

**Statistics Education SIGMAA Business Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2017, at the 2017 Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM), Atlanta, GA**

Sue Schou called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Sue introduced/acknowledged officers.

Current officers:

Past Chair – Patti Frazer Lock

Chair – Sue Schou

Chair Elect – Stacey Hancock

Secretary – Judith Canner (unable to attend)

Treasurer – Phil Yates

New appointment:

Webmaster – Kim Roth

Incoming officers:

Chair Elect – Soma Roy (unable to attend)

Secretary – Dianna Spence

Old Business

Sue noted that the minutes of the 2016 Business Meeting were previously posted on the SIGMAA website. She solicited corrections or comments to the minutes, and none were offered. The minutes were approved by consensus.

Phil Yates gave the Treasurer's report. The SIGMAA is currently at 240 members, which is lower than in previous years. The SIGMAA receives directly \$9 per member from the dues paid to the MAA. For the last year, the amount received was \$2160.

Sue pointed out the link at the bottom of the home page on the SIGMAA website where this year's presentations and data sets will be available for download.

New Business

Jenna Carpenter spoke about the StatPREP initiative, a joint project of the MAA, ASA, and AMATYC. The goal of the project is to offer professional development for instructors of elementary statistics and to improve statistics education by promoting best teaching practices. At least 2 summer workshops will be offered each year for the next 5 years. For 2017, the workshops will be held in Minneapolis, MN and Santa Clarita, CA. Individuals interested in attending or in offering their campus as a workshop hub are encouraged to contact a member of the project leadership team. See maa.org/statprep for more detail.

Sue explained that the charter changes approved by vote during the 2016 business meeting were required to undergo two specific modifications before they could be approved by the MAA Committee on SIGMAAs. The required updates were: 1) The text describing the duties of the Program Chair must match the text given in the charter template prescribed by the MAA; and 2) The charter must include a specific description of how elections are conducted, consistent with that in the MAA charter template. Since 43 were in attendance, it was established that enough members were present for a quorum, and a vote was held to approve these modifications. They passed unanimously, allowing Sue to forward the revised charter to Andy Miller in time for the Committee on SIGMAAs meeting on Friday, January 6.

Sue announced and distributed the awards.

2016 Dex Whittinghill Award for Best Paper – awarded to Adam Childers for *Facebook Consulting: A Semester-Long Project for Introductory Statistics*.

2016 Robert V. Hogg Award for Excellence in Teaching Statistics – awarded to Nathan Tintle

Sue solicited ideas from the audience for Panel Discussion and Paper Session topics for the 2018 meetings. The following suggestions were made:

Panel Discussion – A panel of mathematicians who teach statistics to comment on

- how mathematics and statistics are different as teaching disciplines
- what they have learned about teaching statistics.

Paper Session – Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) that is more inclusive/consolidated across all statistics courses, rather than focused only on introductory statistics

Paper Session – A shared paper session with another SIGMAA, such as the Web SIGMAA (Mathematics Instruction Using the Web), or a joint effort with another group, such as Technology in Mathematics Education (TIME)

The group discussed the need for more coordination of SIGMAA sessions and related workshops and minicourses at the JMM. Some minicourses that may have been of interest were cancelled due to low enrollment, but were discovered after the fact to have been scheduled at times competing with other sessions of similar interest. Appropriate conference and SIGMAA leaders were unaware of full slate of related sessions, workshops, and minicourses. A suggestion was also made to try some topics out as workshops first, then as minicourses later after interest has been established.

Upcoming Statistics Education events:

MathFest 2017 – July 26-29, Chicago, IL

USCOTS 2017 – May 18-20, Penn State

JSM 2017 – July 29-Aug 3, Baltimore, MD

Names were drawn for door prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianna Spence