meeting will be held in San Francisco. A list of papers obtained at the 1986 meeting is available from Alan. He will recap the highlights of his trip at our November meeting and bring a copy of the Proceedings if published.

Council of Chapters Annual Meeting

The requirements for 50% National membership to retain our ASA charter is on the back burner. There are other chapters that have the same problem and the National Office is not going to push the requirement. At the council of Chapters meeting, (attended by Alan Johnson) discussion groups of 5-7 individuals were formed to determine possible solutions to four or five interest areas established by a questionnaire sent out to each Chapter president. The results and suggestions from the discussion groups will be presented in the next issue of Link. We do not have nearly the problems as some of the smaller chapters; one even has trouble with the IRS. Next year's president, Barbara Bailar, is planning a visit to Alaska being one of the Chapters on her itinerary for the year.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The Alaska Chapter of ASA is required by its constitution to publish a membership directory at least every five years. The first such directory was published when the Chapter was organized in 1982. The second edition will be published later this year. If you wish to be included in the directory, the enclosed survey must be completed and returned by October 31, and your membership fees (\$10/yr) must be paid through at least 1985. The two digit number after your name on the mailing label indicates the most recent year that your dues have been paid according to the records of Don Marx our Secretary/Treasurer. Please note that a return mailing page has been included with the newsletter directly after the survey and can be used as an envelope, just staple closed and mail.

Upon its completion, copies of the directory will be provided to all members. It will also be made available to government agencies and other groups that request information about our Chapter or inquire about statistical expertise in the State.

The data to be collected and published is substantially the same information that the national ASA, in conjunction with other statistical organizations collects, and publishes periodically nationwide. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.