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NEWS LETTER

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"DECISION FUNCTIONS MEETING" - APRIL 7, 1952

The topic for the April meeting of the Washington Statistical Society will be "The Wald Theory of Decision Functions". The chief speaker will be Professor David Blackwell, Department of Mathematics, Howard University. Professor Irwin D. J. Bross, Department of Biological Statistics, Johns Hopkins University, will be Discussant, and Dr. W. Edwards Deming, Division of Statistical Standards, Bureau of the Budget, will act as Chairman.

The meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 1952, in Room 101 of the George Washington University Hall of Governments, 21st and G Streets, N. W.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1952-1953

As required by the constitution, election of officers for 1952-1953 will be held at the annual meeting in May. The members nominated for office by the nominating committee are:

For President: (John H. Smith, American University
(Emmet H. Welch, Defense Production Administration

For Vice-President (Homer Jones, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
(Harold Wolkind, Department of the Army

For Secretary-Treasurer. . (Margaret Martin, Bureau of the Budget
(Ralph B. Stauber, Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the April meeting or at the annual meeting before elections are held, and space for write-in votes will be provided on the ballot.

Members of the nominating committee were: Donald C. Riley, Bureau of the Budget, Chairman; Foster Adams, Department of Defense; Joseph F. Daly, Bureau of the Census; Ida C. Merriam, Social Security Administration; and Faith M. Williams, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

MAY MEETING - RUSSIAN STATISTICS - MAY 12

The May 12 meeting of the Washington Statistical Society will be devoted to Soviet Statistics. The two main speakers will interpret data available to Western students, and synthesize a picture of Soviet economic strength and weakness. The Chairman will be Irving H. Siegel, who recently returned to Washington after two years with the Russian Manpower Project at Johns Hopkins University.

NATIONAL REGISTRATION - HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

By now members should have received the questionnaire being distributed by the American Council of Learned Societies, for setting up a national roster of skilled personnel. The information collected will be made available to the American Statistical Association, and will enable the association to assist in job placement and related matters.

The ASA asks that you answer this questionnaire conscientiously and as completely as possible.

Margaret Gurney

Secretary-Treasurer