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Chair's Column

Dear friends and colleagues,

The Summer Newsletter is an important one for the Section. Thank you to Vaneeta for bringing it together. For some of us, it gives us information that helps us to prepare for JSM. For others of us, it's a mid-year opportunity to see how your Executive Committee is performing. Some may want to run for office next year because they see how excellent the opportunity is! Or they may want to run if they think they can do even better. Whatever reason you read the newsletter, please make sure you do. It is written for you.

JSM

Dean Johnson and Maggie Niu have prepared a great program sponsored by the Section at JSM. Dean outlines it in his article in this newsletter. Please attend these sessions and show your support for Section members. Attendance at sessions we sponsor is part of what determines what we get next year.

One of the 4 awards that the Section gives each year is for Best Topic Contributed Session. We want to congratulate Gary Sullivan, of Eli Lilly, won that award this year for his session titled "The Leadership Journey for Statisticians." We recommend participating in this panel to discuss leadership development and its importance for statisticians.

We are also sponsoring a CE Course in Baltimore: "Research and analysis workflows: Low-cost, every-day project management techniques, tools, and tips that produce high-quality, streamlined, stress-free research and data science." Yes, it's a mouthful, but you'll get some good content. It's not only what we get for results that is important, but how we get them. This course will help you improve how you work.

Finally, for JSM please attend the **Business Meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 pm in the Hilton Key Ballroom #4**. This will be a great opportunity to meet those you've had discussions with on the forum as well as contribute to the future of the section. The Mixer which follows will be combined with SPES, Q&P and Statistics in Defense and National Security. With the fellowship, doorprizes, food and drink, a good time will be had by all!

Section Status

Outside of JSM, there are numerous other benefits that the Executive Committee tries to provide. We think this year has continued the fine work of past years, but, as always, your feedback is helpful.

The most active positions on the EC are

- Secretary/Treasurer – Mac Turner documents well the goings-on of the EC.
- Publications Officer – Mary Kwasny has added a *Consultant's Corner* column to the Amstat News. She brings in and schedules authors, helping them to finalize their work for publication. If you are interested in being an author to the wider ASA audience, please contact her.
- Newsletter Editor – Vaneeta Grover creates this great newsletter to keep membership informed and edified. This summary of our Section activities and knowledge can use your input.
- Program Chair and Program Chair-Elect – As mentioned above, these appointed positions have been handled well by Dean and Maggie. Dean has organized the papers, panels and posters, and Maggie the roundtables. This position allows great networking with colleagues.
- Webmaster – Ravi Makhija keeps our website running and up to date.
- Executive Committee At-Large – George Luta has taken the reins on the webinars and brought some strong training for not only our members, but ASA and outside of ASA, as well. See his article below that highlights the series.
- Past-Chair; Chair of Nominations Committee – Chris Holloman has been an advisor and support to me this year as I stumble through my role. He also is the one to contact if you are interested

in one of the open positions on the ballot next year. The open positions are Chair, a Representative to the Council of Sections, an At-Large EC member, and Publications Officer.

- Mentoring Award Committee – Vaneeta Grover, Stuart Gansky and Bruce Craig have given us our first winner of the Mentoring award (Congratulations Manisha Desai) and revised it to be even better next year.

These are just the highlights. Other EC members are or will be doing their part for you, as well.

Thank you all for being members. I look forward to seeing and/or meeting as many of you as possible at JSM. If you see me walk by, please flag me down!
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Headlines and Announcements

1st Mentoring Recognition Award



The Mentoring Award committee is excited to announce that Dr. Manisha Desai, PhD, Professor of Medicine and of Biomedical Data Science, Director of the Quantitative Sciences Unit, Stanford University is the recipient of 2017 Mentoring Award.

She will be presented with the award during the business meeting on Tuesday.

Stuart Gansky, Bruce Craig and Vaneeta Kaur Grover
Committee for Mentoring Award

JSM 2017

Papers, Posters, Round tables, oh my!

(As published in the Amstat News)

JSM is just around the [consultant's] corner. The officers of the Section on Statistical Consulting have been working hard to plan a diverse and provocative menu of choices for those at all levels of career, and interests. If you have not been to JSM or have not been there in a while, it has become a great place to network, learn a few new tricks of the trade, meet some people with similar interests, and, this year, see a bit of Baltimore. If you have been to JSM recently, I must ask, "What is one of the qualities that all great consultants share?" If you said, "The communication skills to explain to others the meaning and message that exists inside what seems like chaos," then consider the opportunity to use your consulting skills as a JSM DOCENT. Since JSM2014, Docents have assisted orienting first-timers through the seeming chaos that is JSM. Sign up at

<http://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2017/moretodo.cfm> if you are interested. First-Time Attendee Orientation and Reception is Sunday at 12:30. Also, consider getting involved in any of the many Mentoring programs (same link). Sharing both success and failure stories is the one way to ensure that this field continues to grow and move forward!

Sessions

- A Consulting Dish Cooked Three Ways: Contrasting Approaches for Dealing with Internal, External, and Academic Consulting
- Career Changes for Collaborative Statisticians (Wednesday)
- Bridging the Gap Between Statistics and Other Data Sciences: Where's the Bridge? Where's Clients (Monday)
- Challenges and Rewards of Major the Gap? (Thursday)
- What Should an Academic Consulting Statistician Do? (Monday)
- Collaborative Research on Measures of Health Disparities (Wednesday)
- The Leadership Journey for Statisticians (Thursday)
- Statistical Consulting Applications (Sunday)
- Consulting, Collaboration, Communication and Impact (Tuesday)

Round Tables

- How to Grow a Successful Statistical Consulting Enterprise (Monday)
- Structures of Successful Stat Labs (Monday)
- Consulting, Collaboration, or Something Else? Perspectives (Tuesday)
- Meetings: Turning Stumbling Blocks into Stepping Stones (Tuesday)
- A Statistician's Guide to Data Storytelling in Business (Wednesday)
- Impact of Successful Stats Consulting in a Fast Changing Environment: A Pharmaceutical Industry Perspective (Wednesday)

Posters

- Teaching a Large, Project-Based Statistical Consulting Class (Sunday)
- Meta-Analysis of Conflicting Outcome Measures (Tuesday)

Speed Session

- Where Does All the Time Go? Measuring Clients' Service Utilization via Time-Tracking Software (Tuesday)

Professional Development Course

- Research and Analysis Workflows: Low-Cost, Every-Day Project Management Techniques, Tools, and Tips That Produce High-Quality, Streamlined, Stress-Free Research and Data Science (Tuesday)

If you are new to the section, or just want to learn more about who we are and what we do, be sure to attend our Business Meeting and Mixer. This year, several sections that have similar member bases have suggested a super mixer! This is somewhat breaking news, but be sure to check the final JSM program. I believe the Section on Statistical Consulting, the Section on Statistics in Physical and Engineering Science, and the Quality and Productivity section will be co-hosing a single mixer after their respective business meetings. While it may have a detrimental impact on your step-count for the day, it will be nice not to have to cut conversations short to try to make appearances at three places within one hour! Hope to see you at JSM!

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<http://community.amstat.org/CNSL/Home>

You'll find all information relating to the Section on Statistical Consulting, including our charter, officer list, section activities, past issues of The Statistical Consultant, minutes of past meetings, and more.