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NEWSLETTER - MAY 1973

- May 22 - Annual Dinner
- May 3 - Problems and Techniques in Contracting for Statistical Work
- May 10 - Design and Analysis of Analytical Sample Surveys

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

THE ECONOMY AS SEEN FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

Chairman: Julius Shiskin, Office of Management and Budget

Speaker: Herbert Stein, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors

When and Where: Tuesday, May 22, George Washington University, Marvin Center Ballroom; 800 21st Street, N.W.; 6 p.m. (Cocktails), 7:30 p.m. (Dinner), 8:30 p.m. (Speech). Price of dinner is \$5.00, includes tax and tip.

Parking: For the usual local fee attendees will find convenient parking in the basement of the Marvin Center (entrance on H Street between 21st and 22nd Streets).

Please complete the reservation form below and mail to reach Jim Harte by Friday, May 18. If you plan to attend the speaking portion of the program only, please call Mr. Harte at 964-4938 or Government Code 184-4938.

James Harte, IRS, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20224
(Room 306 - 12th & E Streets, N.W.)

Please reserve _____ tickets for the Annual Dinner, May 22.
Name _____ Organization _____
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(Make check payable to Washington Statistical Society)

MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON STATISTICAL SOCIETY

Topic: Problems and Techniques in Contracting for Statistical Work

Chairman: Roye Lowry, Clearance Officer, OMB

Panelists: Martin Harty, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, GAO

Keith Marvin, Associate Director, Division of Financial and General Management Studies, GAO

Kevin Heanue, Chief, Urban Development Branch, Urban Planning Division, Federal Highway Administration

Mrs. Lillian Regelson, Chief, Evaluation Division, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, OEO

Herbert Schaffer, Chief, Division of Program Assistance, Occupational Safety and Health Statistics, BLS

John Barry, Corporate Development Manager, Washington Operations Center, System Development Corporation

Al Biderman, Assistant Director, Bureau of Social Science Research, Inc.

Edward C. Bryant, President, Westat Research, Inc.

For a variety of reasons Federal agencies are turning increasingly to contract assistance from State and local agencies and private organizations to carry out statistical projects. Effective use of such mechanisms is, therefore, of concern to the statistical community. The panelists will start a discussion of the problems in using contract assistance and techniques which have been found useful in helping to avoid disappointment on the part of both sponsors and contractors. Members of the audience are invited to participate in the discussion.

When and Where: Thursday, May 3, 10:00 - 12:00 a.m., George S. Boutwell Auditorium, 7th Floor, IRS Bldg., 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

MEETING OF THE METHODOLOGY SECTION OF THE
WASHINGTON STATISTICAL SOCIETY

Topic: Design and Analysis of Analytical Sample Surveys

Chairman: Harold Nisselson, National Center for Educational Statistics

Speaker: Joseph Sedransk, Federal Reserve Board

Discussants: Thomas Jabine, Bureau of the Census

Walt Simmons, National Center for Health Statistics

The nature of an "analytical" sample survey will be discussed, and reference will be made to several theoretical investigations of the properties of standard statistical (analytical) techniques when designs more complex than simple random sampling are used. Then, the design of comparative analytical surveys will be considered in greater detail. It will be assumed that one wishes to compare sub-populations, but there is no available list of the units comprising each subpopulation.

When and Where: Thursday, May 10, 1-2:30 p.m., George S. Boutwell Auditorium, 7th Floor, IRS Bldg., 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

WSS ELECTION

The following nominees have agreed to run for offices in the Washington Statistical Society for the 1973-74 season:

Vice-President and
President-elect

Dorothy Gilford
Joseph Waksberg

Representatives-at-Large

La Verne Collins
Joseph Gastwirth
Morris Goldman
Shirley Kalleck
Earl Pollack
Daniel Seigel

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Secretary-Treasurer

John Inzana

Methodology Section
Program Chairman

Barbara Bailar
Barbara Boyes

Ballots are included with this Newsletter, along with brief biographical sketches of the candidates. Ballots must be received by June 1. Please be prompt in returning your ballot. WSS will pay the postage.

You are currently recorded as a member of the Methodology Section if your ballot contains the candidates for Program Chairman. If it does not and you wish to be a member of the Section, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and send it to the National office.

Dave Moses of our chapter informs us that E. F. Shelley and Company, Inc., is now offering a series of practical seminars on manpower computer systems for professionals engaged in the delivery of manpower and social services. The course is designed to assist the manpower and human resource professional in coping with complex automatic data processing systems which have become an integral part of their jobs. As such, the course is especially suited for manpower specialists, human resource specialists, sociologists, labor economists, and other professionals engaged in the planning, administration, operation, evaluation, and reporting of manpower programs at the federal, regional, state and local community level.

I wish to be enrolled as a member of the Methodology Section of the Washington Statistical Society.

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Mail to: American Statistical Association, 806 15th Street, N.W.,
Suite 640, Washington, D.C. 20005

Two courses are currently being offered:

Manpower Computer Systems - Fundamentals and Operations

April 30 - May 4, 1973

Manpower Computer Systems - Applications and Design Principles

May 7 - May 11, 1973

Additional information regarding these seminars may be obtained from Dave at E. F. Shelley and Company, Inc.

Telephone: 202-293-5800

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF CANDIDATES, 1973-74

Barbara Bailar. Assistant Chief, Research Center for Measurement Methods, Census Bureau; with Census since 1958. ASA, IMS, Pop. Assn. of America. Publications in the area of response area.

Barbara Boyes. In Office of Survey Operations and Procedures, BLS; previously with the Bureau of the Census for 15 years. ASA, AAPOR, Int'l. Assn. of Survey Statisticians.

La Verne Collins. On staff of the Statistical Policy Division, OMB; previously with Bureau of the Census and Bureau of Economic Analysis. ASA.

Joseph Gastwirth. Research Professor of Statistics and Research, George Washington University; previously Visiting Faculty Advisor to the Statistical Policy Division of OMB, 1971-72. ASA. Publications on nonparametric methods, order statistics, stochastic processes, labor statistics.

Dorothy Gilford. Assn't. Commissioner for Educational Statistics and Director, Nat'l. Center for Educational Statistics; previously with Office of Naval Research. ASA (Fellow), IMS (Fellow), Royal Statistical Society (Fellow), ISI, Institute of Management Sciences, Conference Board of Mathematical Societies, AAAS (Fellow). In WSS: Secretary-Treasurer, 1955-56, Rep.-at-large, 1954-55, Nominating and Elections Committee, 1970, and various other committees.

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Morris Goldman. Deputy Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce Dept. since 1972; with Department of Commerce since 1959. ASA (Fellow), AEA, Conference on Research in Income and Wealth. In WSS: Program Chairman, 1969-70 and served on various committees.

John Inzana. In Office of Occupational Safety and Health Statistics, BLS since 1970; with BLS since 1967. ASA. In WSS: Currently, Secretary-Treasurer; Chairman, Membership Committee, 1969; Newsletter Editor, 1970.

Shirley Kallek. Chief, Economic Statistics and Surveys Division, Census and 1972 Economic Census Staff since 1970; with Census Bureau since 1955. ASA (Fellow), AEA, National Economists Club.

Earl Pollack. Assistant Chief, Biometry Branch and Chief, Demography and Epidemiology Section, Biometry Branch, Nat'l. Institute for Mental Health; with NIMH since 1954. ASA (Fellow), APHA (Fellow), Biometrics Society, AAAS, Society for Epidemiologic Research.

Daniel Seigel. Biostatistician, National Institute of Child Health and Development since 1967; with HEW since 1963. ASA, APHA, Biometric Society, Society for Epidemiologic Research. In WSS: Pub. Health and Biostatistics Program Chairman, 1967-68; Nominating and Elections Committee, 1972.

Joseph Waksberg. Associate Director, Statistical Standards and Methodology, Census Bureau since 1972; with Census since 1940. ASA (Fellow), IMS, Pop. Assn. of American, Int'l. Assn. of Survey Statisticians. In WSS: Chairman, Methodology Section, 1964-65.