

**Snake River Chapter of the American Statistical Association
Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting
June 1, 2007
Micron Technology, Inc. - Boise, Idaho**

The business meeting was convened at 8:30 a.m.

1. Minutes from the 2006 meeting were approved.

2. Membership Report: Cindy Gentillon

We currently have 30 members. Membership is stable, however, attendance at annual meetings continues to be low.

3. Treasurer Report: Cindy Gentillon

As of 05/30/2007, the chapter had one certificate of deposit (CD) with current value \$1,055.03 and maturity date 06/11/2007, another CD with current value of \$1,026.22 and maturity date 07/14/2007, and Wells Fargo checking account balance \$2,124.34. Total current assets were \$4,205.59.

Expenses associated with today's short-course have not yet been totaled, but, based on the number of people registered for the course, revenue is expected to exceed costs. Costs include travel expenses for presenter Dr. Jay Ver Hoef plus a \$200 gift certificate to REI approved by the Chapter officers. We are grateful to Micron Technology, Inc. for donating the use of the meeting room and providing refreshments. We are also grateful to Dr. Ver Hoef for his generosity in providing the course for just his travel costs.

4. Chapter Officer Elections

Nominations were accepted for the 3 Chapter Officer positions up for election. By unanimous consent, the following are the Chapter Officers from June 1, 2007 until elections at the 2008 annual chapter meeting:

President	-	Richard Remington
Vice President	-	DaRon Huffaker
Secretary/Treasurer	-	Cindy Gentillon

Kathy Turner will serve the 2nd year of a 3-year term as Chapter Representative.

5. New Business

Members expressed concern over whether the Chapter's current cash balance or investment in Certificates of Deposit threaten our non-profit status?

It was resolved that Richard Remington would contact ASA for guidance.

Members expressed an interest in having a summary of the annual meeting and short-course submitted to AmStat News for publication.

It was resolved that Richard Remington and Kathy Turner would work together to provide Amstat News with a summary.

Members expressed an interest in having a full day short-course as the centerpiece of the 2008 annual meeting.

It was resolved that the Chapter would attempt to secure the power and sample size course of Dr. Ralph O'Brien, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH.

Members expressed an interest in improving the marketing of future short-courses.

It was resolved that the Chapter would attempt to expand beyond the current marketing effort to market the course nationally. The current approach is to email notice of a short-course to Chapter members and Chapter friends, mathematics and statistics Department Chairs within the geographic area of the Chapter, and, on an ad hoc basis, to people at the State Department of Water Resources, the State Department of Environmental Quality, and other individuals likely to be interested the course. Marketing efforts are to be expanded to include ASA Chapter Presidents and professional email lists. Such lists might includes software help lists (e.g., other ASA short-courses have advertised on the R language help list) and lists specific to a given course (e.g., the American Society of Quality may be interested to let it's members know about courses like Dr. O'Brien's power and sample size course).

Members expressed an interest in having a full day short-course.

It was resolved that the Chapter would have a Thursday evening mixer and business meeting to allow a full day short-course on Friday.

6. 2008 Annual Meeting

The business portion of the 2008 Annual Chapter Meeting will be held Thursday evening, May 29th, 2008. The exact time and place are to be determined. A full-day short-course will be held on Friday, May 30, 2008,

in Boise at Micron Technology, Inc. Richard Remington and DaRon Huffaker will research and arrange for a short-course. DaRon Huffaker will make arrangements with Micron.

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. and followed by an Applied Spatial Statistics short-course presented by ASA Fellow Dr. Jay Ver Hoef of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Dr. Ver Hoef distributed a CD-ROM of the course notes that included SAS and R code to reproduce examples. These examples included spatial modeling of real data sets provided by Micron Technology, Inc. Dr. Ver Hoef's presentation was well received by the 21 members and non-members in attendance.