

Minutes from EC meeting, 2/23/21

12:00-1:00 pm US Eastern

Attendees

Present: Todd Coffey, Robert Podolsky, Manisha Desai, Edward Boone, Andrea Mack, Dean Johnson, Kiersten Eilertson, Xiaoyue Niu, Naomi Brownstein, Hoang Nguyen, Aparna Anderson, Kim Love, Clark Kogan, Robyn Ball

Excused: Chris Barker

Agenda

1. Introduction of officers and roles
 - a. Special welcome to new webmaster, Hoang Nguyen
2. Chair's report (Todd Coffey)
 - a. What can each of us do to advance the mission of the Section?
 - b. JSM2021 Update
 - c. CSP2021/2022 CNSL Section involvement
 - d. Appointment of Student Member to Executive Committee
 - e. Charter revision
3. Chair's initiatives (Todd Coffey)
 - a. Business toolkit for private consultants
 - b. Networking groups (academic promotion, healthcare, academic consulting, private consultants)
 - c. Update ASA Consultant directory
4. Standing Committee Plans for 2021:
 - a. Publications Committee (Ed Boone)
 - i. Interview of section member who is Fellow—Amstat News
 - ii. Publicize special issue in STAT
 - b. Fellows Committee (Todd on behalf of Mary Kwasny, Jason Liao, and Duane Steffey)
 - c. Mentorship Committee (Todd on behalf of Kathy Panageas, Naomi Brownstein, and Rob Podolsky)
 - d. Nominations Committee (Manisha Desai)
5. Ad hoc Committee updates:
 - a. Journal proposal (Robyn Ball, Dean Johnson)
 - i. Membership Outreach and Diversity (Manisha Desai)
 - ii. StatFest
6. Update from Treasurer (Chris Barker)

7. Update from Communications Officer (Kim Love)
 - a. Certificate of completion for webinars and traveling courses for sections
8. Webinar update: (Andrea Mack and Kim Love)
 - a. Collaboration with TSHS
9. JSM 2021 program comments: (Clark Kogan)
 - a. Awards
 - b. Voting
10. JSM 2021 Roundtables updates: (Kirsten Eilertson)
11. Business from Board reps, *ad hoc* members, or Chair-Elect
12. Action items for officers and committees (Todd)

Notes

Chair's report (Todd Coffey)

What can each of us do to advance the mission of the Section?

Todd requested that each of us be a concerned member and ask, "What can I do to advance mission?"

JSM2021 Update

Planned to take place in Seattle, but it is still undecided whether it will be in person. Decision will likely occur by April.

CSP2021/2022 CNSL Section involvement

We will discuss further at a future meeting. Organizers indicated section could best support by providing more submissions.

Appointment of Student Member to Executive Committee

The consensus was general support for having at least one student member. The group discussed what the student's role would be, e.g., liaising with ASA, being involved with Student Award. The propose role will be incorporated into charter update so that section members can review.

Charter revision

The charter committee (i.e., Chair elect, treasurer, and an executive committee member) is commissioned to update the charter, which will require the entire section's review and vote. It's generally in good shape, but requires some clarifying detail. The Council of Sections has also asked the section to develop a Procedures guide, e.g., process for choosing an invited session. We need to update the charter by December 31, 2021.

Chair's initiatives (Todd Coffey)

Examples of ways to get section members to network and engage with one another include the following:

- Business toolkit for private consultants starting a consulting business—group led by Michiko Wolcott is meeting regularly

- Networking groups (academic promotion, healthcare, academic consulting, private consultants)—these groups are all meeting regularly
- Consultant directory update (though this cannot happen until later in 2021 due to website overhaul)

There is an opportunity to improve publicizing what our group does.

Standing Committee Plans for 2021:

Publications Committee (Ed Boone)

The group discussed webinars that could lead to a certificate (has to be evaluated by presenter). Currently scheduled webinars do not lend themselves to certificates, but we can keep this in mind for future webinars. Ed will get a sense of interest from section members and/or put together a proposal for a webinar that could have a certificate.

Interview of section member who is Fellow—Amstat News

This item was tabled.

Publicize special issue in STAT

This item was tabled.

Fellows Committee (Todd on behalf of Mary Kwasny, Jason Liao, and Duane Steffey)

The fellow committee has not provided mentoring for section members this year but at least one section member has applied.

Mentorship Committee (Todd on behalf of Kathy Panageas, Naomi Brownstein, and Rob Podolsky)

We have not received any nominations for mentoring award. This is a section award and has a 3/30 deadline. The committee will consider whether to advertise differently.

Nominations Committee (Manisha Desai)

No update.

Ad hoc Committee updates:

Journal proposal (Robyn Ball, Dean Johnson)

Ron Wasserstein suggested getting a special issue, and we have secured one in Stat. This will allow us to measure and show evidence of interest. The section will have a lot of input on the evaluation of submissions.

Membership Outreach and Diversity (Manisha Desai)

Manisha formed a subcommittee for membership outreach and diversity. The subcommittee's goal is to put forward initiatives to increase membership with a broader and more diverse representation. The group may partner with the Committee for Minorities in Statistics, e.g., participation in StatFest, a one-day conference that is focused on minority students to give exposure to different opportunities. Manisha will follow up with Chris Barker to see if we can be sponsor (\$1K gets you into the expo). The subcommittee is also exploring a diversity mentorship program.

Update from Treasurer (Chris Barker)

Chris was not in attendance.

Update from Communications Officer (Kim Love)

Kim asked that the group submit potential discussion topics for the online consulting community related to consulting among members. Kim will send email to solicit ideas.

Webinar update: (Andrea Mack and Kim Love)

The group was encouraged to send topics to Andrea. We are looking for a more technical talk for the September slot.

Collaboration with TSHS

JSM 2021 program comments: (Clark Kogan)

Clark will send abstracts for contributed topics, and committee will vote. This will occur within next few weeks. Our section's continuing education course was not selected; Clark intends to follow up to understand decision.

JSM 2021 Roundtables updates: (Kirsten Eilertson)

A total of 43 roundtables are planned, and the Consulting section has 3 roundtables. This is a little lower than typical.