

American Statistical Association Elects Marie Davidian of NCSU as 108th President

ALEXANDRIA, VA (PRWEB) MAY 24, 2011 – The American Statistical Association (ASA) today announced the results of its recent election. Marie Davidian of North Carolina State University (NCSU) has been elected as ASA's 108th president. She will serve in that position beginning January 1, 2013, and will serve as president-elect as of January 1, 2012.

David Morganstein of Westat Inc. was selected as ASA vice president. Nicholas Horton of Smith College will serve as the Board representative for the Council of Chapters, and Janet P. Buckingham, Southwest Research Institute, will serve as the Board representative for the Council of Sections. David Banks of Duke University will serve as the Board Publications Representative. All their terms will begin January 1, 2012.

“These are exciting times for statistical science and statisticians,” said Dr. Davidian. “Public policy and decision-making, scientific discovery, and business innovation are increasingly dependent on the collection and interpretation of vast amounts of data, and sound application of statistical principles is critical to the success of these endeavors. The ASA, the world's largest community of statisticians, is uniquely positioned to promote public awareness of the role of the statistical profession in these efforts.”

Katherine Taylor Halvorsen of Smith College was elected as chair-elect of the Council of Sections Governing Board. Daniel Kasprzyk, NORC at the University of Chicago, was chosen as chair-elect of the Council of Chapters Governing Board. Also elected were new officers for each of ASA's 24 sections. Complete election results are available at <http://www.amstat.org/news/pdfs/ASA2011ElectionResults.pdf>.

Dr. Davidian is currently the William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor of Statistics at NCSU as well as the director of NCSU's Center for Quantitative Sciences in Biomedicine. She is an ASA and an IMS Fellow and has served as chair of many ASA committees and as president of the NC ASA chapter. From 1995 to 2001, she served as associate editor of the Journal of the American Statistical Association (JASA). In 1993, she received the prestigious ASA award for Outstanding Statistical Application. Dr. Davidian holds a Ph.D. in Statistics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and M.S. and B.S. degrees in applied mathematics from the University of Virginia.

Mr. Morganstein serves as vice president and director of Statistical Group of 60 MS & PhD Statisticians at Westat, Inc. He also is an instructor for the Joint Program in Survey Methodology. He received ASA's highest award, the Founder's Award, in 1998. He served as an ASA board member from 1988-95; he served as ASA treasurer from 1992-95 then as a member of the Finance Committee from 1996-2001. He holds an M.S. degree in statistics from the University of Michigan and a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University.

Dr. Horton is associate professor of Statistics, Smith College. He previously was a visiting lecturer in statistics at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, and as an assistant professor of biostatistics at the Boston University School of Public Health. In 2009, he was the recipient of ASA's Waller Award in recognition of wide ranging impact and influence on statistics education. He is the chair of the ASA/NCTM Joint Committee on K-12 Curriculum in Statistics and Probability and serves as an executive committee member of the ASA Section on Statistics Education. Dr. Horton holds a ScD in biostatistics from Harvard University.

Ms. Buckingham is an analyst with the Southwest Research Institute; she received the prestigious ASA Founders Award in 2010 for outstanding service to the statistical community. She has served in positions with ASA chapters, sections, and committees for more than 20 years. She currently serves as the vice chair with ASA's Leadership Support Council and is an

ASA Fellow. She holds an MS in statistics from the University of Texas at San Antonio, and a BS in Computing and Information Sciences and Mathematics from Trinity University.

Dr. Banks is a professor in the Dept. of Statistical Science at Duke University. He previously held positions with the FDA Office of Biostatistics, the DOT Office of Advanced Studies, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. He has taught at Carnegie Mellon University and was a visiting assistant lecturer at Cambridge University. Within ASA, Dr. Banks has served as Council of Sections Board Representative, editor of the JASA Applications & Case Studies Section; he was chair of the ASA Section on Statistics in Defense and National Security in 2008 and as chair of the ASA Section on Risk Analysis in 2005. He holds a PhD in statistics from the University of Illinois at Chicago; Doctoraal and Kandidaats in Mathematics from the University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Dr. Halvorsen is a professor of math and statistics at Smith College; she previously taught at Northwestern University. She also worked as a statistician in the Department of Maternal and Child Health at Harvard University. Within ASA, she currently serves as program chair for the Meeting within a Meeting at JSM and she is a past chair of the Advisory Committee on Continuing Education. She is a member of the executive committee for the Section on Statistical Education. She holds a ScD in biostatistics from Harvard, an MS in biostatistics from the University of Washington, an M.Ed. in Teaching Secondary Mathematics from Boston University and a BA in German from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Kasprzyk currently is senior fellow and director for the Center for Excellence in Survey Research at NORC at the University of Chicago. Prior to joining NORC, he served as vice-president and managing director of Surveys and Statistics, Mathematica Policy Research. From 2005-2007, Dr. Kasprzyk served as ASA vice president. He also has held the position of chair for the Section on Survey Research Methods and the Social Statistics Section. He holds a PhD in mathematical statistics from the George Washington University, an M.S. from Michigan State University, and a B.S. from Wayne State University.

About the American Statistical Association

The American Statistical Association (ASA), a scientific and educational society founded in Boston in 1839, is the second oldest continuously operating professional society in the United States. For more than 170 years, ASA has been providing its 18,000 members serving in academia, government, and industry and the public with up-to-date, useful information about statistics. The ASA has a proud tradition of service to statisticians, quantitative scientists, and users of statistics across a wealth of academic areas and applications. For additional information about the American Statistical Association, please visit the association's web site at <http://www.amstat.org> or call 703.684.1221.

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