

ASA Announces Recipients of Prestigious Founders Award

MIAMI, FL (PRWEB) AUGUST 2, 2011 – The American Statistical Association (ASA), the nation's preeminent professional statistical society, has named the winners of its prestigious 2011 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 2011 Joint Statistical Meetings at the Miami Beach Convention Center here.

“The Founders Award is given to recognize those special individuals who have served ASA in many capacities and dedicated their time and energy to better ASA,” said Nancy Geller, ASA president. “We are grateful to them for their leadership and many contributions to our association and look forward to their continued commitment.”

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. Four awards will be presented this year; the 2011 winners are:

Wayne Fuller, Iowa State University, for being an outstanding role model and a mentor to many ASA members for over 50 years; for his exemplary service to ASA through his leadership on various committees including Strategic Planning, Review of Long-Range Financial Policy, Census Blue Ribbon Panel, Appointments to Federal Statistics Positions, Selection of ASA Fellows and awards, and USDA Advisory committees; and for his invaluable contributions to a number of editorial boards, sections and the Board of Directors.

Nat Schenker, CDC, for outstanding leadership and service well above the call of duty during two terms on the ASA Board, including one term as vice president; for his leadership as JSM Program Chair; for chairing the JSM Task Force, which had a significant positive impact on JSM; for chairing the Meetings Workgroup that led to the creation of the new Conference on Statistical Practice; for serving as chair of the Government Statistics Section; and for service on the Committee on Publications.

Bill Smith, Lecot, Inc., for exceptional service as executive director of ASA from 2001-2007; in particular, for providing extraordinarily skillful leadership of ASA's acquisition and renovation of a new headquarters, for reorganizing the ASA office for better coordination of statistical education activities, for expanding and improving the Joint Statistical Meetings, for overseeing the provision of electronic journal access to ASA members, and for obtaining federal funding for ASA programs.

Bob Starbuck, for his commitment to partnerships among industry, academe, and government, as demonstrated by his commitment to the SPAIG Committee and other ASA entities that has spanned two decades; for his service to the Biopharmaceutical Section in several roles, including as chair; for his leadership of the Deming Lectureship Committee; for his contributions to the development of the undergraduate statistics education guidelines; and for his service to and leadership of the Committee on Fellows, including his regular reporting of data about the Fellows process to members.

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/2011/>.

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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