ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

SRER COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS - 1983

AGENDA

Host: Department of Statistics
       University of Florida

Location: Gainesville Hilton
          2900 S.W. 13th Street
          Gainesville, Florida  32601

Date: October 5-7, 1983
       Wednesday Evening - Friday Noon

Wednesday, October 5

6:00 - 9:00  Registration ($30)
6:30 - 9:00  Reception

Thursday, October 6

8:00 - 9:00  Breakfast - Subcommittee Meetings
              The J. Wayne Reitz Union - Room 346, 347

9:00  Welcome to University of Florida - Dick Scheaffer
      Recognition of New Members, Observers, and Guests
      Information Items

9:30  Minutes of 1982 meeting - Tex Schietering
      Appointment of Adhoc Committees:
          Nominations: Bratcher, Solomon, Bargmann
          Resolutions: Burdick, Crofts, Hinkelmann, Minton
      Appointment of Standing Subcommittees

      Treasurer's Report - Thomas L. Bratcher
      Short 3-minute Reports

10:45  Coffee Break

11:00  Trans Rio Grande Conference 1983 - Dick Gunst, Crofts, Davenport

11:30  Guidelines for the Operation of the SRC - James Davenport

12:00  Lunch at The J. Wayne Reitz Union - Room 235
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1:30 Meeting of Subcommittees and Adhoc Committees

2:30 Site Selection Committee for - 1985 SRC

Joe Gani, Joe Padgett

3:00 Coffee Break


Report on 1984 Summer Research Conference: Jim Thompson, David Scott

Report on 1984 Local Arrangements - Walls, Tubbs

DeGray State Park, Arkansas, June 10-15, 1984

Proceedings

4:30 Adhoc SRC Sponsorship Committee: Joe Gani, Dan Solomon, Don Burdick, Jim Thompson

6:00 Banquet - The J. Wayne Reitz Union

8:00 Entertainment

Friday, October 7

8:00 Reports from Subcommittees

1. Invitation - Future Annual Meetings - Paul Minton
2. Brochure - Richard M. Patterson, Piotr Mikulski
3. Clearinghouse on Recruiting - Paul D. Minton, Linda Malone
4. Biometry - Elbert B. Whorton
5. Econometrics and Management Science - John C. Young
6. Structure and Organization of COS - Jean Gibbons
7. Statistics and Courts of Law - James Davenport

10:00 Coffee Without a Break

10:15 Announcements

10:30 Nomination of COS Officers: Bratcher, Solomon, Bargmann

10:45 Report of Committee on Resolutions: Crofts, Burdick, Minton

11:00 Adjourn
1983 Subcommittee Assignments
SREB Committee on Statistics

I. Executive Committee

Miller, Chairman
Bratcher, Treasurer
Schietinger, Secretary
Gibbons, Past Chairman
Scheaffer, Director

II. Management Summer Research Conference Subcommittee

1980 Program: Bargmann, Burdick, Local Arrangements: Oglesby
1981 Program: Davenport, Bratcher, Local Arrangements: Walls
1982 Program: Taylor, Wadsworth (1981-83), Local Arrangements: Oglesby
1983 Program: Ringer(SREB) (1982-84), Local Arrangements: Thigpen
Local Arrangements: Walls
1985 Program: Hinkelmann (SREB)(1984-86), Geisser (ASA) (1984-86)

III. Brochure Subcommittee

Patterson, Chairperson
Bratcher
Carter
Dickinson
Gani
Howe
Hinkelmann

Larsen
Mikulski
Ringer
Schietinger
Wilson
Padgett

IV. Guidelines in Teaching Statistics and Statistics Programs
Subcommittee

Malone, Co-Chairperson
Burdick
Burford
Carter
Crofts
Davenport
Hinkelmann
Massey
Wilson

McCune
McWhorter
Meade
Minton, Co-Chairperson
Ringer
Scheaffer
Solomon
Padgett
Tubbs

V. Biometry Subcommittee

Whorton, Chairperson
Gani
Hall
Hurst
Hinkelmann
Leysieffer

Meade
Scott
Solomon
Sylwester
Wallace
Walls
VI. Econometrics and Managements Science Subcommittee

Young, Chairperson
McCune

McWhorter

VII. Structure and Organization of the COS Subcommittee

Gibbons, Chairperson
Bargmann
Hinkelmann
Leysieffer
Massey

Young
Wadsworth

Miller, Ex Officio
Schietinger, Ex Officio

VIII. Statistics and Courts of Law Subcommittee

Davenport, Chairperson
Burford
Crofts
Minton

Scheaffer
Scott
Tubbs
Wadsworth

IX. Adhoc Committee: M.S. and B.S. Statistical Program Survey

Minton, Chairman
Malone

McCune

X. Adhoc: Summer Research Conference Sponsorship

Gani
Burdick

Solomon
Scott

XI. Nominations Committee

Bratcher, Chairman
Bargmann
Solomon

XII. Site Selection Committee for 1985 SRC

Joe Gani
Joe Padgett
SREB COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS ANNUAL MEETING, 
OCTOBER 5-7, 1983, GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

The 1983 meeting of SREBCOS was hosted by the University of Florida, with Clinton Miller presiding. A consolidated roster and current SREBCOS membership (attachment A) and an agenda (attachment B) are appended.

Sessions began at the J. Wayne Reitz Union at 8 a.m. on October 6, with concurrent subcommittee meetings.

At 9 a.m. the committee was welcomed to the University of Florida campus by F. Eugene Dunham, Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, in behalf of Charles A. Sidman, Dean.

Tex Schietinger moved acceptance of the 1982 minutes with a minor correction; the motion passed.

Ad hoc subcommittees were named, as indicated in attachment C. It was agreed that the subcommittee on guidelines in teaching statistics and statistics programs and the subcommittee on recruiting information would be combined.

The treasurer's report (attachment D) was presented by Tom Bratcher, whose motion for acceptance was seconded by Larry Ringer and passed.

The "three minute" reports were received at this time. An overall impression of departmental activity at a generally stable or increasing level was conveyed.

Pat Crofts and William Schucany reported on the Trans-Rio Grande Conference (attachment E), which turned out to be a highly successful enterprise. There was discussion about alternative ways in which the continuation of similar conferences can be assured, including the possibility of a SREBCOS contribution or of outside funding.

An ad hoc committee consisting of Crofts, Davenport and Schucany will develop recommendations.
Jim Davenport presented a draft report on guidelines for the SRC and emphasized that the intent would be to assure continuing flexibility in manner of operation, allowing for response to changing circumstances. Jean Gibbons' suggestion that members of the Committee submit their comments by way of annotations on the face of the document was accepted.

The afternoon session began with an announcement that Klaus Hinkelmann had been appointed to the 1984-86 SRC committee and as chair of the 1985 SRC.

Tom Bratcher moved acceptance of the SRC guidelines draft document, with minor adjustments still to be made. The motion was seconded and passed.

Joe Gani proposed three alternatives for the 1985 site of SRC—an Appalachian State University facility, Unicoi State Park in Georgia and Jekyll Island in Georgia.

Larry Ringer moved that the subcommittee select Appalachian State after, determining that local arrangement responsibilities would be accepted by someone on or near that campus—if not, that facilities at Unicoi be checked. The motion passed.

Jean Gibbons moved that the site subcommittee try to find a beach site for the 1986 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Larry Ringer reported for the 1983 SRC management committee, indicating a successful conference, with 51 attendants and a surplus of $880 (attachment F). He acknowledged major assistance from Charles Thigpen.

David Scott reported for Jim Thompson on progress in program planning for the 1984 SRC. Among topics already planned are the future of statistics, applied stochastic models in biometry, analysis of directional data and direction of multivariate data analysis. Suggestions for completion of the scheduled program are solicited.

There was discussion about the possibility of publishing the SRC proceedings or preliminary abstracts.
Disposition of surplus funds was also discussed, and Clint Miller proposed that an ad hoc committee be appointed to survey the membership on various options for surplus disposition. The motion for appointment of an ad hoc projects committee was seconded and passed. Chairman Miller then appointed Bratcher, Burdick and Thompson to serve on this committee.

Tom Bratcher moved that the SRC contingency funding be maintained at a level of at least $5,000. The motion was seconded and defeated.

Paul Minton spoke in favor of using funds to purchase video tapes, (at a cost of $400 to $500 apiece) which would be useful for recruiting purposes and could be rented out as needed, for example on "career days."

Linda Malone indicated the need for funds for the ad hoc committee on the BS and MS degrees survey, in order to complete its work.

The subject of the accumulating contingency fund was further debated, with Burdick proposing the creation of an endowment. Tom Bratcher then moved for the establishment of a $5,000 endowment and the motion passed.

Joe Gani reported for the subcommittee on SRC sponsorship. Various groups had been approached by the subcommittee and all had indicated a need for greater appeal of the conference program to the needs of industry. There was discussion of the pros and cons of organizing the SRC to meet this criterion.

The Friday morning session began with a discussion of future meetings. Paul Minton reported first on Virginia's invitation to Richmond, and general discussion then turned to the possibility of meeting regularly at very accessible spots such as Atlanta or Dallas. It was agreed to defer a decision on such a practice until after the 1984 meeting, which would be in Richmond. For 1985 the choice will include the possibilities of Charleston, South Carolina; College Park, Maryland; and Houston, Texas.
Piotr Mikulski reported for the brochure committee. Tex Schietinger indicated that invoices for the 1983-85 brochure would be distributed shortly to the respective institutions.

Linda Malone reported for the subcommittee on recruiting information, indicating that the planned survey forms would be mailed in January. There was discussion regarding the actual need for such a survey and also discussion about Dick Scheaffer's salary survey. Larry Ringer moved that up to $300 be allowed from the treasury for conducting the degree programs survey, but only after verifying with Fred Leone that the survey would not duplicate data collected by ASA. The motion passed.

Dan Solomon reported for biometry, proposing that pre-med and pre-vet students be more actively pursued as potential biometry majors.

John Young reported for econometrics, requesting that someone from a school of business be added to the subcommittee in order to improve the link with business. Sylvester and Burford indicated a willingness to serve.

Jean Gibbons reported on structure and organization, offering three recommendations: (1) appointment of a subcommittee to develop a long range plan, (2) preparation of a draft on membership and retention, with a view to tightening up on the enforcement of standards, (3) encouragement of small "regional" meetings, largely to provide junior statistics staff with opportunities for interinstitutional involvement.

After discussion indicating that the kinds of meetings contemplated in the third recommendation are already prevalent, Paul Minton moved encouragement of further meetings of this kind. The motion was seconded and passed.

Larry Ringer moved the establishment of a membership or credentials committee. The motion was seconded and passed. The chair suggested that the appointment of this committee be the responsibility of the incoming chairman.
In reference to the first recommendation, Rolf Bargmann introduced a motion instructing the structure and organization committee that one of its function will hencefore be the projection of long range planning. This was seconded by Minton and passed by the committee.

Jim Davenport reported for the subcommittee on statistics and courts of law, supporting his remarks with a brief handout. The idea of a proposed primer on this subject was raised, and Dick Scheaffer reported that nothing as yet was underway in this regard. There was considerable discussion centering around the personal experience of members serving as expert witnesses. Paul Minton moved that the subcommittee be encouraged to write a position paper on this subject. Joe Gani seconded the motion and it was passed—with some opposition.

Paul Minton announced appearance, probably in November, of a position paper on "The Visibility of Statistics."

Pay Crofts asked for endorsement of a second Trans-Rio Grande Conference. The motion was seconded and passed.

Charles Thigpen brought up the subject of need for advice on computer equipment. It was suggested that a survey of the membership to find out what is on hand would be useful. Chairman Miller asked David Sylvester to serve as an ad hoc committee of one to design an appropriate questionnaire and conduct such a survey.

Chairman Miller asked that members submit to him lists of position vacancies and of PhD candidates for positions by the end of October for dissemination to the membership.

Frederick Leysieffer gave information on the AMS group which is working on problems of science funding and which needs more involvement by statisticians. Their next meeting is in Louisville in January, 1984.
Dick Scheaffer announced the next meeting of the International Conference on the Teaching of Statistics in Victoria, British Columbia in August, 1986. Program contributions are now being solicited.

Jim Davenport asked for quick turnaround on the SRC guidelines document and for dissemination to the committee of any further SREB material which concerns the SREB project on quality improvement in education. Tex Schietinger agreed to provide this (attachment G).

Tom Bratcher reported for the nominations committee as follows: Treasurer: Larry Ringer; Director: Jim Davenport; Chairman: Dick Scheaffer. Paul Minton moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation. The motion carried.

Pat Crofts reported in behalf of the resolutions committee (attachment H).

Dick Scheaffer asked for an expression of sentiment regarding the possibility of moving the annual meeting into a Friday and Saturday schedule. The group was opposed to this suggestion.

The meeting was adjourned.
RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 1983 BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

Whereas Dick Schaeffer on behalf of the University of Florida extended gracious hospitality, provided excellent weather, and prevailed upon Eastern Airlines not to go bankrupt until we could meet to consider their proposal for $6,626.41 in financial assistance, be it resolved that the SREBCOS express its thanks and highest appreciation.

Whereas our own Charlie Thigpen by doing his usual thorough and thoughtful job in making the local arrangements for the 1983 SRC, has once again demonstrated his many years of consistent and conscientious service to statistics and SREBCOS, be it resolved that the SREBCOS extend its warmest thanks and appreciation.

Whereas the success of the 1983 SRC was due in no small measure to the devotion and temacity of its program director, be it resolved that SREBCOS acclaims Larry Ringer as outstanding Program Chairman of the year.

Whereas Tom Bratcher has for the past two years served as treasurer, and has by dint of conservative investment and creative bookkeeping managed to show a surplus in the SREBCOS treasury, be it resolved that the Committee commend him on a job well done and promise not to press charges.

Whereas Tex Schietinger has spent many hours of listening with Sphinx-like resolve to unresolved arguments, be it resolved that he be commended for his good judgement, true concern, infinite patience, and the ability to sleep with his eyes open.

Whereas Clint Miller has served faithfully for two years as chairman of a loquacious and contentious group of academicians, peerless as a parlimenta, ministerial as an administrator, and relentless in recruiting recalcitrant chairmen for the SRC, be it resolved that the Committee extend a standing vote of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Crofts
Don Burdick
Paul Minton
MEMORANDUM

TO: SREB Committee on Statistics
FROM: Tom Bratcher
        Treasurer
RE: TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1982 - October 1, 1983

Balance October 1, 1982 $5354.20
Interest $ 294.25

1983 Annual Business Meeting, net income 103.12

1983 Summer Research Conference, net income 874.84

Balance October 1, 1983 $6626.41

TB/ng
3 October 1983

[Tom L. Bratcher's signature]
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(There is also a registration fee of $45.00 for attendee Joanne G. Greer which has thus far proved to be uncollectible from the OS Accounting Office, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.)
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