The 1978 annual meeting of the SREB Committee on Statistics was hosted by the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, with Dr. J. Wanzer Drane presiding. (A consolidated roster of Committee representatives and meeting attendants is appended as attachment A.)

Dr. Elbert B. Whorton, Jr., introduced Dr. William C. Levin, President, UTMB, who welcomed the Committee on behalf of the University.

SREB Report: Dr. E. F. Schietinger, the current SREB representative on the Committee, gave a brief overview of recent programmatic trends within SREB. The Board Development Study Committee, in its 1977 report, recommended that SREB research and consultation activities be given greater emphasis, while programs addressing special regional needs should be encouraged to "spin off" into self-operating activities, to which appropriate resources of the Board continue to be available. For example, the Academic Common Market was described as an SREB mechanism whereby uncommon graduate programs in statistics may be given greater regional utilization through inter-state agreements based on waiver of out-of-state tuition to residents of participating states.

Dr. Drane appointed the following ad hoc committees:

Admissions: David P. Mason, Chairman; Kenny S. Crump; Donald S. Burdick
Resolutions: James H. Meade, Jr., Chairman; Richard M. Patterson; Thomas Bratcher
Invitations: R. L. Anderson, Chairman; E. D. McCune; Bikramjit S. Garcha; Elmer C. Hall

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Gibbons reported net receipts of $343.38 from the Summer Research Conference and a current balance of $2,548.31. The Committee voted unanimously to accept the treasurer's report. A copy of the report is appended as attachment B.
Structure: Dr. Mason indicated that a new memorandum of agreement would be needed in 1981 and recommended that a review of Master's programs and employment of their graduates be conducted in the meantime. It was also reported that statisticians in New England have indicated an interest in organizing regionally. Dr. Drane requested that the SREB representative check with the New England Board of Higher Education on this development, with the possibility that a package of relevant material on the activities of the SREB Committee be supplied to the New England group. It was moved that a brief statement on committee activities also be sent to The American Statistician. The motion was passed with two dissensions.

Federal Funds for Statistical Research: A presentation on this subject was made by Dr. Carlyle Maw of the National Institute for Education. Dr. Maw expressed the strong interest of its agency in promoting small research projects and spoke informally about two obstacles to the advancement of such research, namely, the hypercritical responses frequently encountered in peer reviews and the failure of many members to communicate effectively with their own political representatives and with management at research funding offices.

Site for 1980 Summer Research Conference: Dr. Gibbons reported on facilities options at Pensacola and at the University of South Alabama. Dr. Scheaffer reported on possibilities at the Sheraton Palm Coast near Daytona. It was moved to pursue the Pensacola possibility at the Pensacola Beach Casino, with DeGray as a second choice (and a beach location in 1981). The motion passed.

Reports from Departments: Three-minute reports from the institutions represented turned up several common developments, among them the flight from the Ph.D., with many graduate students accepting relatively lucrative "applied" opportunities after the Master's degree, rather than completing doctoral work, and the disproportionate number of foreign students in graduate study.

Committee on Master's Program Survey: Dr. Malone was appointed as chairman of a committee to survey the Master's programs in statistics, including the employment experience of their graduates. Other committee members are Dr. McCune, Dr. Robert L. Taylor and Dr. Kenny Crump.

Invitations Committee: Dr. Anderson reported several facilities possibilities in connection with the 1979 annual meeting in Lexington. The group expressed a preference to meet at the Office Tower on campus and to be lodged at one of the less expensive nearby motels. A proposal by the Atlanta institutions for meeting in Atlanta in 1980 was accepted.
Summer Research Conference: Dr. Meade reported that the 1978 conference went well. (A copy of the program is appended as attachment C.) Dr. Schaeffer and Dr. Whorton reviewed program possibilities for the 1979 conference, including problems within the applied field of toxicity, as well as specific methods of data analysis such as applied time series, discrete data analysis, correlation, reliability, sampling and multiple comparisons.

Statistics Programs Brochures: Dr. Patterson indicated that in accordance with the 1976 decision to publish the brochure every three years, compilation of 1979 information must begin during the coming year, for publication in 1980. It was moved that the brochure be labelled as the 1980-1982 edition in order to clarify the triennial schedule of publication which has been adopted. The motion was passed.

Summer Session: Dr. Davenport reported that there are no foreseeable prospects for summer session activity. Dr. Drane reported on a visit to Monterrey Tech for exploration of the possibility of exporting statistical expertise to Latin America; it is advised that promotion of friendship with Latin American contacts be continued but that a larger effort would be premature at this time. A motion to abolish the subcommittee on summer sessions was declared out of order. Instead it was moved that the functions of the subcommittee be expanded to include such activities as initiation and promotion of visiting professor exchanges and organization of colloquia. The motion was passed. Several members also suggested that the subcommittee might look into the possibility of short courses, either in the summer or at other times during the year.

Membership: Expressions of interest in being admitted to membership on the Committee were voiced by observers from Baylor University, McNeese State University, the University of North Florida and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Other observers who described their programs were from the University of Houston and Pan American University (undergraduate minor). Dr. Drane reported earlier conversations with the University of Southern Mississippi, Jackson State University and the Southwest Research Institute, which has communicated a decision not to apply for membership. Dr. Mason indicated that the admissions subcommittee would report its recommendations on the following day. The report was accepted at that time and is appended as attachment D.

Guidelines in Teaching Statistics and Statistics Programs: Dr. Freund moved adoption of a paper on "Organization for Statistical Consulting at Colleges and Universities" which was prepared by Dr. Gibbons and himself. It was suggested that a section be added on varieties of joint appointment as a method for facilitating consultation. The motion to adopt the paper was passed, after agreement that information on joint appointments be expanded. Members of the committee were provided with copies of the draft.

Biometry: Dr. Hunt distributed a written report from the Biometry subcommittee.

Econometrics: Dr. Burford indicated some improvement in resolving of problems which exist in this area.
Recognition of Gertrude Cox and Boyd Harshbarger: Dr. Anderson proposed that the committee undertake to recognize its appreciation to two of its outstanding members through the years, namely Dr. Cox, who has recently been very ill, and Dr. Harshbarger. Dr. Bradley moved that the committee recognize the many contributions of Dr. Cox in two ways: 1) By a $500 contribution from the Summer Research Conference fund to the Fellowship Fund which has been established at the North Carolina State University in Raleigh. 2) By an appropriate message to be sent to Dr. Cox by Dr. Drane on behalf of the committee. This motion was passed.

A further motion proposing that possibilities for honoring Dr. Harshbarger, possibly through a contribution to the Boyd Harshbarger Library at V.P.I., be checked out with Dr. Jesse Arnold and then acted upon by the executive committee, jointly with Dr. Anderson and Dr. Bradley, was likewise passed.

Resolutions Committee: The following resolutions were offered and passed by applause:

Resolution 1:

WHEREAS: Elbert Whorton has done an outstanding and exemplary job as host, and whereas his wife Evangeline Whorton hosted a very interesting historical tour,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the SREB Committee on Statistics express its appreciation for a job well done.

Resolution 2:

WHEREAS: Ralph Bradley and Jesse Arnold developed a superb program for the 1978 SREB Summer Research Conference,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the SREB Committee on Statistics express its appreciation for a job well done and present them the "Bob Thrall" award.

Resolution 3:

WHEREAS: Jack Testerman has served well for years and is now retiring in the face of youth,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the SREB Committee on Statistics express its appreciation for his years of heroic service.

Resolution 4:

WHEREAS: Ron Hocking has exhibited infinite wisdom by staying home, and allowing Linda Malone to represent Mississippi State University,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the SREB Committee on Statistics elevate its opinion of his administrative abilities.
Resolution 5:

WHEREAS: Rudi Freund appeared extremely docile,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the SREB Committee on Statistics purchase a can of "hi-life" for use at our next meeting.

Resolution 6:

WHEREAS: John Wanzer Drane conducted an efficient and effective meeting,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the SREB Committee on Statistics express its deep appreciation.

Resolution 7:

WHEREAS: Jim Meade successfully managed the excellent arrangement for the 1978 Summer Research Conference at DeGray State Park and through great ingenuity promoted the warming of spirits and togetherness.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we thank him for this work and accomplishments.

Dr. Drane expressed his thanks to all attending and declared the meeting adjourned.
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Report from Sub-committee on Biometry

Several members on the Sub-committee on Biometry have convened at both the Summer Research Conference at Arkadelphia and during the Joint National Meetings in San Diego.

The Sub-committee was also represented at the annual meeting of the Directors of Biometry Training Programs in San Diego. The Chairman of this group, Dr. Cornell of the University of Michigan, announced his intention to revise the current membership list of that group. If any member of the SREB Committee on Statistics wishes to join or change address, they should write: Professor Richard G. Cornell, Chairman, Department of Biostatistics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109.

Another event that may be of interest to this Committee is the organization of "Biometry Imprint Series Press" by the Department of Biometry, College of Graduate Studies, Medical University of South Carolina; Department of Biometry, Emory University, and Department of Biostatistics School of Public Health, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. The purpose and intent of this Press is to provide a mechanism for the publication of scholarly works in Biometry with limited sales potential. Specifics of the program are detailed in the attached enclosure. Current editors include Dr. Clinton Miller from the Medical University of South Carolina, Dr. Elmer Hall from Emory University and Dr. Ralph Frankowski from the Texas School of Public Health. Persons interest in publishing in the Series or participating as editors are invited to contact Dr. Clinton Miller at (803) 792-2261.
SREB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 11, 1978

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Registration and Reception (cash bar)
   Port Room, Holiday Inn

Thursday, October 12, 1978

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee Meetings
   Coffee
1. Welcome by Host Institution
   Dr. William C. Levin, President, UTMB
2. Recognition of Guests
3. Appointment of (Special) Ad Hoc Committees
   a. Invitations
   b. New Members
   c. Resolutions
4. Report from SREB
5. Report of Subcommittees
6. Appointment of Members to Subcommittees
   Lunch
   Carlyle Maw (Speaker)
   Unfinished morning business
   Unfinished subcommittee business
   Free Time
   Galveston Tour, Dinner and Theatre

Friday, October 13, 1978

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. 3 minute reports of Member Institutions
   Coffee
10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Report of Subcommittees
11:00 - 12:00 Report of Ad Hoc Committees

* Southeast Texas Chapter of ASA will meet in Houston Friday afternoon.
  Schedules are available.
1. After examination of credentials and/or discussing their graduate programs, the sub-committee recommends approval for admission of the following institutions to membership in the SREB Committee on Statistics:

   a. University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida
      Program in Department of Mathematical Sciences (Master's)

   b. University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
      Program of the Department of Computer Science and Statistics
      (Master's)

   c. University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Texas
      Program in Biometry - School of Public Health (Master's and Ph.D.)
      (Recommend that a more complete description of this program and
      courses be forwarded to Chairman Wanzer Drane for records).

   d. McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana
      Program in Department of Mathematical Sciences (Master's)
      Approval conditional on receipt of program and course description
      by Chairman Drane.

2. Discussion with observer from University of Houston. Action deferred until
decision by the University to make request.
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Respectfully submitted,

Jean D. Gibbons
Treasurer

Prepared October 1, 1978
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