SOUTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS
ANNUAL MEETING
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 5-7, 1988

Chairman Tom Bratcher called the meeting to order.

Harry Wadsworth introduced Robert Stoltz, Vice-President and Director of Educational Policies, Southern Regional Education Board, who was serving in the place of Tex Schistinger who has stepped down as Secretary, no longer being an SREB staff member. Mr. Stoltz expressed Tex's regrets not being able to be with them.

The Chair recognized William Wilson of the University of North Florida, who was in charge of local arrangements for some housekeeping announcements. It was pointed out that the Friday morning meeting would be held in the Sail Ballroom of the Hotel.

Mr. Bratcher introduced an observer, Mr. Bob Smythe of George Washington University.

The Chair announced that Ted Wallanius was replacing Clayton Aucoin as the Clemson representative. The Chair noted also that Joe Walker was present, representing Fred Massey of Georgia State.

Representatives present introduced themselves. (Roster of those present is attached, Attachment A).

The Chair made the following appointments:

SRC, David Allen, 1990, (SRCOS)

Nominations - charged to bring a slate of nominations to the 1989 meeting. Jim Davenport (Chairman), E. Donice McCune, and M. Clinton Miller.

Resolutions - Bob Serfling (Chair), Larry Ringer, Ken Koonce, Janice DuBien.

SRC site - charge, to recruit the proposals for 1991-92; Jack Tubbs (Chair), Harry Wadsworth.
Awards - charge, should SRCOS sponsor awards, and if so, what kind of awards? Also to recommend something for Tex Schietinger.

Clint Miller, (Chair), Jim Davenport, Leroy Folks, Dick Scheaffer, John Young.

Invitations - Joe Padgett, (Chair) - Tom Bratcher, Robert Elston, Mike Kutner.

The Secretary reported that minutes of the previous year's meeting had been distributed by mail, and asked for approval of the minutes as distributed. Motion seconded and passed.

The Treasurer, in his report, noted that no graduate scholarships had been awarded this year. Treasurer asked for approval of the report, was seconded and motion passed. (See Attachment B).

1988 SRC report presented by Bob Serfling. Serfling indicated that several issues should be considered, such as a shortening of the conference by one day, to be tried in 1989. He noted they had very few applicants for scholarships, only one or two, and need to encourage students. Jack Tubbs distributed a report on the conference. (See Attachment C).

Reports on 1990 SRC site possibilities were reported. Al Rainosek presented a proposal for Brookly Center, University of South Alabama (See Attachment D). Linda Malone presented a proposal for a site in the Indiatlantic, Florida area. After some discussion a vote was taken on the two sites. The Mobile site received 20 votes and the Florida site received 12; the decision was made to have the conference in Mobile.
Mr. Wilson introduced John Bardo, Provost of the University of North Florida, who welcomed the committee to the University of North Florida.

Following a coffee break the following committees met: SRC program; Accreditation; Structure and Organization and Statistics Teaching and Programs.

Following the committee meetings Mr. Folks and Mr. Hinkelmann gave a report on accreditation (See Attachment E). A written report was distributed, and several errata were noted. Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the report as changed and the motion was seconded. Mr. Serfling made a motion to table. The resulting vote on the motion to table failed. Considerable discussion followed. Mr. Stoltz noted that SREB had a long standing position of not engaging in accrediting activities and that, should SRCOS move to take on accrediting functions, SREB's relationship with SRCOS would have to be reconsidered.

Following a call for the question a vote was taken. The vote in favor of the motion was 21 yes and 11 no. The motion to adopt the report and to move forward in establishing an accrediting function was approved.

The committee recessed for lunch.

Plans for the 1989 SRC were reported by Mike Kutner and Harry Wadsworth. (See Attachment F).

Discussion followed and it was moved and seconded that up to 5 scholarships of $150.00 each be made available for 1989. The vote was 19 in favor of the motion and 11 opposed. The motion passed.
Further discussion followed on whether retired faculty should have the registration fee waived. Mr. Ringer moved that the budget be approved as submitted with the following changes: the retired faculty registration waived and with fees of $45.00 for early registration, $60.00 for late registration and $10.00 for student registration. The motion was seconded and approved on voice vote.

Linda Malone presented a report for the Committee on Teaching and Programs. Ms. Malone noted that they need to know what is being done that is innovative, and to create a list of such innovations. The committee will survey the membership on this matter and report later to the membership.

It was also indicated that this committee will try and develop a list of job opportunities for bachelor level graduates. Discussion which followed focused on how computers should be used in undergraduate programs, and particularly in service courses.

Mr. Young reported for the committee on Structure and Organization. He pointed out that the decision on accreditation will affect Structure and Organization. It probably will start with the Memorandum of Agreement that needs to be reviewed and reported on at the next meeting. Mr. Bratcher noted that there will be a need to clarify the relationship with SREB in the light of the decision to move for accreditation. He also raised the point of clarifying what is meant with respect to the "affiliated" relationship with SREB. He will write SREB and obtain such clarification of current status and possible future status of the relationship. Discussion of the implications of this move on the relationship of the committee with SREB followed.
Mr. Bratcher indicated that he intended to get the Executive Committee to review where the organization is now and how to move forward, defining what we need, identifying technical issues and then reporting back to the full organization. After more discussion, Mr. Bratcher indicated that he would consider appointing a special committee to plan and carry out the next steps. Mr. Ringer asked the Chairman, in consultation with the executive committee, to establish an ad hoc committee to consider implementation plans to report back prior to the next annual business meeting. The membership should reflect presentations from other committees deemed by the chair to have contributions to make to consideration of the issue. Mr. Ringer made a motion to this effect, motion was seconded and carried on a voice vote.

Mr. Mikulski gave a report on the Brochure Committee. A brochure is planned to cover the years of 1989 and 1990. A question was raised as to whether or not the affiliation relationship with SREB should be struck out of the brochure. It was pointed out this would depend on clarification of the SREB relationship issue noted earlier.

Mr. Thompson reported for the Membership Committee. He noted that an observer was present from George Washington University. Members were asked to let him know if they have the names of institutions that should be contacted. A discussion of corporate membership or affiliation followed. Motion was made and seconded to institute a non-voting corporate affiliate program for organizations from the private sector and to create a pool of individuals from which the chairman will select assignments to site visit teams. Mr. Ringer moved to amend this motion by deleting everything after the words private.
sector. The amendment was accepted, changing the motion to that of instituting a non-voting corporate affiliate program for organizations from the private sector. The motion, as amended passed by voice vote.

Mr. Miller then moved to lay the motion on the table for one year. This was seconded and also passed by voice vote.

Mr. Allen reported on work of the Computer and Statistics committee. This committee is considering a survey of departments on a number of issues, in particular, use of electronic mail and research collaboration. The members urged him to carry out a survey of current practices and plans for the future in the use of computers. Discussion followed and a number of ideas were contributed with respect to the content of the survey.

Mr. Sylvester reported on the Biometries and Econometric committee, expressing the view that the committee not be continued or recreated unless a particular need exist. He felt there might be a need for the development of a standing committee for research and a standing committee for consultation or collaboration research—just as there now is a standing committee for teaching. It was suggested that one such combined committee be established. Mr. Bratcher asked Dave Sylvester to serve as chairman of such a new committee on research and consultation.

Mr. Burdick reported on the formation of the New Departments of Statistics Committee. He noted that assistance had been provided to the University of South Alabama and Baylor University.

The meeting recessed to reconvene Friday morning.
Mr. Bratcher called the meeting to order, Friday morning. There followed two minute reports from each of the institutions present and represented. The following was noted: over 20 positions were mentioned as possibly needing to be filled for next year. In addition, several openings for visiting professors were noted. A number of institutions mentioned improvements in their computing resources. Most frequently mentioned was the acquisition of parallel processors.

Chairman Bratcher named an interim committee to facilitate movement toward establishing an accreditation function. The charge he gave to the committee was as follows: (1) check on legal ramifications and liabilities associated with accrediting; (2) investigate appropriate organizational structures for implementation of accreditation; (3) determine the composition of SAC and the tenure for service on SAC, (4) develop the "charter" necessary for SRCOS in light of information gathered, and (5) develop a time table for implementation of accreditation. Mr. Miller was asked to serve as chair of the committee. Chairman Bratcher proposed the following additional appointments to the committee: Hinkleman, Folks, Young, Burdick, Davenport, Kutner, Solomon, Thompson and Bratcher.

Mr. Young reported on the Pat Croft award. It would be a Plaque presented at the spring meeting of the Texas Association—Mr. Young and Mr. Bratcher will be present and make the award.

Mr. Davenport reported on the Long Range Planning Committee. He indicated there was a need to redefine what the organization is and where it is going. They should also review and redefine the role of SRCOS with SREB in the light of the move toward accreditation. This would raise a number of things such as a need for a central office and the care for archives and records of the SRCOS.
Mr. Miller reported for the Awards Committee. There was enthusiasm for starting an awards program for students and faculty. Recipients might be generally restricted initially to the region but with freedom to make some exceptions. Both certificates and monetary awards should be considered. Other issues discussed were funding for these awards and whether multi-awards (teaching, research) would be desirable. Mr. Miller recommended, as a motion, that there be the appointment of a permanent awards committee. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote. Later Chairman Bratcher appointed the following to serve on the awards committee: Miller (chair), Folks, Ringer, Allen, Thompson.

Mr. Davenport reported on the Early History of SRCOS Panel. He felt that the special symposium at Richmond was most successful. Paul Minton was most appreciative and expressed his thanks to SRCOS. They did produce a video tape and it will be donated to ASA. Members of the committee who wish a copy should contact Mr. Davenport. There followed a discussion of the history of SRCOS and the need to capture it and put in a better order. Mr. Batchelor named a committee to look into the matter. Mr. Davenport was named chairman of the committee with Mr. Solomon and Mr. Klaus, as initial members. If funds were needed this committee should contact the executive committee.

Mr. Davenport reported on the Certificate Program at Virginia Commonwealth. This particular certificate is defined at a level between the BS and the MS degrees, incorporating about 18 credit credit hours of study. It is aimed at the working adult currently employed in industry.
Mr. Davenport requested feedback from the membership on what others do and think about such programs.

Mr. Padgett reported for the Invitations Committee. He proposed that the 1989 business meeting convene in Columbia, SC. A motion to that effect was seconded and passed on a voice vote. Mr. Thompson moved that the meeting be moved to the Friday and Saturday days of the week. Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to meet from 2 p.m. Friday through all day on Saturday. Motion passed.

Mr. Padgett moved that the 1990 business meeting be held at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Mr. Miller discussed the matter of changing the name of the organization from committee to council. After some discussion, it was moved and seconded that the name be changed from "committee" to "council" effective with the issuance of the [1990 Memorandum] of Agreement. After discussion the motion was passed by voice vote.

Chairman Bratcher called for any new business to come before the organization. A question was raised as to what should be done to recognizing Tex Schietinger's contribution to SRCOS. After some discussion Chairman Bratcher indicated that he would write a letter of thanks to Tex. Mr. Ringer raised a question on the matter of certificates. The Chairman agreed that the question should be referred to the awards committee for consideration.

Mr. Serfling presented the report of the Resolutions Committee (see attachment G). The Resolutions report was accepted by voice vote.

There being no further business, Chairman Bratcher declared the meeting adjourned.
October 1988

SRCOS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair - Bratcher
Director - Malone
Director - Davenport
Treasurer - Burdick
Secretary - Stoltz

2. SUMMER RESEARCH CONFERENCE MANAGEMENT

1990 Allen Chromy (ASA) Rainosek
1989 Kutner Wehrly (ASA) Wadsworth
1988 Sefling Kodell (ASA) Tubbs
1987 Malone Sweeny (ASA) Cynktor

GUIDELINES IN TEACHING STATISTICS AND STATISTICS PROGRAMS

Malone, Chair
Allen LaMotte
Butcher McCune
Chakravarti McGuire
Chance Mikulski
Dickinson Nagurney
Duran Sethuraman
Herr Turner
Knooce VanNess
Wallenius

STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF SRCOS

Young, Chair
Billard Massey
Burdick Padgett
Davenport Ringer
Elston Stoltz
Gibbons Whorton

5. ACCREDITATION OF STATISTICS PROGRAMS

Miller, Chair
Folks, Co-Chair
6. SRCOS BROCHURE

Mikulski, Chair
Bratcher Tubbs
Chakravarti Wadsworth
Duran Wallenius
Stoltz

6. MEMBERSHIP AND CREDENTIALS

Thompson, Chair
Bhat
Hinkelmann Solomon
McCune Van Ness
Massey Wilson
Ringer

8. FORMATION OF NEW DEPARTMENTS OF STATISTICS

Thompson, Chair
Burdick McGuire
Dickinson Padgett
Herr Rainosek
Malone

9. COMPUTING IN STATISTICS

Allen, Chair
Billard DuBien
Butcher Nagurney
Chance Sethuraman

10. RESEARCH AND CONSULTING

Sylvester, Chair
Eilston LaMotte
Gibbons Turner
11. LONG RANGE PLANNING

Davenport, Chair
Bratcher
Burdick
Malone
Miller
Scheaffer

Serfling
Stoltz
Thompson
Wadworth

12. ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Miller, Chair
Davenport
Folks

Scheaffer
Young

Thompson
Dave Allen