ASA CNSL meeting 2020-05-07

Present: Robyn Ball, Manisha Desai, Dean Johnson, Joe Rigdon, Kim Love, Andrea Mack, Aparna Anderson, Jana Asher, Summer Han, Leanna Stork, Clark Kogan

Mission statement

* Manisha is leading an effort to update and modernize our mission statement
* Others on the call unanimously agreed that this is a good idea
* The previous mission statement is merely a description of what a consultant does; we want something that is reflective of the community we are trying to build at the CNSL
* Leanna: we should start with Why, How, What
* Jana: need to have something about ethical statistical practice
* Aparna: add some content for those moving from a previous role into the role of statistical consultant
* Clark: Audience of interest for the consulting section = individuals for whom success requires communicating about statistics or motivating statistical analyses to non-statisticians.
* Jana: perhaps add something about connecting needs (jobs) with resources (statistical consultants in our section)
* Manisha shared document on Stanford Box; please send her edits by May 21

JSM 2020

* Going virtual for 2020 due to COVID-19
* Jana to reach out to friend with questions
* Naomi Friedman is a good point of contact too
* Running our business meeting to engage members should be relatively straightforward using Zoom (make sure to have password protected meeting to be secure)
* Summer: all sessions are set for JSM, need to put call out to folks to vote on awards
* Jana: we can google to figure out who is a student
* 2021 program chair will be Clark, we don’t know about 2022 yet

Committee updates

* Publications (Joe): editorial on CNSL fellows committee published in AmStat News
* Group suggested to publicize on CNSL website – Joe added discussion board topic
* Kim: follow up on what to share regularly in communication with section members– open-ended questionnaire to engage members, Phil Scinto webinar was effective for engaging students
* Andrea M helping with hopeful webinar for June; Karen Grace-Martin from The Analysis Factor will present on “Confusing Statistical Terms”
* Frank Harrell suggested as potential guest for future webinar
* Dean: we are waiting to hear back from ASA and Eric Sampson regarding Journal of Statistical Practice

Other business

* COVID-19 is an ever-present global pandemic and perhaps we should participate in a response
* One option would be to survey our members, collate projects they are working on, and prepare an article in AmStat news of the CNSL response to COVID-19
* Aparna and Manisha offered insightful comments on tricky issues in researching COVID-19 such as how to choose the right outcome/endpoint
* Joe and Robyn to reach out to Megan Murphy to discuss possibility of AmStat News article