SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL ON STATISTICS
1994 Annual Business Meeting
University of Georgia
September 30, October 1, 1994
Minutes

The 1994 Annual Business Meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Statistics (SRCOS) met at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education on the campus of UGA. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Bob Taylor.

Welcome. Bob Taylor introduced Wyatt Anderson, Dean of the Franklin College of Arts & Sciences, UGA. He welcomed SRCOS to the campus and wished us success in our deliberations.

Announcements. Bob Taylor previewed the schedule of meeting and socials (Attachment A).

Bob Taylor discussed "official" membership and representation and urged attendees to check with their home institutions to establish who is official representative.

Resolution Committee. Bob Taylor appointed Jim Davenport (chair), Larry Ringer and Jill Alcorn to the resolution committee.

Minutes of 1993 Meeting. The minutes of the 1993 business meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer’s Report (Attachment B) Treasurer Al Rainosek presented the Treasurer’s report. The report reflected the absence of Burroughs/Wellcome’s contribution. The 1994 Summer Research Conference exactly broke even (with a significant contribution from Virginia Commonwealth University) and hence, no income was shown for that activity (see Attachment F). The report was approved as presented.

There were no guests at the business meeting.

The list of members was circulated by Bob Taylor and attendees were asked to make corrections (see Attachment C).

Two Minute Reports. Each attendee was asked to introduce himself or herself and identify the institution represented as part of the two minute report. The general theme was that most Statistics programs were doing better.

Bob Taylor announced that Carl Marshall, one of the original members of SREB/COS from Oklahoma State University recently died. Bob proposed that a letter from the Council be sent to Gladys Marshall delineating Carl’s contribution to the body, statistics in general, and to education as a discipline. This was approved, and all members present were to sign the letter. (see
Paul Minton Service Award (Attachment E) Dick Kryscio announced that Ralph Bradley had been selected as the 1994 awardee. The award was to be presented to Ralph at the dinner on Friday night since he was an invited guest.

1994 SRC (Attachment E) Jim Davenport reported on the 1994 SRC, and it was generally acknowledged that it was a successful SRC.

Future SRC's. Larry Ringer moved to have the 95 SRC at Melbourne, Fl. and to allow the program committee to adjust the dates as necessary. Linda Malone had forwarded information (Attachment G) on Melbourne. The motion passed. Dick Kryscio circulated a list of topics and speakers and asked for additional topics/speakers. (Attachment H). Dick asked that items be ranked and the list returned. The committee for the 96 SRC would be John Karon (ASA) and Wayne Woodward (SRCOS). The council discussed changes in conference length and topics, and the future of SRC.

Student SRC Awards. Jim Davenport proposed that we allocate $1000 for student awards for 95 SRC. This motion amended by Jim Thompson to be 6 awards of up to $250 each for a maximum total of $1500. The awards to be determined by program committee. The amended motion passed.

Business Meeting Sites: The 95 business meeting had been tentative scheduled for Orlando with the 96 meeting in Raleigh. Bob Taylor moved reversing the two since the SRC is to be in Melbourne in June and the Joint Statistical Meetings were scheduled for Orlando in August. Tom Gerig indicated no problem with Raleigh for 95. Motion passed.

Brochure. Dick Kryscio started the discussion of the brochure by indicating that he had not received all the material for the new brochure. Bob Taylor said that SREB would be willing to be the "clearing house" for the brochure, that is mail it out and collect the money. Discussion of the brochure was interrupted by adjournment at 5:00 pm.

The Saturday session was called to order by Bob Taylor at 8:30 am.

Announcements. Bob Taylor discussed plans for the airport transportation and for Saturday night social for those staying Saturday.

Brochure. The discussion of the brochure continued. Dick Kryscio announced that the institutions who had submitted their information and asked for the information from the other institutions in 2 weeks. The council discussed methods of handling non respondents and non payers. Jim Thompson moved that we charge a flat fee of $150 per institution (there are 44 of them). This motion passed. The method of collection (SRCOS or SREB) be determined by the Executive Committee. The new introduction is to be written by the Executive Committee (see
Appendix I for the revised introduction)

**Relation of SRCOS to SREB** Bob Taylor reported on a discussion with SREB. SREB had been concerned with the efforts of SRCOS relative to certification of programs (which appears to be less of an activity of SRCOS and less of an objection by SREB now). Al Rainosek indicated the benefits of remaining connected with SREB in terms of the mailing of the brochure, collection for the brochure, and getting the memorandums of agreement signed. SREB could be a facilitator for SRCOS, and Bob Taylor proposed that we establish as close a relation with SREB as possible.

**Archives. Mike Symons** reported that SRCOS has space in the library in UNC at Chapel Hill for archives. A discussion of what should go in archives followed as the subcommittee was charged with drafting a proposal. Also, Mike would be asked to find out what can/cannot be archived, and to obtain materials from Dan Solomon.

**History of SRCOS.** Jim Davenport reported that Paul Minton is in the process of writing up the history. The council expressed its appreciation to Virginia Commonwealth University for its support of this project. Larry Ringer moved that travel money be made by SRCOS for Paul's travel, subject to Executive Committee approval. Motion passed.

**Committee Survey and SRCOS network** Bob Serfling reported on 92-93 survey. The results had been destroyed in a moving van fire. He suggested that we do another survey as the other one was out of date. Bob Taylor asked if there was a need for another survey. The issue was referred to the committee on Information Systems to address. Wayne Woodward reported on the network. All institutions are on the network. Problems were inactive accounts, new accounts, and so on. Bob Taylor asked that commands be put in the minutes to enable subscribers to get on and off. The file server at Rice was set up by David Scott. The Council expressed its gratitude to David.

**Examination of Committee Structure** Bob Taylor charged the committees to be aggressive in defining their scope of activity. The meeting broke for refreshments at 10:00 am with instructions that committees would meet from 10:30 to 11:30.

The full council reconvened at 11:35 am.

A motion was made by John Spurrier to thank the 94 SRC organizers. The motion passed.

A deadline of November 1 was decided on for the brochure. Dick Kryscio will contact members not at the meeting.

Bob Taylor reviewed what had been discussed and decided up to now.

The council broke for lunch at about 12:00 noon and reconvened at about 1:10 pm.

**Committee Reports.**
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