

WASHINGTON STATISTICAL SOCIETY

News Letter

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FILM TO BE SHOWN AT FIRST MEETING SEPTEMBER 21

The color film "Statistical Quality Control at Johns-Manville" will be shown at the first meeting of the Society for 1948-49 on September 21. Although the emphasis of the picture is on the adaptation of the new tool of statistical quality control to the industrial processes of Johns-Manville, the experience of this one company will be of special interest to the statisticians working with the same techniques in other fields.

Some statistical points showing the sensitivity of the standard error of the mean for sampling are well demonstrated in the film. Possible gains through sampling rather than 100% inspection are also clearly shown. The theme of the film is the complete revitalization of the typical inspection and control procedures of industry by the intelligent application of well-known statistical principles.

Discussion will follow showing of film.

The meeting will be held at 8 pm, Tuesday, September 21, in Room 101, Hall of Government, George Washington University, 21st and G Streets, N. W. William Pabst of the Navy Department will act as chairman.

NOMINATION OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

The new A.S.A. Constitution provides for the election of two District Representatives to the A.S.A. Council by the end of the year. Each member of the Association is entitled to nominate one candidate for the election. For the convenience of members, the nomination form below is provided. It must be received by the office of the Secretary-Treasurer of the American Statistical Association by September 15, 1948.

Dr. Merrill M. Flood
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I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as Southeastern District Representative of the A.S.A. Council.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICERS FOR 1948-49

Officers for the year 1948-49 were elected at the annual meeting in June. They are:

- President - A. Ross Eckler, Bureau of the Census
- Vice President - Jerome Cornfield, Public Health Institute
- Secretary-Treasurer - Samuel Weiss, Bureau of Labor Statistics

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

President A. Ross Eckler has appointed the following members of the Washington Statistical Society to standing committees for the present year.

Executive Committee

- Glenn McLaughlin, National Security Resources Board
- Irving H. Siegel, Veterans Administration
- Margaret Jarman Hagood, Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Program Committee

- Thomas J. Mills, Bureau of the Budget
- Hugh Barton, Presentation Inc.
- William Pabst, Navy Department

A.S.A. ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN CLEVELAND

Plans are now being completed for the annual meeting of the A.S.A. in Cleveland, December 27-29. The meeting will be centered on six "feature" papers and three "review sessions". Selection of the feature papers has not been announced, but the review sessions will discuss Statistical Resources, Statistical Methodology, and Mathematical Statistics.

The final program will appear in the October issue of The American Statistician.

LOUIS BEAN TO SPEAK AT OCTOBER MEETING

At the second meeting of the year, to be held in mid-October, Louis H. Bean will discuss the forecasting of election results by the "Bean" method and in particular his recent book, "How to Predict Elections". The book outlines the variety of historical and statistical relationships which Mr. Bean has used to forecast election results in the past.

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