

## **AMATYC/ASA Joint Committee and Conference Call**

**AMATYC Nashville 2014**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 13, 2014**

**4:30-6:00 PM**

**Present at the AMATYC Conference:** Mary Kehoe Moynihan (Chair), Kate Kozak, Roxy Peck, Wendy Pagoda, Mary DeHart

**Present via conference call:** Brian Kotz, Rebecca Nichols, Julie Hanson

**Recorder:** Mary DeHart

Chair Mary Moynihan welcomed the group to the first meeting of the revised Joint Committee at an AMATYC Conference. Kate Kozak announced that the ASA representatives to the Joint Committee will continue to receive complimentary registration at future AMATYC conferences. The Joint Committee appreciates AMATYC's generosity.

### ***AMATYC Statistics Resource Page***

Mary D proposed that a link to the ASA's *This is Statistics* be posted on the AMATYC Statistics Resource page as the new site of the month. The suggestion was approved by the group. Mary will send George Hurlburt the information and ask him to post the link.

The group suggested that a link to take readers from the ASA's webpage to the AMATYC Statistics Resource Page should be placed in the "Undergraduate" category under a subheading titled, "Two-Year Colleges". Brian Kotz will send the necessary information to Rebecca Nichols.

Kate informed the Committee of the possibility that the AMATYC Board will move to limit access to resource pages to AMATYC members. However, Kate has already informed the board that access to the AMATYC Resource Page should not be restricted.

### ***ASA/MAA Resources for Teaching an Introductory Statistics Course***

Shonda Kuiper, ASA/MAA Joint Committee Chair, thanked the AMATYC/ASA Joint Committee for our input regarding the ASA/MAA page. The page will not go online until it has been formally approved by the ASA.

### ***Stat Ed Mentoring Project***

Mary KM has learned that Michael Posner's NSF grant sponsored initiative to provide mentors for inexperienced statistics faculty will not begin until 2015. Michael will be back in touch with the Joint Committee if he needs additional mentors or would like for us to suggest statistics faculty who might benefit from participating in the program.

### ***Follow-up on Recommendations to the ASA Working Group on the Revision of the ASA Guidelines for Undergraduate Programs in Statistical Science***

Brian Kotz announced that the American Statistician will publish a special issue, *Statistics in the Undergraduate Curriculum*. The issue will address the preparation of undergraduates, including community college students. The deadline for submissions for this issue is December 5, 2014.

Brian reiterated that statistics faculty at two-year colleges would welcome input regarding how they can best prepare their students to pursue majors in statistics at four-year schools. That statement was included in the letter that the AMATYC Statistics Committee sent to Nick Horton. Mary D will contact Nick Horton to discuss the status of the revisions of the ASA's curriculum guidelines for undergraduate statistics majors, and perhaps explore ways in which communication between two and four year statistics faculty might be facilitated. Our message in essence, will be "please tell us what it is that you would like for us to do to prepare students to pursue undergraduate majors in statistics".

### ***Webinars***

Roxy Peck will present the first AMATYC/ASA Joint Committee sponsored webinar, *Graphical Representation of Data*, on December 8, 2014 at noon Pacific Time. Kelly Fitzpatrick will present the second webinar, *Using Real World Data in the Introductory Statistics Course* in late February or early March, 2015. Bob delMas will present the third webinar, on assessment, in April of 2015.

### ***AMATYC/ASA Joint Initiative***

Membership Initiative Grant – The Joint Committee has been discussing ways in which we might encourage working statisticians to connect with their local community colleges: a) to provide presentation and b) to serve as adjunct statistics faculty.

Mary KM suggested that we begin our initiative on a small scale by having a few members of the Joint Committee contact local chapters of the ASA's Council of Working Statisticians. Rebecca had suggested that the Joint Committee apply for a small grant in order to provide honoraria for speakers. Mary KM stated that we will move forward with a grant application.

Mary KM asked Rebecca to find out whether the AMATYC/ASA Joint Committee might obtain invited session status for the 2016 JSM.