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NEWS LETTER

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"THEORY OF GAMES" MEETING MARCH 9

Professor Oskar Morgenstern, Co-author with John Von Neuman of "Theory of Games and Economic Behavior" will present an address on the subject at a meeting of the Washington Statistical Society, Wednesday, March 9.

The theory of games has been hailed as one of the most reliable developments in current economic theory and the Society is particularly fortunate to obtain Professor Morgenstern as a speaker for this meeting.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in Room 101 of the Hall of Government, George Washington University, 21st and G Streets, N.W.

Marshall K. Wood of the Department of the Air Force will act as Chairman of the meeting.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION POSTPONES EXAMINATION CLOSING

At the request of the Society and other interested parties, the Civil Service Commission has announced the extension of the closing date for applications for examination for certain statistical registers to March 30. The registers involved are those for P-2 through P-4, Mathematical, Analytical, and Survey Statisticians; CAF-7 through CAF-9 Statistical Assistants; and CAF-10 through CAF-13 Statistical Officers. The examinations are unassembled, that is, grading will be on the basis of education and experience as shown on a Form 57 rather than on a written test. Further details are given in Announcement 152, which may be obtained from the Commission.

AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION MEETING

Alfred Politz will address the Washington Chapter of the American Marketing Association at a luncheon meeting on March 22. Members of the Washington Statistical Society are invited to attend.

Mr. Politz is President of Alfred Politz Research, Inc., and won the top award for leadership in marketing of the Marketing Association in 1947. The subject of his address will be "Methods and Interpretation in Market and Opinion Research."

The luncheon meeting will be held in the Congressional Room of the Willard Hotel on Tuesday, March 22 at 12:30 p.m., price \$2.00, including tip. It is necessary for the hotel to prepare in advance for a definite number. Therefore, only those with reservations can be provided for. Reservations should be mailed or phoned to Miss Henrietta Morris, Secretary of the Washington Chapter, AMA, at 710 14th Street, N.W., telephone District 6545, before 5 p.m. on Monday, March 21. (Guests will be charged for reservations made and not picked up.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In accordance with the constitution of the Society, a nominating committee has been appointed to present nominations for election of officers at the annual meeting of the Society in May. The members of the committee are:

Walter F. Ryan, Bureau of the Budget
Emmett H. Welch, National Security Resources Board
Emil D. Schell, Department of the Air Force

Their nominations will be announced in the next News Letter.

APRIL MEETING ON ECONOMIC MODELS

The April meeting of the Society will relate to the use of statistical "models" in economic analysis and forecasting. The present plan is to have three speakers representing three approaches which differ in degree of detail: (1) the aggregative approach, involving a minimum number of composite variables; (2) the more detailed BLS-Leontieff approach, identified with "input-output" studies; and (3) the extended "input-output" approach, which involves a very large number of variables including "time". The speakers will not dwell on the more technical aspects of the subject, but another meeting on such aspects will be considered if sufficient interest is indicated. Attendance at a recent seminar series on "models" far exceeded expectations.

SPEAKERS

As was mentioned in the last News Letter, interest in meetings discussing Government statistical programs has been expressed by ASA Chapters in various parts of the country. Government statisticians making out-of-town trips in the course of their duties are asked to call the Secretary-Treasurer on Executive 2420, (Government dial code 177) Ext. 1158. Notice as far as possible in advance of planned trips will be of great use in arranging meetings.

Samuel Weiss
Secretary-Treasurer