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NEWSLETTER - APRIL 1974

April 18 - Quality Statistical Software, A Panel Discussion
April 25 - Goodness-of-Fit

JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON STATISTICAL SOCIETY (COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE) AND THE D. C. CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY

Topic: Quality Statistical Software, A Panel Discussion

Moderator: Roy C. Milton, National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health

Speakers: George M. Heller, Bureau of the Census
David Hogben, National Bureau of Standards
Herbert Maisel, Georgetown University
Mervin E. Muller, World Bank

The panelists will discuss: How can the production and dissemination of quality software useful in statistical computing be improved? After an opening statement by each of the panel members and some discussion, the meeting will be opened up for questions and discussion from the floor.

When and Where: Thursday evening, April 18, Sheraton-Silver Spring Motor Hotel, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m., panel discussion at 8:00 p.m. Attendees planning to attend the dinner (cost \$6.00) should telephone 296-4221 before 5:00 p.m., April 18, to make reservations. Free parking is available inside the Sheraton-Silver Spring Motor Hotel garage -- entrance on Colesville Road, two blocks east of Georgia Avenue. Those not wishing to attend the dinner are welcome to come at 8:00 p.m. for the panel discussion only.

METHODOLOGY SECTION PROGRAM

Topic: Goodness-of-Fit

Speakers: Maurice E. B. Owens, Naval Research Laboratory

Chairman: Joseph Gastwirth, George Washington University

Recent developments in the area of goodness-of-fit will be reviewed. In particular, various tests of normality (e.g., Geary, Shapiro-Wilk, Srinivasan, etc.) will be discussed. Some new results on the large sample power of Geary's statistics and on tests based on ranked statistics will be presented.

When and Where: Thursday, April 25, 12:30 p.m., Department of Labor, Conference Rooms 102 A and B, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. No lunch will be served; however, attendees will find a cafeteria located near the conference rooms.

ANNUAL ELECTION BALLOT

One of your privileges and responsibilities as a paid member of the Washington Statistical Society is to cast a ballot in the annual election. The official ballot is enclosed with this Newsletter for your use in exercising your right to vote. A brief biographical sketch of the candidates is found on pages 4 & 5. Please mark the ballot and return it immediately. WSS will guarantee the postage. Ballots must be received by May 1 to be counted.

The WSS Executive Board is asking for your affirmative vote on a constitutional provision for an annual audit of the Society's accounts. The current WSS Constitution provides for an annual financial report, Article 5 (Conduct of the Society), Section 8 (Annual Reports), but not for an audit of that report. Submitted below is the revision of Article 5, Section 8; the underlined text represents the proposed revision.

Section 8. Annual Reports. An annual report of the broad program and the detailed activities of the Society during the year shall be prepared by the outgoing President covering his term of office. Results of elections shall be included in the President's Annual Report. An annual report on the finances of the Society and the activities of the Treasurer shall be prepared by the Treasurer. This report shall be audited by an Auditing Committee or by a firm of independent public accountants selected by the Board of Directors. The report of the Treasurer, together with the report of the auditors, shall be incorporated in the President's Annual Report and shall be distributed by mail to the members of the Society with the approval of the Joint Boards of Directors as soon after the Annual Joint Meeting as feasible.

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 end of this Newsletter and send it to the National Office.

Our Annual Dinner will be held the evening of May 8. The famous TV personality, Professor Frederick Mosteller, will speak on "Social Experimentation: Public Policy and Public Attitudes." Details of time and place will be announced in the May Newsletter.

"USE OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS BY GOVERNMENTAL MANAGERS"
TWO DAY ECONOMIC ANALYSIS-PROGRAM EVALUATION SYMPOSIUM
May 20-21, 1974

The Defense Economic Analysis Council (DEAC) in conjunction with the National Council of Associations for Policy Sciences (NCAPS) is sponsoring the economic analysis symposium tailored to meet the needs of the government manager at various levels of management, with strong emphasis toward the field manager participation.

The Symposium will be held on May 20-21, 1974 at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. Leslie McNair, Wash., D.C. Registration is \$35.00 prior to April 24 and \$40.00 after that date and is open to non-Defense Department as well as Defense Department personnel. Registration checks made out to the National Council of Associations for Policy Sciences (NCAPS) should be sent to Cpt. Frank Eppler, Office of the Air Force Comptroller, AF/ACMC, Room 4D212, The Pentagon, Wash., D.C. 20330. Federal agency sponsored registration for the symposium is authorized by Section 9 of the Government employees training act (U.S. Code, Title 5, Chapter 41).

JOB APPLICANTS

Listed below are brief descriptions of the qualifications of individuals submitting an application seeking employment. Any employer interested in interviewing the applicant should notify Mrs. Marie D. Eldridge of their interest by Code Number. The notification should be by mail and should include the employer's name, organization and telephone number. The applicant will be notified of the employer's interest and initiation of any further contact will be left to the employee. All contacts will be confidential. Mrs. Eldridge's address is: Acting Director, Office of Accident Investigation and Data Analysis, Research Institute, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room 5125, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Code Number

Applicant

133-3-4

(1) Ph.D. Statistics, (2) Design and analysis of experiments, natural resource sampling; (3) 1 year design and analysis of experiments, and sample surveys; 2 years natural resource sampling; (4) GS-11; (5) Government Washington metropolitan area

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Code Number

Applicant

134-3-4

(1) B.S. Biology, Math. Chemistry,
M.S. Statistics-Mathematics
(2) Logic design and projections,
requirements forecasting, computer
simulation, OR; (3) 15 years systems
analysis and OR: (4) GS-13;
(5) Government Wash. metro. area.

CODE: (1) Education
(2) Fields of Competence
(3) Years of Experience
(4) Salary or GS level requirement
(5) Type of employment and geographic area

JOB VACANCY

Veterans Administration

Immediate opening for a GS-11 (\$14,671 - 19,072) professional Statistician in the career civil service. Will assist in the preparation of estimates and projections of veterans and their socio-economic characteristics. Should have experience in demographic analysis with academic background in applied statistics. To apply, send resume or Federal Application Form SF 171 to: Veterans Administration, Central Office Personnel Service (055B), ATTN: J.A. Doherty, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF CANDIDATES--1974-75

John Coleman. Special Assistant to the Assistant Commissioner, Office of Survey Design, Bureau of Labor Statistics; with BLS since 1972. ASA.

James Filliben. Statistical Consultant in the Statistical Engineering Laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards. ASA, IMS. In WSS: Program Chairman, Physical Science and Engineering Section, 1972 to present; Member, Steering Committee, for recent Symposium on Statistics and the Environment.

Thomas W. Gavett. Deputy Commissioner, Office of Statistical Operations and Processing, Bureau of Labor Statistics; with BLS since 1966. ASA, AEA, IRR.

Rose Glubin. Staff Statistician, Defense Department since 1970. ASA, ISI, International Association of Survey Statisticians. In WSS: Agency Representative; Member of Education Committee, 1973-74.

Jay Herson. Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, Department of Community Health Practices, Howard University College of Medicine, since 1972. ASA, ENAR. Has published papers on general topics in methodology as well as on linear prediction sampling theory.

John Inzana. In Office of Occupational Safety and Health Statistics, BLS since 1970; with BLS since 1967; ASA. In WSS: Secretary-Treasurer since 1971; Chairman, Membership Committee; Newsletter Editor.

Gary Liberson. Statistical Consultant in Water Planning and Standards, Environmental Protection Agency since 1973; ASA. In WSS: Chapter representative and Treasurer for recent Symposium on Statistics and the Environment.

Frederick J. Scheuren. Mathematical Statistician at Social Security Administration since 1973. ASA, IMS. Has published articles on the general topic of contingency table analysis.

Walt R. Simmons. Statistical Consultant. Formerly Assistant Director for Research and Scientific Development of NCHS. ASA (Fellow), IMS. In WSS: Representative-at-large, 1950-52.

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

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Through an oversight, the biographical sketch for Morris Goldman was omitted from the April Newsletter. For your information, printed below are the biographies for Messrs. Goldman and Gavett, candidates for Vice-President and President-elect.

Thomas W. Gavett. Deputy Commissioner, Office of Statistical Operations and Processing, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor; with BLS since 1966. ASA, AEA, and Industrial Relations Research Association.

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

We also like to remind you to reserve the evening of May 8th. Professor Frederick Mosteller will be the guest speaker at the WSS annual dinner. Details of time and place will be announced this month.