The 1992 Business Meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Statistics (SRCOS) met at the Washington Duke Inn just off the campus of Duke University in Durham commencing at 1:05 p.m., October 2, 1992. President of the Council, Dan Solomon, called the meeting to order and recognized Don Burdick who served as the host for the 1992 Meeting. Don welcomed the Council to Duke University and provided information on the planned local activities which included a traditional pig-picking dinner Friday evening and lunch on Saturday.

Mike West, Head, Institute of Statistics and Decision Sciences (ISDS) gave a brief history of the creation of the ISDS in 1986 at Duke and introduced Lewis Siegel, Dean of the Duke University Graduate School and Vice Provost for Interdisciplinary Activities, who welcomed the SRCOS representatives.

Dan Solomon asked each of the representatives and guests around the table to introduce themselves and identify the institution that they represent.

Observers to the meeting included Ed Wegman, George Mason University; Alan Karr, National Institute of Statistical Sciences (NISS); and Walter Piegorsch, National Institute of Environmental and Health Sciences (NIUHES).

Alan Karr presented an overview of NISS that included its goals and objectives. NOTE: NISS is considering becoming an institutional member of SRCOS.

Individuals sitting in for representatives who could not attend included:

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Thirty-two of the member institutions were represented at the Council Meeting. A copy of the current roster of SRCOS is included as Attachment A of these minutes, and attendance at the 1992 SRCOS Business Meeting in Durham is designated by * in the roster.
President elect Bob Taylor reported that the Minutes of the 1991 Business Meeting at Louisiana State University Medical Center were distributed to the members in November 1991. Larry Ringer moved that the Minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Piotr Mikulski and approved by voice vote with no dissenting vote.

Don Solomon asked Fred Leysieffer, Jane Pendagast, Larry Ringer and Ted Wallenius to serve on the Resolutions Committee and asked Larry to chair the Committee. Members were reminded to check the committee membership listings which were attached at the back of the agenda announcement and to insure that they are members of committees in which they had interest and desired membership (see Attachment B). They should indicate on a sign-up sheet any desire to change committee assignments. Dan Solomon announced that the 1994 SRC Management Committee Chair was Joe Padgett and that Mark Johnson was the ASA SRC appointee.

Al Rainosek presented the treasurer's report (see Attachment C) which included a financial report on the Summer Research Conference (SRC) at Flat Rock, NC (a $200.41 profit and SRC scholarship expenses of $2,618 for 5 students). The treasurer's report, after a motion by Bob Taylor and a second by Larry Ringer, was accepted with thanks to Al for his continuing careful work and reporting.

Ted Wallenius summarized the 1992 SRC activities as follows: 61 attendees (37 regular, 1 one-day, 2 two-day, 4 late, 7 students and 10 retired). Mike Kutner summarized the Saturday night 25th reunion. Ron Randles reported on the stimulating professional program, support for 4 R.L. Anderson student papers and a Boyd Harshbarger travel award for 1 student, and the awarding of certificates to these students.

NOTE: ASA provided $1,000 support in 1992 to help defray travel costs of the ASA appointed SRCOS SRC representative.

(Attachments D and E provide more details on the 1992 SRC.)

The local arrangements at Flat Rock for the 1992 SRC were excellent, and the Council expressed appreciation to Ted Wallenius for his efforts in obtaining such favorable arrangements for SRCOS.

Sonny Whorton reported on the local arrangements plans for the 1993 SRC at in Galveston. The dates would either be during the week of June 5th or June 12th at a beach location.

Jim Davenport indicated that the 1994 SRC could be scheduled in/near historic Williamsburg. The locations and possible prices were discussed. Jim would make sure that the dates do not conflict with the IMS and Interface meetings.

The site for the 1995 SRC meeting has not been determined. The following individuals volunteered to checkout various potential sites: Clint Miller, the South Carolina coast; Bill Wilson, Pensacola; and Dan Solomon, Santee; Lake and report back to the group at the 1993 annual business meeting.
Invitation for sites for future SRCOS business meetings include:

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At 2:37 p.m. President Dan Solomon called for a brief break, and asked the various committees to meet following the break. The full Council reconvened at 3:51 p.m. following the committee meetings.

Jane Pendergast reported on the program plans for the 1993 SRC which would include possibly topical coverage of statistical issues in quality improvement in the health care industry, statistics and environmental law, clinical trials, robust regression, modeling correlated data, issues in AIDS research, statistics and the law, and statistical developments in the social sciences.

Jim Davenport reported for the Structure and Organization Committee. The new ASA agreement (see Attachment F) dealt primarily with concerns regarding financial liability. A motion made by Clint Miller and seconded by Robert Taylor asked that the SRCOS Structure/Organization Committee look into the pros and cons of incorporating, especially in the area of liabilities, and report back to the Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Wayne Woodward, Chair of the Membership Committee, reported several institutions were interested in SRCOS membership. Larry Ringer moved and Bob Taylor seconded a motion that SRCOS go on record of giving the Membership Committee authority to review George Mason University's application for membership and if their credentials were in order to grant them membership approval. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion took place regarding non-profit organizational membership in SRCOS. This culminated in a motion by Al Rainosek and a second by Clint Miller that non-profit organizations who join SRCOS as a member pay an annual membership fee of $150. The motion passed with 24 for and 6 against.

Piotr Mikulski reported that he planned on taking a sabbatical next year and asked that each institution bring their text material for the brochure to next year's annual business meeting. Bob Taylor distributed a distribution list of the 1990 brochure from Tex Schietinger of the Southern Regional Education Board (see Attachment G). It was suggested that the large number of copies available on request was not necessary and these extra brochures should be sent to the member institutions for their distribution.

The business meeting was recessed at 5:20 p.m. Members were instructed to return at 8:00 a.m. the next morning and to read handout material including the memorandum of agreement between SRCOS and ASA (Attachment F), NSF request for ideas to expand NSF mission (Attachment H) and material on accreditation and certification (Attachment I). A cash bar and traditional pig-picking
buffet dinner followed the afternoon business meeting.

The Council reconvened at the 8:00 a.m. appointed time on October 3, 1992. President Dan Solomon recognized local arrangements person Don Burdick who provided additional information on lunch arrangements and transportation to the airport.

President Dan Solomon indicated that NISS was interested in joining SRCOS. Al Rainosek moved and Clint Miller seconded a motion that SRCOS go on record of giving the Membership Committee authority to review NISS's application for membership and if their credentials were in order to grant them membership approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Clint Miller reported on accreditation efforts. Clint indicated that at this time accreditation was impractical and advised SRCOS to support the certification efforts of ASA. Jim Davenport is a member of an ASA ad hoc Committee on Certification of Statisticians. Clint moved that the SRCOS Accreditation Committee be dissolved and that the Statistics/Programs Committee be charged with following-up and circulating certification guidelines. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dan Solomon reported for the Committee. SREB/SRCOS Archives. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has a Southern Historical Collection and is interested in providing this service for SREB/SRCOS. Mike Symons agreed to explore further what should be archived and report back a recommendation to the Council (see Attachment J).

Bob Serfling, Chair of the Computing Committee, updated the Council on an e-mail network (see Attachment K). A motion by Bob Taylor that the Council accept David Scott's offer to manage the list passed unanimously. Bob also reported that a survey on computer availability at SRCOS institutions (see Attachment L) should be filled out and sent back to him by October 31st.

Dan Solomon lead a discussion of the future of SRCOS that culminated in a decision to have the President appoint a Strategic Planning Committee to review this issue (see Attachment M). A possible meeting of this Committee could take place at the annual ASA meeting.

A motion was made by David Scott and seconded by Bob Taylor that the Two Minute Reports be moved up closer to the front portion of the business meeting program rather than at the end of the meeting since representatives often had to leave prior to the formal ending of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Malone lead a discussion of the future of the National Science Foundation (see Attachment H). SRCOS members expressed the need for more funding in the research and development budget and the need to establish more fellowship/Scholarship support for doctoral students.
George Mason University submitted material to the Membership Committee which were reviewed and approved and turned over to President Dan Solomon for action.

The morning break was at 10:15 a.m., the committee meetings were from 10:30 - 12:00 and the full Council reconvened at 1:07 p.m.

Joe Padgett gave the report of the Committee on New Statistics Departments. George Mason University formed a new Department of Statistics in September 1992 with Ed Wegman as Chair. President Solomon dissolved the Committee and stated that, in the future, the President would handle inquiries from new departments.

Jim Davenport, Chair of the Statistics Programs/Teaching Committee, reported on the deliberations of this committee. A motion that SRCOS develop guidelines for standards for undergraduates statistics programs was unanimously approved. It was encouraged that Walt Pirie's ASA committee report be modified and adapted accordingly. A second motion was made that the President of SRCOS prepare a letter to ABET regarding the Council's concerns regarding ABET's evaluation of statistical courses in engineering programs. This motion also was unanimously approved. There also was discussion concerning quantitative literacy for high school students. A motion that SRCOS develop a brochure on careers in statistics and statistical thinking for high school students was unanimously approved. Mike Symons will chair this effort. Bob Serfling agreed to put out a periodic newsletter on innovative curricula ideas.

Mike Kutner, Chair of the Awards Committee, reported on the discussions and deliberations of the Committee. A four part motion was approved unanimously with voting done separately for each part.

1) All student award recipients shall be exempted from registration fees.
2) Up to five Harshbarger Student Travel Awards based on actual costs (travel plus per diem) not to exceed $300 per student be authorized for the 1993 SRC.
3) Up to 5 Anderson Student Paper Awards not to exceed $600 per student (travel plus per diem) be authorized for the 1993 SRC.
4) Maximum aggregate total amount of funds expended not to exceed $3,000 for the 1993 SRC.

The Committee recommended that honoraria for guest speakers be discouraged and that the President's Award needs to be reinstated. Ron Randles was asked to write an article for AMSTAT News and STATS reporting the winners of the student travel and paper awards at the 1992 SRC. Mike Kutner agreed to write an article for AMSTAT News on the Founders Awards recipients and the Paul Minton Service Award recipient. Mike Kutner and Ted Wallenius agreed to have Founders certificates made up and sent to living founders who were not able to attend the 1992 SRC. A motion to allow expenditures of up to $50 for handling postage and mailing costs was passed unanimously.
The Awards Committee would coordinate the selection process for the Paul Minton Service Award. A maximum of $200 per person for up to 5 awardees per year was approved. The winners would be announced at the SRC and annual business meeting and reported in AMSTAT News.

The Committee on Books and Journals was dissolved.

Dick Kryscio, Chair of the Research/Consulting Committee, reported on discussions regarding support for young faculty to attend the SRC. The Council asked that the Committee prepare details on the process and mechanism for implementing such a program and report back to the Council. Larry Claypool and Sonny Whorton agreed to develop a white paper (template) on sources of consulting services that would include the following issues: (1) What are the target groups? (2) What is the organization? (3) Profile of consulting staff. (4) Documentation of activities. (5) Effectiveness of evaluation. (6) Fee schedules and accounting procedures. (7) Confidentiality. Both intramural and extramural activities should be dealt with in this report.

Under new business, President Dan Solomon voted that operationally SRCOS corporate membership fees were for Jan 1st to December 31st and that SRCOS officers take office on Jan 1st, end office on December 31st of the next year. Ron Randles and Bob Taylor reported on ASA Statistics Chairs Survey and David Sylwester requested information for ASA strategic planning in the area of a statistical thinking (see Attachment N). Linda Malone discussed an election rotation policy recently approved by the ASA board that was thought to be unfair to members in academia (NOTE: the rotation is actually a 4-year rotation and does allow academia in two of these slots).

The interesting two-minute reports from the various institutions followed and often incorporated recent budget reduction news and reports of austere conditions. Larry Ringer read the resolutions (see Attachment O), and President Dan Solomon expressed the Council's appreciation for the local arrangements which were provided by Duke University and the hard work by Don Burdick. The 1992 SRCOS Business Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. October 2, 1992.

Minutes submitted by
Michael Kutner
SRCOS Secretary 1992-93