The annual meeting of the Regional Committee on Statistics was held in the International Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. (A roster of those attending is appended as Attachment A.) Dr. R. L. Anderson, Chairman of the Committee, presided.

The minutes of the October 9-10, 1975 meeting were approved as distributed.

The next two hours of the Annual Meeting were devoted to Committee members describing the programs at their institutions.

Dr. Anderson appointed the following committees:
   Invitations - David Hurst, Chairman; William Mendenhall.
   Resolutions - Charles Thigpen, Chairman; Elmer Hall.

Dr. Anderson then announced that he would be in India at the time of the 1977 Annual Meeting and unable to chair that meeting. It was moved by Ralph Bradley and seconded by David Mason that the Chairman appoint an interim Chairman to chair the next Annual Meeting if necessary. This motion passed.

It was moved by Jim Thompson and seconded by Kenny Crump that the fall Annual Meeting be combined with the Summer Research Conference for 1977 which is now scheduled for June 12-17, 1977, assuming facilities are available. After some discussion this motion was defeated.

Secretary's Report

Mr. Gardner reported that since the new Memorandum of Agreement went into effect in January, 1976, two institutions have chosen not to renew the Memorandum of Agreement. They are the Oak Ridge Associated Universities and the University of Virginia. The University of Texas, Austin is still considering its decision to maintain membership on the Committee. Mr. Gardner also reported that the University of Virginia had not paid its prorata share of the publication of Statistics Programs in the South 1975. The Committee agreed that the University of Virginia's share be paid from the Committee treasury. The Committee voted unanimously to accept the Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report

Elmer Hall summarized receipts and expenditures for the year and reported a current balance of $1,651.01. Following some discussion of the Summer Research Conference expenses, it was determined that the treasury will also pay an estimated $212.00 toward speaker expenses and $98.06 for the University of Virginia share of the brochure. Thus the treasury will have a balance of about $1,341. (A copy of the Treasurer's Report is appended as Attachment B.) The Committee voted unanimously to accept the treasurer's report.
Report of the 1976 Summer Research Conference

William Mendenhall distributed copies of his report on the 1976 Summer Research Conference. The report includes a financial summary, housing information, the agenda, and the list of attendees. Chairman Anderson reported that he had received from Summer Research Conference participants comments regarding the conference and that he had sent them on to the Chairman of the 1977 conference. After some discussion of the conference finances and logistics, Jim Davenport moved and Roger Flora seconded that the Committee accept the report of the Summer Research Committee and compliment Bill Mendenhall and Rudy Freund for their work. This motion passed.

Summer Research Conference Plans for 1977

Jessie Arnold described briefly the tentative program plans for the 1977 SRC. After some discussion it was suggested that the Summer Research Conference subcommittee continue its study of the program format and report back to the Committee later at the current meeting. Jim Meade reported on the Conference facilities for the 1977 conference at DeGray State Park Lodge in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. During the discussion of the registration fee for the 1977 conference Wanzer Drane moved and Mike Speed seconded that the Summer Research Conference subcommittee be authorized to charge a registration fee of $25 to $40 per week or $10 to $15 per day for commuters. This motion passed.

Ralph Bradley moved and Don Burdick seconded that the Summer Research Conference be promoted on the basis of only a weekly full American plan rate. This motion passed.

Discussion of Subcommittee Structure

During the discussion of subcommittee structure, Rudy Freund commented that the Committee on Statistics has the expertise to provide valuable service to departments and schools in the teaching of statistics. Chairman Anderson suggested that the Chairman of the Committee could receive requests and suggest persons to be consultants and that this information could be included in the statistics brochure. Ralph Bradley pointed out that those recommended by the Chairman should remember that they are acting on their own and not in the name of the Committee.

Dave Mason asked about the subcommittee "Study of the Structure and Organization of the Overall Committee on Statistics." Chairman Anderson suggested that the name be changed to "Goals of the Committee on Statistics."

Jim Davenport suggested that the responsibilities of the Summer Sessions Committee be assumed by the Executive Committee. He said he would take this to his subcommittee and come back with a recommendation.

Chairman Anderson then named the members of the various subcommittees. (A copy of that list is appended as Attachment C.)

Action on Document "Organization for the Conduct of Statistical Activities in Colleges and Universities"

Dave Hurst moved and Wanzer Drane seconded that the Committee on Statistics, having discussed this document and voted by mail, heartily supports this position paper. During the discussion Rudy Freund commented that he would have the
document reviewed again by Paul Minton and would also seek additional comments from members of the Committee by the first week in November, 1976. The motion passed.

Summer Research Conference Committee Report

Ralph Bradley moved and Wanzer Drane seconded the following motion:

That the registration fee for the 1977 Summer Research Conference be $40 per week and $15 per day for commuters;

That outside speakers be excused from the registration fee charged;

That speakers encourage their institutions to pay their own expenses but that the Committee be authorized to commit up to $1,500 for travel expenses for the Summer Research Conference.

After some discussion the motion passed.

There followed some discussion of the 1978 Conference. The subcommittee could not find any conference format change that seemed to make sense. It was suggested that a session could begin with a principle paper followed by satellite papers on the application of the principles to encourage discussion. Regarding the site of the 1978 conference, Ralph Bradley moved and Wanzer Drane seconded that the Arkansas site be used for the 1978 Summer Research Conference unless that site proves unsatisfactory in 1977. The Executive Committee is authorized to make a site decision prior to the October 1977 Annual Meeting. This motion passed.

Informational Services (Brochure)

Richard Patterson moved and Roger Burford seconded the following motion:

That the publication Statistics Programs in the South 1977 be published as soon as possible in 1977 and that prompt responses be made by Committee members for materials in ready to use format;

That a longer period of time between brochures, say three years, be considered at the next Annual Meeting;

That the value of the brochure to both the Committee and to the recipients be studied; and

That the Committee publish a notice of availability of the brochure and the appropriate statistics and statistics related publications.

The first part of this motion was amended by Ralph Bradley to read "that the publication be titled Statistics Programs in the South 1978 and that the receipt of information be delayed to March 1, 1977 at which time faculty information can be updated and the brochure could be made available in September, 1977." The second agreed to this amendment and the motion passed. The committee also voted to pass the rest of the motion.
Summer Sessions

Jim Davenport reported that the subcommittee on summer sessions agreed not to recommend disbanding the subcommittee as the subcommittee could relieve some of the work reviewing proposed programs.

Jim Davenport went on to make the following motion:

WHEREAS several inquiries have been made by our Spanish speaking neighbors of the United States for information on summer sessions in statistics, and

WHEREAS we are desirous of enhancing our good relations with Mexico and other Latin American countries,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Subcommittee on Summer Sessions be instructed by the Committee on Statistics to study the feasibility of funding a sequence of Special Summer Sessions in Statistics for nationals of Latin America.

1. Such summer sessions would enable participating graduate students to earn at least a master's degree over the entire sequence,

2. These summer sessions would be targeted to begin in June 1978.

This motion was seconded by Ralph Bradley and the motion passed. Ralph Bradley also suggested that short courses could be used as an alternative format for summer sessions.

Guidelines in Teaching Statistics and Statistics Programs

Rudy Freund reported that the committee should be continued and should issue additional petition papers on service teaching, consulting, etc. The committee will solicit ideas from others and, at the 1977 Annual Meeting, propose papers, subjects and authors.

Biometry

Elmer Hall distributed a subcommittee report prepared by Clint Miller. The report includes the current mailing list, the report of the Eighteenth Annual Graduate Summer Session in Statistics in the Health Sciences at Harvard, and the agenda and minutes of the August 24 meeting of the subcommittee on Biometry in Boston.

Econometrics

It was recommended that the name of this committee be changed to "Interface of Statistics with Business and Economics." The subcommittee suggested that they could contribute to the teaching of statistics in business schools by finding out what is being done in the region regarding courses, prerequisites and teaching, through a survey of business schools and departments throughout the region to study transfer student requirements. Also, the subcommittee would like to get greater participation at the Summer Research Conference by Statistics related faculty in the areas of business and economics. The subcommittee could publicize the Summer Research Conference among business school faculty and get them to attend the conference.
Ralph Bradley commented that he would welcome from the subcommittee suggestions regarding topics and speakers that would be of special interest to faculty and schools of business and of general interest to others. He would like this information by the end of January.

Ed Hickman commented that the members of the Committee would like to encourage a spirit of cooperation between Statistics and Schools of Business and interact more with faculty in Business and Economics. Chairman Anderson suggested that the subcommittee study this important question more and present a specific recommendation to the Committee at its October 1977 meeting. He went on to suggest that the subcommittee include in its survey indications of how many business schools have programs which merge mathematics, statistics and computer science in the early undergraduate years.

Goals of the Committee on Statistics

David Mason moved and Ralph Bradley seconded that the Committee on Statistics serve as a clearing house and that each department provide a list of faculty openings available as well as a list of Ph.D. candidates available for employment. That information would include the name of the student, his advisor, and thesis topic. Dave Mason said he would send a memorandum to each committee member requesting this information be submitted to SREB by November 1, 1976, and that SREB assemble and distribute it to members of the Committee by December 1. The motion passed.

Dave Mason next moved that information on the structure and organization of the statistical consulting services be gathered from the various member institutions and that this information be summarized with a view to preparing a position paper on statistical consulting that would be useful to members and to the statistical world in general in structuring or restructuring such a service. Jessie Arnold seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Dave Mason concluded his report by commenting that originally the Regional Committee on Statistics was established to develop statistics programs in the South; now it is existing to maintain these statistics programs.

Invitations Committee

David Hurst reported that the Committee had received invitations from Texas Tech University, the University of Texas Medical Branch, and the University of Alabama, Birmingham. After some discussion it was moved that the Committee accept the invitation of the University of Alabama in Birmingham for the October 1977 Annual Business Meeting. The motion passed.

Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee proposed and the Committee voted to accept the following resolutions of appreciation and thanks:

Resolve #1

WHEREAS: Jack Testerman and Roger Burford have beautifully and successfully broken with tradition in hosting the Annual Meeting of the SREB Committee on Statistics in an atmosphere most pleasantly contrasting with that of college campuses and have provided outstanding arrangements for the meeting, and
WHEREAS: The above mentioned representatives and their institutions, the University of Southwestern Louisiana and Louisiana State University have graciously demonstrated the Southern Louisiana style of hospitality at a most tasteful luncheon and cocktail party,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Jack and Roger be recognized and applauded for their innovative spirit.

Resolve #2

WHEREAS: Bill Mendenhall and Rudy Freund successfully organized and directed the 1976 Summer Research Conference in a manner exemplifying the careful planning and organization of SREB Committee activities and resulting in the usual acolades and harmonious bickering,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we extend the full appreciation of the Committee.

Resolve #3

WHEREAS: Rudy Freund has performed his cliometric activities resulting in an invaluable contribution to the archives of the Committee in the form of complete sets of minutes and summaries thereof and has with the assistance of Paul Minton persisted with unapparent speed in developing a position paper for the Committee on the teaching of statistics in universities,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Committee extend its thanks and appreciation for his tenacity and concern.

Resolve #4

WHEREAS: The Southern Regional Education Board has continued its sponsorship and support of the Committee in a positive manner as personified by the unflattering perception and assistance of Jerry Gardner,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Committee express its heartfelt thanks to SREB.

Resolve #5

WHEREAS: Jim Meade has shown considerable equanimity in the face of diversity and has graced us with his unwilling presence and superb choice of site for the 1977 Research Conference,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jim be applauded (at a distance) and admitted to the nearest laundry.

Resolve #6

WHEREAS: J. Wanzer Drane has graciously and untiringly exposed the Committee to his musical virtuosity by strumming and picking his dulcimer,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee appoint Wanzer as a Fellow in the Order of the Droning Dulcimer (ODD) and that he henceforth be acromonously entitled to the designation ODD Fellow.

There being no further business Dr. Anderson expressed his thanks to all members attending and declared the meeting adjourned.
Roster of Attendees

R. L. Anderson, University of Kentucky
Jesse C. Arnold, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Ralph A. Bradley, Florida State University
Donald S. Burdick, Duke University
Roger L. Burford, Louisiana State University
A. Clifford Cohen, University of Georgia
Kenny S. Crump, Louisiana Tech University
James M. Davenport, Texas Tech University
J. Wanzer Drane, Southern Methodist University
Robert Duncan, Medical University of South Carolina
Roger Flora, Virginia Commonwealth University
Rudolph J. Freund, Texas A&M University
Bikramjit S. Garcha, Georgia State University
Carroll A. Gardner, Jr., Southern Regional Education Board
Jean Gibbons, University of Alabama
Elmer C. Hall, Emory University
Edgar P. Hickman, University of South Carolina
Paul Holmes, Clemson University
David C. Hurst, University of Alabama in Birmingham
David D. Mason, North Carolina State University
E. D. McCune, Stephen F. Austin State University
James H. Meade, Jr., University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
William Mendenhall, University of Florida
Piotr W. Mikulski, University of Maryland
M. Clinton Miller III, Medical University of South Carolina
Richard M. Patterson, Auburn University
Mike Speed, Mississippi State University
Jack Testerman, University of Southwestern Louisiana
Charles C. Thigpen, University of Tennessee
James R. Thompson, Rice University
Harrison M. Wadsworth, Jr., Georgia Institute of Technology
Elbert B. Whorton, Jr., University of Texas Medical Branch
Balance on hand as of the Annual Meeting, October, 1975

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Receipts and Expenditures since 1975 Annual Meeting

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Balance payable to Rollins: $1988.00

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- less deposits: -390.00

**Total** $2951.50
Attachment C

October, 1976

Sub-Committee Assignments

I. Summer Research Conference

Program Chairman (1976): William Mendenhall
Arrangements Chairman (1976): Rudolph J. Freund
Program Chairman (1977): Ronald R. Hocking
Arrangements Chairman (1977): Jesse C. Arnold
Program Chairman (1978): Ralph A. Bradley

II. Informational Services (Brochure)

Richard M. Patterson, Chairman
A. Clifford Cohen
J. Wanzer Drane
Jack Testerman
James R. Thompson
Harrison M. Wadsworth, Jr.

III. Summer Sessions

James M. Davenport, Chairman
Clayton V. Aucoin
Donald S. Burdick
J. Wanzer Drane

IV. Guidelines in Teaching Statistics and Statistics Programs

Rudolph J. Freund, Chairman
Donald S. Burdick
Donald F. Butcher
Raymond J. Carroll
James M. Davenport
Jean Gibbons
E. D. McCune
Piotr W. Mikulski

V. Biometry

M. Clinton Miller, Chairman
Charles F. Federspiel
Elmer C. Hall
David C. Hurst
S. James Kilpatrick
David D. Mason
James H. Meade, Jr.
Richard M. Patterson
VI. Econometrics and Management Science

Roger L. Burford, Chairman
Kenny S. Crump
Bikramjit S. Garcha
Edgar P. Hickman
Charles C. Thigpen

VII. Goals of the Committee on Statistics

David D. Mason, Chairman
Jesse C. Arnold
Ralph A. Bradley
Jean Gibbons
Edgar P. Hickman
Richard L. Anderson, ex officio
Carroll A. Gardner, ex officio