PARTICIPANTS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF
REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

Atlanta, Georgia
October 6-7, 1955

Members of Regional Committee:

Dr. G. E. Albert, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Dr. Breadus Browne, Resident Director, College Experiment Station, University of Georgia, Athens

Dr. Dana Card, Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky, Lexington

Dr. H. H. Chapman, Professor of Business Statistics, University of Alabama, University

Dr. Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen, Professor of Economics, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

Dr. Boyd Kershberger, Head, Department of Statistics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg

Dr. Herbert A. Meyer, Director, Statistical Laboratory, University of Florida, Gainesville

Dr. Carl Marshall, Department of Statistics, Iowa State College, Ames; representing Oklahoma A. and M. College

Dr. George E. Nicholson, Jr., Chairman, Department of Statistics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Dr. J. A. Rigney, Head, Department of Experimental Statistics, North Carolina State College, Raleigh

Dr. John R. Stockton, Director, Bureau of Business Research, The University of Texas, Austin 12, Texas

Dr. Rutledge Vining, Professor of Economics and Statistics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Southern Regional Education Board Staff:

Dr. John E. Ivey, Jr., Director
Dr. Richard H. Louch, Regional Programs Associate
Dr. Wm. J. McClintick, Associate Director for Regional Programs
Mrs. Shirley P. Williams, Secretary
Harshbarger, of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, was elected Chairman. Dr. John K. Folger was designated by the Southern Regional Education Board as its official representative on the Committee and was therefore elected Secretary.

Program Activities

The Regional Committee considered Section II of the memorandum of agreement which describes possible functions of the Committee. The Committee's conclusions are recorded below.

1. Third Regional Conference on Statistics

The Committee felt strongly that a third Southern Regional Conference on Statistics should be held. It recognized, however, that this would require considerable planning and it decided that the summer of 1957 might be an appropriate time. The 4-H Club Camp at Rock Eagle, Georgia, and the Continuation Education Center at Athens were suggested as possible sites. Some members of the Committee suggested the desirability of holding the Conference in the western part of the region.

2. Encouragement of Meetings with Scientific Societies and Groups

In general the Committee felt that it might well encourage additional scientific groups to meet in the South. The Chairman offered to write to the National Chairman of Sigma Xi suggesting that a statistician be placed on its list of principal speakers. The Committee suggested as possibilities Dr. W. J. Youden, National Bureau of Standards, Professor W. C. Cochran, Johns Hopkins University, Professor Harold Hotelling, University of North Carolina.

The Committee also considered the desirability of tying statistics in more frequently with meetings of professional associations and societies such as
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Others present:

Dr. Richard H. Leach, Regional Programs Associate, Southern Regional Education Board, Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. WJ. McGillicuddy, Associate Director for Regional Programs, Southern Regional Education Board, Atlanta, Georgia
Mrs. Shirley P. Williams, Secretary, Southern Regional Education Board, Atlanta, Georgia

Members absent:

Dr. Rutledge Vining, Professor of Economics and Statistics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Status of the Memorandum of Agreement

Dr. Leach reported that 14 schools, each indicating the giving of a Ph.D. with major in statistics, had been invited to sign the memorandum of agreement. Eleven have signed. Duke University and Johns Hopkins University have declined. Vanderbilt University has not replied.

The members present had been designated by their institutions to represent them on the Regional Committee. Initial discussion of the obligations of the universities under the memorandum of agreement brought out the following:

1. Members would expect to go back to their universities to seek further approval before undertaking any project which required a large expenditure of money or time.

2. The memorandum of agreement and the Regional Committee are to be considered a major means by which universities interested in statistics can get together and exchange information as a basis for undertaking cooperative action as feasible.

3. An agreement reached by the Committee might well assist individual universities in reaching a conclusion and extending their interest in statistics.

4. The agreement shall be effective August 1, 1955, the approximate date when the eighth party signed it.

Election of Officers

The Committee decided officers would be a Chairman and Secretary, to be elected annually. During the initial stages of the Committee the Secretary should be the representative of the Southern Regional Education Board. Dr. Boyd