

American Statistical Association Elects Robert Rodriguez as 107th President

ALEXANDRIA, VA (PRWeb) MAY 26, 2010 – The American Statistical Association (ASA), the nation's preeminent professional statistical society, today announced that, in its recent election, Robert Rodriguez has been elected as ASA's 107th president. He will serve in that position beginning January 1, 2012, and will serve as president-elect as of January 1, 2011.

Mary Mulry, U.S. Census Bureau, was selected as ASA vice president. A. John Bailer of Miami (OH) University will serve as the Board representative for the Council of Sections, and Bonnie LaFleur, University of Arizona, will serve as the Board representative for the Council of Chapters. The International Representative will be Raymond Chambers of the University of Wollongong, Australia. All their terms will begin January 1, 2012.

"The mission of the ASA is to promote excellence in the application of statistical science to the needs of society," said Rodriguez. "Today, there are unprecedented opportunities for statisticians, in fields ranging from health care policy and drug research to climate modeling and business analytics, where the analysis of large volumes of data is critical to decision making. Looking ahead, the demand for statisticians will grow in the next decade. The ASA can lead the way in filling this need by providing continuing education and career skills for practicing statisticians, increasing public awareness of the value of the statistics profession, and attracting young people into the profession."

Dr. Rodriguez is currently senior director, Statistical Software Research & Development, SAS Institute, where he has worked since 1983. He also is an adjunct professor, statistics and operations research, UNC-Chapel Hill. Dr. Rodriguez was the recipient of the ASA's Founders Award in 2009 and became an ASA Fellow in 2004. He has chaired and served on a number of ASA committees, as well as committees of the North Carolina chapter of ASA. He holds a Ph.D. and MS in statistics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and a B.S. in mathematics from Case Western Reserve University.

Dr. Mulry has held the position of principal researcher, Statistical Research Division, U.S. Census Bureau, since 2001. She was selected as an ASA Fellow in 1994 and currently serves as an adjunct assistant professor, Biostatistics Department, School of Public Health, University of North Texas. She holds a Ph.D. in mathematics, and Master's degrees in Statistics and Mathematics from Indiana University; and a Bachelor's in mathematics from Texas Christian University.

Dr. Bailer is Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of Statistics, at Miami University and Scripps Research Fellow, Scripps Gerontology Center. He was selected as an ASA Fellow in 1999 and has held a number of positions with ASA and its chapters. Dr. Bailer holds a Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and a B.S. and A.B. from Miami University.

Dr. LaFleur is associate professor, Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of Arizona. She is a former president of the mid-Tennessee Chapter of ASA. She holds a PhD in Biometrics from the University of Colorado; a Master's degree in public health from San Diego State University, and a BA in Sociology from UC San Diego.

Dr. Chambers is a professor of Statistical Methodology at the University of Wollongong in New South Wales Australia. He has previously served as the director of the Southampton Statistical Sciences Research Institute (2003 - 2005) and head of the Department of Social Statistics, University of Southampton, where he was the Leverhulme Professor of Social Statistics from 1999 to 2005. He has a Ph.D. in biostatistics from Johns Hopkins University, an M.S. degree in statistics from Australian National University, and a B.S. in mathematical statistics from the University of Western Australia.

New members for the ASA Governing Board also were selected as were new officers for each of ASA's 24 sections. A complete list of the newly elected members and officers is available at <http://www.amstat.org/news/2010electionresults.cfm>.

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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