

SRMS Business Meeting Notes

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1. Thank yous and congratulations were given to:
 - a. MSG for donating \$3K
 - b. Nat Schenker – on winning Roger Herriott award
 - c. Wendy Alvey – section brochure
 - d. Brian Meekins – SRMS newsletter service
2. Current and incoming SRMS officers were introduced. The new officers are Mary Multry (incoming Chair-elect), Breda Munoz (Treasurer-elect), Nora Cate Schaeffer (incoming COS Representative), David Marker (incoming Program Chair-elect), Leyla Mohadjer (incoming Education Officer), and Eric Rancourt (incoming Publications Chair-elect).
3. Report on activities
 - a. We have 1301 members, which is up a couple of percentage points from last year. We are the third largest section.
 - b. Co-sponsoring ICESIII and TSMII and the proposed conference on cross-cultural surveys
 - c. Newly updated “What is a survey” is on line
4. Fellows Committee: Clyde Tucker will be chairing this committee in the future.
5. Student paper and E.C. Bryant award winners were announced and congratulated. The student paper winners were Hukum Chandra (Southampton), Yan Li (JPSM), Joel Hanson (UC Berkeley), Huilin Li (Maryland), and Pushpal Mukhopadhyay (Iowa State). Mario Callegaro from University of Nebraska won the E.C. Bryant Award. The 2006 Student Travel Awards went to Courtney Kies-Bokenkroger, Iowa State University; Yu Wu, Iowa State University; Santanu Pramanik, University of Maryland; Leela Aertker, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Jessica Kohlschmidt, Ohio State University; Xiaojian Xu, University of Alberta; Satkartar Kinney, Duke University; Chengyong Tang, Iowa State University; Xiaoxi Li, Iowa State University.
6. Treasurer’s report: The balance on 8/1/2006 was \$69,407. The Sections largest expenses this past year were contributions for the TSMII and the ICES III conferences. There will be further reductions to the balance this year including the awards for the student paper and travel award winners.
7. 2006 JSM - Dave Judkins
 - a. 266 papers in 45 sessions
 - b. Student papers – There were five winners and thirteen submissions.

- c. 3 short courses were given
- d. Dave required session chairs to provide the session laptops. It worked well and is being considered by other sections.
- e. Dave declined to co-sponsor sessions of other sections, but discussion in the executive and business meetings suggested that we should continue to co-sponsor sessions to ensure appropriate methods papers are linked with our section

8. 2007 JSM – Steve Heeringa

- a. 5 invited guaranteed, 3 strong sessions are in general competition
- b. Round table sessions – Steve Heeringa wondered about the cost benefit ratio of the round tables and discussed a coffee with a distinguished survey researcher as an alternative. The organizers of the Bayesian Sampling (Rod Little) and Nonresponse (Roger Tourangeau) Round Tables indicated that there was a productive discussion. We have received no specific feedback from the participants in these round table sessions. David Fitch’s roundtable session on Surveys as a tool for studying injustice and social disparity had only one final participant. David indicated that he and the participant shared a range of ideas and have planned a follow-up communication and joint work on this topic.
- c. Commentary from floor indicated that we should try to have fewer than 7 papers per session, but reality of number of abstracts and available sessions makes this goal difficult
- d. Rachel solicited suggestions for short courses

9. Pubs – Stuart Scott

- a. AAPOR papers were reviewed for SRMS proceedings
- b. Reminded members that we have a page available in each issue of AmStat news – we use this regularly to advertise activities, but it would be nice to have other articles

10. COS – Mike Larsen

- a. Members are asked to suggest candidates for executive director
- b. Also need SPAIG committee candidates
- c. New program called “member get a member” – if new member lists a current member, \$10 goes to current member; so if you sign up a student and give them their \$10, then student gets it for free
- d. Members should suggest a solution to making poster sessions more viable – issue is how do you make poster sessions of A-quality, prestigious, and well-attended
- e. Interested in commentary on coffee round tables and suggestions for leaders
- f. Members are asked to comment on community booths at front of exhibit area
- g. Thanks to Steve Cohen for his service

11. New business

- a. ISI is planning a session on indicators of status of women and children – send names of potential participants to Cynthia Clark
- b. Small conference on survey statistics at University of Missouri – Columbia on Oct 11
- c. ICES III is coming up in the next summer, with entertainment at wineries and more!