REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

ANNUAL MEETING

Kahler Plaza Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama
October 7-8, 1977

REPORT

The 1977 annual meeting of the Regional Committee on Statistics was held in the Kahler Plaza Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama. (A roster of those attending is appended as Attachment A.) Dr. David C. Hurst, presided in the absence of Dr. R. L. Anderson, Chairman of the Committee, who was in India at the time.

Dr. Hurst introduced Vice President Lee Walthall, Legal Counsel for the University of Alabama at Birmingham who welcomed the members of the Committee on behalf of the University.

The minutes of the October 6-7, 1976 meeting were approved as distributed.

Members of the Committee devoted the next two hours to describing the statistics programs at their respective institutions.

Dr. Hurst appointed the following ad-hoc committees:

Nominations – James Meade, Chairman; Jesse Arnold and Elbert Whorton.
Invitations – James Davenport, Chairman; Ralph Bradley and Grace Yang.
Resolutions – Wanzer Drane, Chairman; David Mason and Charles Federspiel.

Dr. Whorton commented on how helpful the Faculty Employment List was last year and suggested it be done again this year. Dr. Freund volunteered to put a similar list together for 1977-78. It was moved that the Committee accept Dr. Freund’s offer to compile the list in the same manner as last year. This motion passed.

Secretary’s Report

Mr. Gardner reported that since the last meeting he has heard no further word from the University of Texas, Austin, which was considering membership on the Committee. Dr. Bargmann offered to write to Dr. Hayes, Vice President at the University of Texas, Austin, to urge them to renew their membership on the Committee. It was moved that the Committee accept Dr. Bargmann’s offer. This motion passed.

Dr. Gardner reported that his office distributed membership lists last December. He requested that members let him know of any additions or
corrections to that list. Dr. Gardner also reported that his office compiled and distributed the information pool for faculty employment in December 1976 and, in September, 1977, published and distributed Statistics Programs in the South, 1977. The Committee voted unanimously to accept the Secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Cohen summarized receipts and expenditures for the year 1976-77 and reported a current balance of $2,103.19. (A copy of the Treasurer's Report is appended as Attachment B.) Dr. Cohen also reported that he has obtained an organizational identification number from the Internal Revenue Service. The Committee voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Report of the 1977 Summer Research Conference

Dr. Hocking reported that he will prepare a written report of the 1977 Summer Research Conference. (Dr. Hocking's report is appended as Attachment C.) He reported that 67 persons registered for the conference and the conference ended with a surplus of $472.27. Dr. Hocking's written report will include a financial statement of income and expenditures. The Committee applauded Dr. Hocking and Dr. Meade for their work on this conference and accepted unanimously Dr. Hocking's report.

Summer Research Conference Plans for 1978

Dr. Bradley reported that his committee would be meeting later that day to discuss a rough outline for the 1978 conference. He expects to have the speakers committed by mid-November. The conference is scheduled for June 11-16, 1978 at DeGray State Park in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Dr. Bradley then circulated a letter written by H. L. Gray of Southern Methodist University suggesting that short courses be included as a part of the Summer Research Conference. After some discussion it was moved that the Committee reject the notion of offering short courses concurrent with the Summer Research Conference and refer the short course question to the appropriate committee for consideration. This motion passed.

Informational Services

Dr. Patterson submitted a written report on the publication of Statistics Programs in the South, 1977. The report summarizes an estimated $3,554.09 in expenditures for this publication. This amounts to $107.70 for the pro rata share for each of the 33 institutional members of the committee. It was suggested that those institutions which need to do so submit a purchase order to SREB. SREB will send invoices for the exact amount to each institutional representative on the Committee and ask them to submit the invoice to their financial office for payment. The Committee voted unanimously to accept Dr. Patterson's report.
Summer Session

Dr. Davenport suggested that the question of short courses be assigned to the Summer Session Committee for their further consideration. The Summer Session committee will discuss this and make a recommendation to the Committee.

Dr. Davenport distributed a report on a special summer session program oriented to Latin American Students in statistics. Dr. Davenport suggested that this could be an SREB sponsored function, a Committee sponsored function with SREB endorsement, or a program sponsored solely by the Committee or a group within the Committee. The Committee voted to encourage the pursuit of the Latin American Summer Session Program.

Guidelines in Teaching Statistics and Statistics Programs

Dr. Freund reported that he and Paul Minton have finally published their article, "Organization for the Conduct of Statistical Activities in Colleges and Universities" in the American Statistician and he had nothing further to report.

Biometry

Dr. Miller distributed a written report to the members of the Committee and spent some time reviewing and discussing this report. He also expressed concern regarding Public Law 98-484 and moved that all members of the Committee sign a memorandum to selected Congressmen requesting clarification of the institutional qualifications and expansion of the scope of institutions eligible for funds awarded through the law. After some discussion this motion passed.

Dr. Miller also expressed some concern about masters students who are accepting employment before completing their requirements for a degree. An informal poll of the institutional members of the Committee showed that two-thirds of the institutions represented have no thesis requirement for the masters degree and slightly less than half have a language requirement for the Ph.D.

Econometrics

Dr. Burford distributed two papers, "Quantitative Methods in the Undergraduate Curricula of AACSB Member Institutions," and "The Extent and Content of the Quantitative Curricula of the AACSB Accredited Undergraduate Business Schools." After some review and discussion of these papers it was suggested that the introduction of short courses in quantitative methods might resolve the problem of these courses being taught in undergraduate business programs. The attempt is to try to upgrade programs in Statistics in business schools.
Dr. Mason reported that another approach is to have joint appointments in
statistics and Schools of Business, and a course "Statistics in Business".
Dr. Scheaffer commented that part of the problem is that of statistitcians
relating to the program areas in question. The Committee voted unanimously
to accept Dr. Burford's report.

Goals of the Committee on Statistics

Dr. Mason submitted his report on a survey of "Organization of Statistical
Consulting Activities in Southern Universities." Dr. Mason then reviewed
and discussed this report with members of the Committee. The survey shows
that there is enough interest in this activity that the matter may be consid-
ered by the Committee on Guidelines in Teaching Statistics and Statistics
Programs. Dr. Mason moved that the Committee look at the possibility of
preparing a position paper on the organization and administration of sta-
tistical consulting programs in the universities. Dr. Mason and Dr. Whorton
agreed to serve on the committee. This motion passed.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Summer Research Conference

Dr. Bradley moved that the Committee hold its 1979 Summer Research Confer-
ence at DeGray State Park in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. This motion passed.
Dr. Bradley reported that the Summer Research Conference Committee will
recommend a site for the 1980 meeting at the next annual meeting of the
Committee. Dr. Hurst appointed Dr. Scheaffer and Dr. Gibbons as new members
of the Summer Research Conference Committee. Dr. Burdick raised the ques-
tion of Buddy Gray's offer to conduct a session on Time Series at the next
Summer Research Conference. Dr. Bradley suggested that this matter be left
to the deliberation of the Summer Research Conference Committee.

Summer Session Committee

Dr. Davenport reported that his committee discussed the short course idea
and the possibility of having the committee sponsor a short course summer
session. The committee decided to leave this option to individual insti-
tutions since the short course format would not have the regional influence
that the Summer Research Conference has. This arrangement is similar to
the existing summer session arrangement with institutions.

Dr. Davenport's committee also discussed the lack of communication about
visiting faculty in the region. He reported that the Summer Session Com-
mittee will be responsible for circulating among members of the Committee
information about visiting faculty and their travel itinerary and that
the chairman of the Summer Session Committee will be responsible for
this information.
Biometry

Dr. Miller read to the Committee a letter to the Senate Subcommittee on Health and the House Committee on Health Affairs. Dr. Gardner suggested that this letter be reviewed by staff of SREB before it is circulated. The Committee voted that Dr. Miller be empowered to write and send the final draft once it is approved by SREB. Dr. Whorton suggested that institutional presidents send copies of this memorandum to their Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Other Business

It was suggested that the Committee hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the Summer Research Conference in June. Dr. Bradley commented that the Committee has discussed this in the past and the feeling is that we should keep our present arrangement.

Invitations Committee

Dr. Davenport reported that his committee received invitations for the next annual meeting from Dr. Whorton to have the 1978 meeting in Galveston, Texas and from Dr. Miller to hold the meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. Dr. Davenport recommended and the Committee voted unanimously to accept Dr. Whorton's invitation. The Committee will hold its next annual meeting in Galveston, Texas.

Nominations Committee

Dr. Meade reported that the Nominations Committee recommends Jean Gibbons for Treasurer and Wanzer Drane for Chairman. There being no further nominations from the floor, the Committee elected Drs. Drane and Gibbons by acclamation.

Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee proposed the following resolutions of appreciation and thanks.

Resolve #1

WHEREAS: Cliff Cohen has given of himself to the Committee untiringly and for an extensive period of time,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we thank him and wish him a happy retirement in this his last truncation.

Resolve #2

WHEREAS: Dick Patterson and Jerry Gardner did put together with dispatch Statistics Programs in the South, 1977,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Committee give its wholehearted thanks, a calender, and invite them to repeat the task when the occasion arises.
Resolve #3

WHEREAS: David Hurst and Wits Others End have provided an outstanding hospitality package with all the trimmings,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that once we sober up and recuperate we add our thanks and appreciation for the same — and at no more than we would pay for a whole week at the Summer Research Conference.

Resolve #4

WHEREAS: We have worn out yet another Secretary, and Jerry Gardner desires greener pastures,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we open the gate, let him go where the grass is greener, and wish him God's Speed.

Resolve #5

WHEREAS: The untiring efforts of Rudy Freund and Paul Minton have resulted in the publication of the position paper on the teaching of statistics,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that they be given the "Publish and Perish" award as it was doubtful which would come first.

Resolve #6

WHEREAS: Jim Meade has found a site for the Summer Research Conference and Ron Hocking has brought an excellent program to it,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Committee does appreciate their efforts and example for those who follow.

Resolve #7

WHEREAS: It is sometimes necessary and otherwise sufficient to change the guard,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we express our loss as Jim Meade and Bill Mendenhall take their leaves and invite them back at their will and pleasure.

Resolve #8

WHEREAS: Dick Anderson has served as Chairman of this Committee for the last two years,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we register our appreciation for his untiring efforts and his outstanding leadership.

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

Jesse C. Arnold, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
William J. Atterbery, Louisiana Tech University
Rolf Bargmann, University of Georgia
David F. Bauer, Virginia Commonwealth University
Ralph A. Bradley, Florida State University
Donald S. Burdick, Duke University
Roger L. Burford, Louisiana State University
A. Clifford Cohen, University of Georgia
James M. Davenport, Texas Tech University
J. Wanzer Drane, Southern Methodist University
Charles F. Federspiel, Vanderbilt 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
Ronald R. Hocking, Mississippi State University
David C. Hurst, University of Alabama in Birmingham
David D. Mason, North Carolina State University
James H. Meade, Jr., University of Arkansas for Medical Science
M. Clinton Miller, III, Medical University of South Carolina
Richard M. Patterson, Auburn University
Richard L. Scheaffer, University of Florida
Robert L. Taylor, University of Tennessee
Charles C. Thigpen, University of Tennessee
Malcolm E. Turner, University of Alabama in Birmingham
Harrison M. Wadsworth, Jr., Georgia Institute of Technology
Robert C. Walls, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Elbert B. Whorton, Jr., The University of Texas Medical Branch
Grace L. Yang, University of Maryland.
SASB COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS
TREASURER’S REPORT (1976-77)

Bal. Forward (Recd. from Elmer Hall) .......... $1651.01

Receipts and Expenditures since 1976 Annual Meeting

Receipts
Interest on savings account (to Oct. 1, 1977) ..... 71.97
Profit from 1977 Summer Conf. ........................ 472.27
Total ................................................. 2201.25

Expenditures
SASB payment for Univ. of Virginia's pro rata share of brochure expense .................................. 96.06

Current Balance (Oct. 1, 1977) ......................... 2103.19

Balance in Athens Federal Savings Account 33197 $2103.19

1977 Summer Conf.

Income (fees) $3,140.00
Expenses .................. 2,567.73
Net Profit ........................ $ 472.27

Respectfully submitted,

A. Clifford Cohen, Treasurer
10/6/77
Report on 1977 Summer Research Conference

The 1977 SREB Summer Research Conference in Statistics was held at DeGray State Park Lodge in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, June 12-17. The conference co-chairmen were J. C. Arnold, R. R. Hocking, and J. H. Meade, the latter being responsible for local arrangements.

The format for this year's program emphasized participation. In general, there was one paper per session with a prepared discussant which still allowed about an hour for open discussion which was fully utilized.

The program emphasized SREB member participation. Seven of the nine speakers were from regional member institutions. In addition, the eight chairmen and seven prepared discussants were from within the region. In addition to providing increased participation, this allowed a total of 22 individuals to justify their attendance.

One of the highlights of the conference was the social hour following the evening session. This was a very effective means of getting participants together for informal discussion.

A total of 66 people registered for the conference. The registration fee was $40 for the entire week or $15 for a single day. Of the 67 registrants, 60 stayed the entire week.

With regard to publicity, announcements were sent to registrants from the last three summer conferences and to the membership of the Committee in Statistics. In addition, two announcements were placed in the ASA newsletter. Also, programs and other material were made available at the registration desk for the ENAR Spring Meetings at Chapel Hill. The conference made a profit of $472.27. A breakdown of the income and expenditures follows:
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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