ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
SREB Committee on Statistics
October 3-5, 1984

AGENDA

Host: Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia

Wednesday, October 3

5:00 - 8:00 P. M. Registration and Reception
Solarium Room, Holiday Inn

Thursday, October 4

Begin promptly at 8:25 A. M.
End promptly at 5:00 P. M.
Lunch at the Meeting Center, 12:00 - 1:00 P. M.

1. Welcome to VCU
   Paul Minton
   Dr. Elke vP. Smith, Dean of the College of Humanities & Sciences, VCU

2. Announcements

3. Recognition of new members, observers and guests

4. Appointment of Adhoc Committee on Resolutions

5. Subcommittee Meetings (one hour)
   Guidelines in Teaching Statistics (Malone, Minton)
   Structure and Organization of COS (Young)
   Membership Credentials (Leysieffer)

6. Approval of minutes from 1983 meeting - Schietinger

7. Treasurer's Report - Ringer

8. Report on 1984 SRC - Thompson, Cummings, Walls


10. Guidelines for operation of the SRC - Davenport

11. SRC sponsorship - Gani

12. Membership credentials - Leysieffer

13. Structure and organization of COS - Young

14. Projects - Burdick
15. Subcommittee meetings (one hour)
   Brochure - Mikulski
   Biometry - Solomon
   Econometrics and Management Science - Young
   Statistics and Courts of Law - Davenport


   Friday, October 5
   Begin promptly at 8:30 A.M.
   End on or before 12:00 Noon

17. Two-minute reports

18. Brochure - Mikulski

19. Biometry - Solomon

20. Econometrics and management science - Young

21. Statistics and courts of law - Davenport

22. Computing - Sylwester

23. Trans-Rio Grande Conference - Crofts

24. Future meeting sites

25. Announcements

26. Resolutions
I. Executive Committee
Scheaffer, Chairman
Ringer, Treasurer
Schietinger, Secretary
Miller, Past Chairman
Davenport, Director

II. Management Summer Research Conference Subcommittee
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), Cummings (ASA)
   Local Arrangements: Perry

III. Brochure Subcommittee
Nikulski, Chairperson
Bratcher
Dickinson
Gani
Howe
Larsen
Padgett
Patterson
Schietinger
Wilson

IV. Guidelines in Teaching Statistics and Statistics Programs Subcommittee
Malone, Co-Chairperson
Minton, Co-Chairperson
Burdick
Burford
Crofts
Davenport
Masseys
McCune
McWhorter
Meade
Padgett
Ringer
Schietinger
Solomon
Tubbs
Wilson

V. Biometry Subcommittee
Solomon, Chairperson
Gani
Hall
Hurst
Leysieffer
Meade
Scott
Sylwester
Wallace
Walls
Whorton

VI. Econometrics and Management Science Subcommittee
Young, Chairperson
Burford
McCune
McWhorter
Sylwester
VII. Structure and Organization of the COS Subcommittee

Young, Chairperson  
Billard  
Gibbons  
Hinkelmann  
Leysieffer

Massey  
Wadsworth

VIII. Statistics and Courts of Law Subcommittee

Davenport, Chairperson  
Burford  
Crofts  
Hinton

Scheaffer  
Scott  
Tubbs  
Wadsworth

IX. Membership Credentials Subcommittee:

Leysieffer, Chairperson  
McCune

Massey

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

Hinton, Chairperson  
Malone

McCune

XI. Adhoc: Summer Research Conference Sponsorship

Burdick  
Gani

Scott  
Solomon

XII. Adhoc: Trans-Rio Grande Conference

Crofts  
Davenport

Schucany

XIII. Adhoc: Projects

Bratcher  
Burdick

Thompson
SREB COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 3-5, 1984; RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

The 1984 meeting of SREBCOS was hosted by Virginia Commonwealth University, with Dick Scheaffer presiding. An agenda as well as a consolidated roster of attendants and current SREBCOS memberships are appended (Attachments A and B).

The business sessions began at the VCU Meeting Center at 8:25 on October 4, with opening remarks by Paul Minton and a welcome by Elske vP. Smith, Dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences, VCU.

Introductions included new representatives Lynne Billard from the University of Georgia and Janice DuBien from Mississippi State University and also Daniel Naiman and Al Manson, sitting in place of the regular representatives from Johns Hopkins University and North Carolina State University, respectively. Dave Herr from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro was present as an observer.

Chairman Scheaffer appointed an ad hoc sub-committee on resolutions consisting of Jim Thompson, Pat Crofts, and Joe Gani.

The Committee recessed for one hour to allow meetings of the sub-committees on guidelines in teaching statistics, on structure and organization of SREBCOS and on membership credentials.

Upon reconvening, the Committee approved the 1983 minutes, as circulated by Committee Secretary Tex Schietinger.

Larry Ringer offered the treasurer’s report (Attachment C), which was approved by the Committee.

Jim Thompson reported a successful 1984 Summer Research Conference, with 68 participants. Bob Walls submitted a financial report on the Conference and was given a round of applause for his contribution.

Klaus Hinkelmann reported briefly on plans for the 1985 SRC, to be held at the Center for Continuing Education at Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina, June 16-21
Chairman Scheaffer announced designation of Leroy Folks of Oklahoma State University as ASA representative in 1986.

Joe Padgett, program chairman for the 1986 SRC, asked for SRC speaker suggestions. Site options for 1986 were listed by Klaus Hinkelmann as the Sheraton Center in Jacksonville, Florida, the Royal Gulf Hills at Ocean Springs, Mississippi and the University of South Alabama Brookley Center at Mobile. Joe Gani moved in behalf of the Brookley Center; the motion was passed by the Committee. The 1986 sub-committee will aim for scheduling the SRC during the third week in June.

Jim Davenport reported on the revised statement of "Guidelines for the Operation of the SREB-ASA Cooperative Summer Research Conference on Statistics" which had been circulated to the membership on September 18, 1984. Discussion of several details contained in the guidelines included attention to involvement of the ASA representatives, the nature of which has thus far been somewhat confusing. It was suggested that improved communication in the future should correct this problem.

Joe Gani reported on efforts to enlist outside sponsorship for SRC activities. The National Science Foundation and several industrial firms have been approached. It was found that "general" meetings could probably not be supported in this manner. Although chances for success are thought to be slim, it was suggested that specific inquiries be directed to agencies such as NSF, suggesting support grants on the order of $10,000. The Chairman agreed to pursue this with the executive committee.

Fred Leysieffer reported for the membership credentials committee. The discussion centered mostly on the possibility of a broadened interpretation of membership criteria, to include such agencies as Oak Ridge and appropriate industrial concerns. The Chairman agreed to pursue this tack and also to write letters of inquiry to members who have remained inactive for extended periods.
John Young reported for the committee on structure and organization of SREBCOS. Discussion included consideration of the specificity of the institutional commitment which should be agreed to in the SREBCOS Memorandum of Agreement. Consensus favored continuation of the language contained at present. Discussion with regard to the SREBCOS agreement with ASA centered on defining the purpose of this involvement. It was pointed out that SREBCOS gains by way of increased national visibility, while ASA is primarily interested in the arrangement as a model for regional activities which it seeks to encourage elsewhere.

Don Burdick reported on the SRC surplus funds survey just completed (Attachment E). It was agreed that survey results favored application of surplus funds to some manner of assistance for graduate students.

Linda Malone and Paul Minton reported for the sub-committee on guidelines in teaching statistics and statistics programs, beginning with presentation of the newly completed survey of master's degree programs. It was suggested that survey results be summarized in the AMSTAT News. Ideas regarding films and video tapes suitable for a variety of recruiting needs were discussed at some length. It was thought that attention should first be given to collection of existing materials, such as the Bill Conway tape which the group had viewed earlier. (This collection might be undertaken by Paul Minton). It was emphasized that attention also needs to be given to development of innovative visual aid approaches beyond what is presently available, both at the high school level and the undergraduate level. Fred Massey suggested that the possibility of disaggregating College Placement Council surveys of employment and salary trends for math and statistics graduates be explored. It was agreed that ideas on visual materials at the undergraduate level should be sent to Walt Perry at VPI, while ideas regarding the high school level would go to Dick Scheaffer. Ideas involving relations with industries should go to the ASA committee on quality and productivity. Larry Ringer moved that $500 of interest from the SRC endowment fund be used for assistance of graduate students attending the 1985 SRC. The motion passed.
The Friday session began with the traditional two-minute reports of the membership. It was agreed that the total output of statistics doctorates by departments of the region is insufficient to supply current needs. Chairman Scheaffer agreed to write a general letter which could be used by department heads to promote increased production at the institutional level.

The group briefly considered various options for a 1985 meeting site and agreed upon trying out an un-hosted meeting near the Atlanta airport. The Secretary has accordingly provisionally scheduled space for October 2-4, 1985, at the Capital Airport Hotel.

Piotr Mikulski reported for the sub-committee on the brochure. The introduction for the next edition will be shortened, and consideration will be given to ways of making possible evaluation of extent to which the brochure is used.

Elbert Whorton reported for the sub-committee on biometry, which had reviewed the pros and cons for its existence and had decided in favor of continuation. However, it also sees the need for a more precise identification of the areas of current biometric concern.

Dave Sylwester reported for the sub-committee on econometrics and management sciences. The sub-committee is concerned to avoid too narrow a definition of its scope. It is presently concentrating on such matters as understanding what business schools are doing with regard to the use of qualified statisticians.

Jim Davenport reported for the sub-committee on statistics and courts of law. He asked for views on the need for continuation of the sub-committee and received generally affirmative responses. He is inclined to proceed with the idea of putting together some cases pointing out the kinds of mistakes made by judges and lawyers in the use of statistical testimony. Chairman Scheaffer asked that the membership share with the sub-committee appropriate case material for a useful document.
Dave Sylwester reported on the computing equipment survey which he has conducted (Attachment F). It was suggested that the results be summarized in the AMSTAT News. The results may also be coordinated with Rolf Bargmann for an SRC session on micro-computers.

Pat Crofts reported for the sub-committee on the Trans-Rio Grande Conference. The proposal for financial support for another TRGC has been turned down. Pat will provide the membership with a progress report on future activities.

The subject of SREBCOS meeting formats was discussed. Some options are (a) to meet back-to-back with SRC, (b) to meet for two one-half day lunch-to-lunch sessions, (c) to meet on Saturdays. The Chairman will try for a 1985 program which will concentrate the agenda on the Thursday session, leaving "non-essentials" for Friday morning.

The Chairman appointed a nomination committee for 1985 consisting of Jean Gibbons, Peter Dickinson and Bill Wilson.

Jim Thompson reported for the ad hoc sub-committee on resolutions (Attachment G).

The meeting was adjourned.
SREB COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS
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MEMORANDUM

TO: SREB Committee on Statistics
FROM: Larry J. Ringer, Treasurer

Balance October 1, 1983 6626.41
Interest to Oct. 18 37.33
Balances forwarded to LJR 6663.74

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Balance, September 30, 1984 7312.30
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements  
1984 Summer Research Conference  
DeGray State Park Lodge  
Arkadelphia, Arkansas  
June 10-15, 1984  

RECEIPTS:  

Registration & Special Event  

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**Subtotal**                                                                                     **$1828.00**  

Other Receipts (rebated)  

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<td>6 Barbecue cancellations @ $7</td>
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**Subtotal**                                                                                     **$402.00**  

**Total Receipts**  

**$2230.00**  

DISBURSEMENTS:  

Rebates (barbecue and speaker registrations)  

$402.00  

Conference arrangements (printing, mailing, document preparation, telephone, etc.)  

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**$1337.89**  

Conference expenses  

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<td>Other refreshments</td>
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**Cash balance to SREBCOS** (Larry Ringer, Treas.)  

85.11  

**Total Disbursements**  

**$2230.00**  

Respectfully submitted,  

Robert C. Walls  

October 4, 1984
A total of 24 replies were received to the Surplus Funds Survey which was mailed in April of this year. Results are summarized in the table below.

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* Indicates "speakers only"

The only "other" suggested uses to receive more than one vote were support for graduate students to attend the Conference (5 votes) and a visiting lecture program (2 votes). Suggestions receiving single votes were: award a prize for outstanding research produced within the region; publish proceedings; support participation in the Trans Rio Grande or similar conferences; and contribute to the ASA Building Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Bratcher
Jim Thompson
Don Burdick, Chairman
Computer Usage in Statistics Programs in the South

David L. Sylwester
University of Tennessee

1. Introduction

This note reports on a brief survey of statistics programs in Southern universities and colleges to ascertain the level and nature of computer usage in statistics (and probability) courses, and perhaps discover a sense of where we are (or should be) headed. This work is in response to a request from chairpersons at the October, 1983 meeting of the Southern Regional Education Board Committee on Statistics (SREB COS).

A two page questionnaire was mailed in August to 47 statistics program representatives. As of September 30, 23 of these had been returned.

2. Size of Programs and Use of Computer in Courses

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<td>c. Number of Undergraduate stat majors:</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>d. Number of Graduate stat majors:</td>
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<td>e. Total undergraduate student credit hrs/term:</td>
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3. **Computer Equipment and Software Used**

After each item is listed the number of programs that indicated they used the item.

- **Mainframe equipment (21 programs responded):** IBM-8, VAX-6, Amdahl-3, Univac-3, others-5. Essentially all faculty have access to this equipment at least as close as their department. Over half have access via terminals in their own office and/or home.

- **Statistical Packages (23 programs responded):** SAS-18, BMDP-14, SPSS-13, MINITAB-6, others-2.

- **Microcomputers for faculty (18 programs responded):** IBM/PC-15, Apple II-9, DEC Rainbow-6, TRS/80-4, MacIntosh-3, TI Professional-3, Zenith 2100-2, others-6.

- **Microcomputers for students (11 programs responded):** IBM/PC-5, Apple II-3, MacIntosh-3, TI Professional-2, others-7.

4. **Who pays for purchase, maintenance and use?**

- **Faculty use in statistics courses:** Paid predominantly by institution for 9 respondents, by the department for 7 respondents, and partially paid (13%-50%) by department for 4 respondents.

- **Student use in statistics courses:** Paid predominantly by institution for 14 respondents, by department for 5 respondents, and partially paid (25%-75%) by department for 2 respondents.

5. **Source of funds for equipment:**

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Total # of respondents 19

5. **Where are we going?**

- **Present requirements of computer exposure and utilization:** The 21 respondents indicated a great variety of requirements for all three degree programs (B.S., M.S., Ph.D.). Undergraduates were frequently required to take one or two computer science courses with less frequent mention of specific statistical computation courses. Graduate students, on the other hand, tend to have fewer formal course requirements but more extensive use of statistical packages as an integral part of their statistics courses (as well as in their research). Generally, graduate students are expected to know one or more statistical packages and usually a programming language.
5. Where are we going? (continued)

b. Half of the respondents indicated satisfaction with their current requirements. The other half generally indicated a desire to add courses on using statistical packages (plus, additionally, some courses in graphics or data management or information systems).

c. Percentage increase in computer usage in statistics courses over the next five years:

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d. Source of funds for feasible increase:
   Equipment purchases (16 respondents): Generally split between institution and department with some funding from grants, gifts, faculty and students.
   Equipment maintenance (15 respondents): Primarily the department responsibility with some help from institution, grants and contracts, gifts, and faculty
   Software acquisitions and computer usage charges: 15 respondents:
   Similar pattern to equipment maintenance.

e. Mainframes or microcomputers?

   Of 22 respondents, 7 indicated that their department's and/or institution's current thinking is to stay with mainframes.
   8 respondents indicated plans to use both (especially with micros being used as terminals to the mainframes); 5 respondents stated plans are underway for substantial increases in the use of micros.
   Two respondents admitted that the future was not at all clear at their school.
RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 1984 BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD
COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

WHEREAS, Dick Patterson has given SREBCOS and the statistical profession many valuable
years of service; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we congratulate him on his forth-
coming retirement and wish him well.

And WHEREAS, Paul Minton has provided gracious VCU hospitality, including excellent
accommodations, great food, outstanding entertainment and flawless logistical support for
the 1984 SREBCOS business meetings; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this assembly
expresses its warmest gratitude to him and to the Virginia Commonwealth University.

And WHEREAS, Dick Scheaffer has provided SREBCOS with well thought-out short, medium
and long-term planning; and WHEREAS he has conducted this meeting in a relaxed but well-
directed fashion; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that SREBCOS congratulate him on
a job well done.

And WHEREAS, Bob Walls once again provided his characteristically careful and expert
arrangements for the 1984 De Gray Summer Research Conference; NOW, THEREFORE BE
IT RESOLVED, that SREBCOS give him a sincere vote of thanks.

And WHEREAS, Walt Cummings provided significant industrial participation in the 1984
Summer Research Conference; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that he has our thanks
and is urged to keep up the good work.

And WHEREAS, Paul Minton and Dick Scheaffer have organized this SREBCOS 1984
business meeting with such professional planning and execution that they have given the members
of the resolutions committee very little to poke at; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,
that this committee award them the SREBCOS 1984 Spoil-sport Award.

And WHEREAS, it appears that there may be some static on the telephone lines between
SREBCOS and the ASA; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the generous grant of
20 cents per annum from the SREBCOS endowment be provided for a postage stamp to be used
by the Chairman of the Summer Research Conference to communicate with its co-chairman
from ASA.
And WHEREAS, in the good ole days scholars would attend meetings even in the most Spartan housing conditions in order to save money; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, for his selection of the Brookley Center for the 1986 SRC, Joe Padgett be given the 1984 SREBCOS Award for Contributing to a Return to Traditional Values.

And WHEREAS, Al Manson has wisely and repeatedly pointed out the importance of discussion in the summer research conference; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that he be awarded the 1984 SREBCOS White Noise Award.

And WHEREAS, David Herr has steadfastly fought for the academic purity of SREBCOS; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that he be presented with the 1984 SREBCOS Ivory Tower Award.

And WHEREAS, seven universities have for the past four years missed the opportunity to bask in the effervescent wit of the SREBCOS business committee meeting; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that they be given the SREBCOS Absent Friends Award.

And WHEREAS, the presidents of 42 Southern universities have for years supported the vagaries of SREBCOS; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that they be collectively presented with the 1984 SREBCOS Sugar Daddy Award.

And, finally, WHEREAS, one of our members did, in the noblest Victorian tradition shell out $250 to provide separate accommodations for his female graduate student at the recent Summer Research Conference; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bill Schucany be given the 1984 SREBCOS Sir Galahad Award.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Crofts
Joe Gani
Jim Thompson
November 10, 1983

Mr. Edgar M. Bisgyer
Editor
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Dear Edgar:

The following is to update the announcement of the Summer Research Conference which I mailed to you on Oct. 27. Since then, we have confirmed some speakers and it might do well to mention their names. If you can accommodate this expansion in the "Forthcoming Conferences and Seminars" section, please substitute this for the previous notice.

Summer Research Conference in Statistics,
June 10-15, 1984, DeGray State Park Lodge,
Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Cosponsored by the
Southern Regional Education Board Committee
on Statistics and by the ASA. Speakers and
discussants include Ralph Bradley, Richard
Schaeffer, Paul Minton, Stephen George,
Joseph Gani, Walter Smith, I.J. Good, David
Scott, Steven Boswell, Edward Wegman, Robert
Serfling, Dennis Boors, Barry Brown, Emanuel
Parzin, Thomas Sager, George Terrell, Randall
Eubanks, Carl Morris, and Donald Burdick.
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arrangements - Robert Walls (501)661-6140, or
write Biometry, UAMS, 4301 W. Markham, MS-585,
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Thank you.

Robert C. Walls, Ph.D.
Professor of Biometry

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cc:  Dr. Jim Thompson
     Dr. Walter Cummings
     Dr. Clint Miller