

American Statistical Association Presents Its Prestigious Founders Award at JSM Today

VANCOUVER, BC (PRWEB) AUGUST 3, 2010 – The American Statistical Association (ASA), the nation's preeminent professional statistical society, has named the winners of its prestigious 2010 Founders Award, given to ASA members who have rendered distinguished service to the association. The award winners will be honored tonight at the Presidential Awards Session at the 2010 Joint Statistical Meetings at the Vancouver Convention Centre here.

“The recipients of this year’s Founders Award have contributed their skills, time, and a sense of commitment to the ASA, serving in a number of roles to assist the association meet and surpass its goals,” said Sastry Pantula, ASA president. “We are proud to recognize their dedication and leadership. We are grateful for their outstanding work in promoting the practice and profession of statistics and look forward to working with them in the future.”

Selection criteria for the Founders Award include service over an extended period of time and in a variety of leadership roles, including chapter, section, committee, officer or editorial activities, in which effective service or leadership was provided within ASA or on behalf of ASA to other organizations. Five awards will be presented this year; the 2010 winners are:

Janet Buckingham, Southwest Research Institute, for extraordinary quality and quantity of involvement in ASA chapters, sections, and committees for more than 20 years; for collegial, diligent, and disciplined leadership of the Council of Sections Governing Board and the Section of Physical and Engineering Sciences; and for outstanding service to the San Antonio statistical community.

Dan Solomon, North Carolina State University, for exemplary involvement in many ASA committees for over 25 years; for strong support of ASA publications through lengthy service on the Committee on Publications and on the Board of Directors Electronic Communications Committee; for superb leadership of the Council of Sections Governing Board; and for his central role in launching the ASA’s Development Program.

George Williams, Amgen Inc., for his active role in ASA chapters, sections, and committees for over 30 years; for his leadership as a vice president of the ASA; for service on the executive director search committee on two occasions, including once as chair; for dedicated leadership of the Council of Sections Governing Board; and for tireless promotion of partnerships as chair of the SPAIG committee.

About the Joint Statistical Meetings

JSM, which has been held annually since 1974, is conducted jointly with the American Statistical Association (ASA), the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS), the Statistical Society of Canada (SSC), the International Chinese Statistical Association, and the International Indian Statistical Association. JSM activities include oral presentations, panel sessions, poster presentations, continuing education courses, exhibit hall (with state-of-the-art statistical products and opportunities), career placement service, society and section business meetings, committee meetings, social activities, and networking opportunities. JSM is open to members of all participating associations, as well as non-members and has special pricing for students, seniors, K-12 teachers; one-day registrations also are available. Complete JSM program information is available at <http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2010/index.cfm>.

About the American Statistical Association

Headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, the American Statistical Association is the world’s largest community of statisticians and the second oldest continuously operating professional society in the United States. For 170 years, the ASA has supported excellence in the development, application, and dissemination of statistical science through meetings, publications, membership services, education, accreditation, and advocacy. Its members serve in industry, government, and academia

in more than 90 countries, advancing research and promoting sound statistical practice to inform public policy and improve human welfare. For additional information about the American Statistical Association, please visit the ASA web site at <http://www.amstat.org> or call 703.684.1221.

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