EPA'S BARRY D. NUSSBAUM ELECTED 112TH ASA PRESIDENT
Rice University professor Katherine B. Ensor elected vice president

ALEXANDRIA, VA, MAY 20, 2015 – Barry D. Nussbaum, chief statistician at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was elected the 112th president of the American Statistical Association (ASA) by the membership.

Nussbaum will serve a one-year term as president-elect on the ASA Board of Directors starting January 1, 2016, and will become ASA president January 1, 2017.

ASA members also elected Katherine B. Ensor, Rice University professor of statistics and director of the school's Center for Computational Finance and Economic Systems, as an ASA vice president. She will begin her three-year term on the board January 1, 2016.

"As the ASA president-elect, I respect, value and embrace the diversity within the ASA community. The membership crosses cultures, ethnicities, age groups, genders and geography," said Nussbaum, while sharing his excitement for the positive effect ASA members and the profession are making and will continue to make on health, transportation, security, economy, justice, education, environment and a host of other areas. "Now is the time to be more than the sum of the parts. With our talents, we will make our mark on society. Let's do it; let's not be bashful about our contributions and let's move significantly onward."

Nussbaum joined the EPA in 1975 and was named to his current position in 2007. At the agency, he founded and chairs the EPA Statistics Users Group. During his tenure, he has achieved many notable successes using statistical analysis to promote health, determine environmental policy and enforce regulations. For instance, he was the branch chief in charge of the successful drive to eliminate harmful lead from gasoline.

As an ASA member, Nussbaum served as chair of the Statistics and the Environment Section in 2000. In 2007, he was recognized for his contributions to statistics by being elected an ASA Fellow. Since 2011, he has chaired the association's Statistical Partnerships Among Academe, Industry, and Government Committee.

Nussbaum was awarded a bachelor's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a master's and doctorate from George Washington University. He also has taught graduate statistics courses for George Washington and Virginia Tech universities.

Ensor joined the Rice University Statistics Department as an assistant professor in 1987 and was instrumental in establishing statistics at the university as the department chair from 1999 to 2013. Also, she was a co-primary investigator of a National Science Foundation 10-year, $10 million Vertical Integration of Research and Education in the Mathematical Sciences award at the university. Ensor works in dependent data, addressing applications in finance, risk, energy, environment and epidemiology.

She is an active ASA member at the national, regional and local levels. At the national level, she helped establish the Committee on Federally Funded Research and Council of Academic Representatives. Ensor is a member and served as elected leader of several ASA sections such as Statistics and the Environment, Business and Economics Statistics, Statistics in Defense and National Security, Bayesian Statistics, and Computing and Graphics. She currently is serving on the National Academies Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics.

At the regional and local levels, she was president, president-elect and secretary of the Southern Regional Council on Statistics (SRCOS); ASA's representative to SRCOS; and a member and president of the Houston Area Chapter of the ASA.

Ensor was awarded a bachelor's and master's in mathematics from Arkansas State University and a doctorate in statistics from Texas A&M University. She is a fellow of the ASA and American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Among her many honors, she was presented the 2014 Paul Minton Service Award by SRCOS for her many contributions to the statistics profession.

ASA members also elected two new representatives to the board of directors for terms starting January 1, 2016:

- Paula Roberson, professor and chair of the department of biostatistics at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, was elected the Council of Chapters Governing Board (COCGB) representative
- Eileen King, research associate professor for biostatistics and epidemiology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, was elected the Council of Sections Governing Board (COSGB) representative

Also, Marianne Messina and Fred Hulting were elected 2016 chairs-elect of the COCGB and COSGB, respectively. Messina is senior associate director of immuno-oncology at Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Hulting is the director of global knowledge services at General Mills, Inc. Both will serve one year as chair of their respective governing board beginning January 1, 2017.

Last, new officers also were elected for each of the ASA's 27 sections. The complete ASA election results are available here.

About the American Statistical Association

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