

**ASA Section on Statistical Education
2008 Business Meeting
Colorado Convention Center Room 202
Denver, Colorado**

Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Linda Young, Section Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:51 PM. Copies of the agenda were distributed.

1. Linda Young introduced the current section officers:
Past Chair: Jessica Utts
Chair-Elect: Robert C. delMas
Program Chair: Jackie Miller
Program Chair-Elect: Peter H. Westfall
Secretary/Treasurer: Thomas H. Short
Publication Officer: E. Jacquelin Dietz
Council of Sections Representatives: Ann R. Cannon, Carolyn Cuff
Members of Executive Committee: Carmen O. Acuna, Robert Gould, Kim Gilbert, Johanna S. Hardin, Deborah J. Rumsey, Norean Radke Sharpe
Newsletter Editors: E. Jacquelin Dietz, Joan B. Garfield
2. Linda Young announced the results of the 2008 ASA elections for our Section.
Chair-Elect 2009 (chair in 2010): Lori A. Thombs
Members of Executive committee (2009-2011): Nicholas J. Horton
Council of Sections Representative: Deborah Nolan (2009-2011)
3. Approval of 2007 Minutes
Tom Short distributed copies of the minutes from the 2007 Section business meeting. Tom also distributed an attendance sheet. The 2007 minutes were approved by consensus.
4. Treasurer's Report
Tom Short reported that our Section's financial health is good. A detailed report was provided to the Executive Committee.
5. Best Contributed Paper Award Report: Ron Wasserstein
Phyllis Curtiss and Kirk Anderson won the 2007 Best Contributed Paper Award on "Teaching a History of Statistics" discussion course.
6. Waller Award Report: Jessica Utts
The Executive Committee has proposed to the ASA Committee on Meetings to move this to Tuesday night, to make it an ASA award. We should know what will happen by October or November 2008.

Jessica Utts presented the Ray and Carolyn Waller to Steve Wang from Swarthmore College. Jessica acknowledged the many and varied contributions he has already made in his career.

The membership acknowledged Steve's award with applause.

Roxy Peck announced that Tom Moore has received the 2008 Mu Sigma Rho award. Tom was not able to be at the business meeting tonight. Roxy noted that departments nominate for Mu Sigma Rho. Roxy and Ann Cannon encouraged departments and section members to submit nominations. The membership acknowledged Tom's award with applause.

7. Discussion of Strategic Planning Process

Linda Young noted that we are working to help ACTE evolve into an ASA Advisory Board on Statistics Education. This Board will work to guide the activities and initiatives of the ASA for Center for Statistics Education. So far all of the interested constituents seem to be supporting of this initiative. The Stat Ed Section hopes to have a sustained three-year position on the new Board, which will require a revision to our Section's Charter. We will anticipate the creation of this position by soliciting two nominees for the new position.

Linda Young introduced Ann Cannon to present the mission statement and strategic objectives that have been recently developed. Ann Cannon acknowledged the membership of the strategic planning committee and the facilitator and the time that they put in to develop the document distributed at the meeting. Ann noted that the mission statement and strategic objectives will be distributed to the membership by e-mail, and will also be posted on the Section's Web site. After receiving feedback and making appropriate revisions the Section's Executive Committee will vote on the document.

Ann reviewed the general points in the mission statement. See the accompanying handout. Ann noted that as part of the ASA Member Initiative grant that supported our strategic planning, a Strategic Planning Committee prepared a mission statement and a list of strategic objectives. Ann will prepare a summary of the process and the results that will appear in the November 2008 issue of the *Amstat News*.

8. Discussion of Web site

Linda Young announced that Bob delMas, Jackie Dietz, and Carmen Acuna will serve on a committee to review the Section's Web site. Linda encouraged members to send their comments to members of the committee.

9. Workshop on Statistics Education Graduate Programs and Support for Associated Faculty Report

Bob delMas announced that there will be a workshop in Alexandria in October 2008 to discuss how to develop graduate programs in statistics education. The workshop will be supported by an ASA Member Initiative grant.

10. New ASA Fellows who are Section members:

Betsy J. Becker, Florida State University
Katherine T. Halvorsen, Smith College
Joseph W. Hogan, Brown University
Carl Lee, Central Michigan University
Jill M. Montaquila, WESTAT

Walter W. Stroup, University of Nebraska
Dennis L. Young, Arizona State University

The membership congratulated the new fellows with applause.

11. New Business

Robin Lock from the ASA/MAA joint committee reported that an ASA Member Initiative is being prepared for the development of a Web site to provide profiles of undergraduate students of statistics two or three years after graduation. The committee will also develop a session for JSM 2009 addressing opportunities in government. Carol Blumberg volunteered to help, and noted that the Energy Information Agency seeks undergraduate interns.

Carolyn Cuff reported from the Council of Sections meetings that two new sections are being proposed, on Statistical Programming and Data Mining. Steve Pierson is seeking input about issues relevant to science policy. Send Carolyn ideas about “Statistical Moments” to report back to Steve. The ASA Section on Physical and Engineering Sciences (SPES) wants to provide speakers to colleges and universities. Carolyn distributed a form to be used to request such a speaker.

Dex Whittinghill reported on Patricia Rutledge’s Tuesday breakfast for non-statisticians teaching statistics. The group is seeking liaisons for the Section on Statistical Education and the MAA SIGMAA on Statistics Education.

Roxy Peck invited the membership to the International Statistical Institute (ISI) meeting in Durban, South Africa next year. The IASE will have a program at the meeting.

Pat Humphrey, current chair of the MAA SIGMAA on Statistics Education, invited everyone to the Joint Mathematics Meeting in January. The meeting will include four sessions specifically about statistics education.

Linda Young acknowledged Jackie Miller’s work on the Section’s program for JSM 2008 and the members responded with applause.

Linda Young reported that 2009 Program Chair Peter Westfall is finalizing the invited program for the Section.

Bob delMas introduced Tisha Hooks as the 2010 Program Chair. Applause.

Linda Young asked first-time attendees to stand and be welcomed with applause.

Robin Lock noted that Linda Young received an ASA Founders Award this year. The membership applauded again.

Edd Mansfield commented that the Section should present a best poster award. Linda asked him to send a reminder to an Executive Committee member.

Don Bentley noted that students present papers at the Joint Math Meetings. He suggests that the Stat Ed Section sponsor an invited undergraduate student papers session one year after their graduation. The Section should consider giving partial support to the student participants. Linda Young commented that we could certainly make it a topic contributed session. Please send a message to an Executive Committee member.

Linda Young noted that proposals from the members will be evaluated through the lens of the Section's strategic plan.

12. Linda thanked the following volunteers for the contributions over the past year and at JSM 2008. More applause.

Newsletter: E Jacquelin Dietz, Joan B. Garfield

Contributed Paper award: Ron Wasserstein

Web page editor: E. Jacquelin Dietz

Stat Ed Booth Coordinator: Deborah J. Rumsey

Volunteers for the Statistical Education booth: Carmen Acuna, Gideon Bahn, Carol Bigelow, Sarah Boslaugh, Steve Dafilou, Bob delMas, Kay Endriss, Chris Franklin, Joan B. Garfield, Rob Gould, Bob Granzow, Katherine Halverson, Pat Humphrey, Dean Isaacson, Roger Johnson, Gary Kadar, Terry King, Carl Lee, David Loewen, Megan Mocko, Adam Molnar, Julia Norton, Roxy Peck, Amy Phelps, Rebecca Pierce, Paul Plummer, Neal Rogness, Deepak Sanjel, Sue Schou, Leigh Slauson, Norean Sharpe, Walt Stroup, Gail Tudor, Dex Whittinghill, and David Zeitler

Retiring officers:

Past Chair: Jessica Utts

Council of Sections Representative: Carolyn Cuff

Executive Committee: Robert Gould, Norean Radke Sharpe

Program Chair: Jackie Miller

The room resounded with even more applause.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas H. Short, Secretary/Treasurer

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Elected Executive Committee Members and Terms:

Robert Gould (2006-08)
Norean Radke Sharpe (2006-08)
Johanna Hardin (2007-09)
Deborah Rumsey (2007-09)
Carmen O. Acuna (2008-2010)
Georgia K. (Kim) Gilbert (2008-2010)

Newsletter Editors:

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