

**SIGMAA Stat Ed Business Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2021, online via Zoom**

Judith Canner (Chair) called meeting to order at 2:03 pm (EST).

After all in attendance gave brief introductions, Judith welcomed everyone and made a brief statement concerning the recent events in Washington, DC. Afterward, she introduced and acknowledged officers:

Incoming and continuing officers for 2021:

Past Chair – Judith Canner

Chair – Phil Yates

Chair-Elect – Lisa Carnell

Secretary/Treasurer – Tom Faulkenberry

Program Chair – Grant Innerst

Webmaster – David Taylor

Retiring officers:

Past Chair – Alana Unfried

Judith encouraged those present to consider running for office. Up for election in 2021 will be

- Chair-Elect (3 year term as Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past-Chair)
- Secretary/Treasurer (2 year term – elected odd years)

Old Business

Tom Faulkenberry gave Secretary's report. Minutes from 2020 were presented, but because a quorum was not reached during the Zoom meeting, the vote on the minutes will be deferred and conducted by email.

Tom also gave Treasurer's report. He explained that per MAA rules, the balance in the SIGMAA account is not rolled over each year. Thus, we should use the dues we earn each year. At the start of 2020, our balance (based on 2019 membership of 354) was \$3186. This year, the only funds that have been spent have been \$500 for the Hogg award honorarium. The members present discussed several ideas for additional ways to use the money we have available, including offering mini-grants (i.e., for attending USCOTS, MathFest, and/or StatPrep workshops). Tom will check with MAA to determine when funds must be spent before they are "wiped away".

New Business

Judith Canner gave the Chair's report, in which she discussed the following items:

- She reminded everyone that the SIGMAA-Stat Ed will be holding elections for Chair-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer in the fall, and she urged everyone to consider running for office or nominating a colleague
- Following last year's discussion of adding "data science" to our name, we will begin the process to update our name and charter
- There was one SIGMAA Event here at (virtual) JMM this year:
 - **Invited Paper Session:** What does an Introduction to Data Science course look like?
 - *Recording should be available for JMM Registrants*
 - *Slides will be posted at <http://sigmaa.maa.org/stat-ed/> when available*

Phil Yates (Chair-Elect) gave a report on upcoming events that will be relevant to SIGMAA-Stat Ed members:

- [USCOTS 2021](#), June 28 - July 1, 2021, Virtual
- [MAA MathFest 2021](#), August 4-7, 2021, Sacramento, CA
- [Joint Statistics Meeting](#), August 7 - 12, 2021, Seattle, WA

Judith then presented our annual SIGMAA-Stat Ed awards:

- The Dexter C. Whittinghill III Award for Outstanding Contributed Paper in Statistics Education at JMM 2020 was awarded to **Dr. Albert Schueller** for his paper "*Using Smartphone Sensor Data in the Mathematics Classroom*"
- The Robert V. Hogg Award for Excellence in Teaching Introductory Statistics was awarded to **Dr. Mine Cetinkaya-Rundel** from University of Edinburgh

Judith invited the members present to discuss the separation of MAA from JMM. It was noted that we need to decide how we will respond to separation, and to that end, what should we focus our energy on? The following points were raised:

- We can no longer "sponsor" events at JMM
- It is very important to have a national-level meeting. MathFest certainly satisfies this need.
- It is often difficult to attend both MAA MathFest and ASA Joint Statistical Meetings
- So, who are our members...do they identify with MAA or ASA?
- Several answers were offered, but most consider them as largely independent audiences. The following rough classification was offered:
 - JSM = statisticians who are teaching statistics.
 - MAA = non-statisticians who are teaching statistics
 - We have the biggest impact by targeting the non-statisticians (i.e., MAA)
- It was pointed out that we should keep submitting at least one session to JMM simply to maintain visibility among mathematicians who might not attend stat-ed sessions.
- The discussion will continue, but at this time, the members present mostly favor placing our immediate focus on MathFest.

Judith then reminded everyone to think about ideas for SIGMAA sessions/events and to email Grant and Phil with their ideas.

Finally, Phil Yates publicly thanked Judith for her service this past year as Chair of the SIGMAA, followed by a round of (Zoom) applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm (EST).

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Faulkenberry
Secretary/Treasurer, SIGMAA-Statistics Education