

2006 Annual Report from the Chair

The Section on Bayesian Statistical Science held its traditional meetings at the Joint Statistical Meetings in Seattle in August 2006, an Executive Committee Meeting on August 7 (attended by 8 officers) and a Business Meeting/Mixer on August 9 (attended by approximately 100 people).

The section has grown to over 1100 members.

The section budget remains very healthy with a balance of about \$40,000 due to continuing success of the education programs. As a result the section has become more aggressive in supporting relevant meetings and student travel awards. SBSS contributes \$7500 to Valencia '06, and will contribute \$12,000 to ISBA '08 to be held in Hamilton Australia.

2006 Program Chair, Steve McEachern, pulled together an excellent program at the JSM. There were over 60 SBSS sponsored events. For the 2006 JSM, each ASA section was allocated three slots for invited sessions and could put another three proposed sessions into the competition. Of our three proposed sessions, two were competition winners; the third became a Topics Contributed session. Three other sessions were contributed to other sections. Including co-sponsorship, SBSS sponsored 15 Invited sessions. In addition to invited sessions, SBSS sponsored 17 Topics Contributed sessions and 17 Contributed sessions. SBSS is sole sponsor of four continuing education courses. Three of the courses sold out, filling all 40 seats. The courses should bring several thousand dollars into the coffers.

Travel awards - **JSM TRAVEL AWARDS:**

JSM 2005: 10 awards, each \$400 (total \$4,000)

JSM 2006: 10 awards, each \$1,000 (total \$10,000)

JSM 2007: the number of awards will be decreased, but \$10,000 has been allocated.

Lionel Galway has begun a review of our charter. This is unfinished business to be picked up by the new section chair.

The email listserv seems to be functioning well. Member updates are now automatically reflected. Old minutes and student paper awardees are posted on the SBSS webpage. Access the minutes at: <http://www.amstat.org/sections/SBSS/membersonly.html>.

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