

AMATYC/ASA Joint Committee Conference Call
Friday, January 30, 2015
6:00 – 7:00 PM EST

Present: Mary Kehoe Moynihan (Chair), Mary DeHart, Bob delMas, Julie Hanson, Brian Kotz, Donna LaLonde, Rebecca Nichols

Recorder: Mary DeHart

Rebecca introduced Donna LaLonde, who joined the conference call as an ASA Staff Liaison. Donna has taught Chemistry, Physics and Math at Jamestown Community College; she also chaired the MSCHE Committee for that institution's decennial review. She is currently a program director for the ASA.

The Committee welcomed Donna and congratulated Rebecca, who is expecting her second child in March.

Webinar Updates

The second AMATYC/ASA sponsored webinar, *Incorporating the use of Real Data and R in a Statistics Course*, will be presented by Kelly Fitzpatrick from 4:00 – 5:00 PM EST on Thursday, March 5, 2015. Bob delMas will present the third webinar, on the topic of assessment, later in the spring of 2015. Bob will be working with Jon Oaks, AMATYC professional development coordinator, in order to select a date and submit the title and description of the webinar.

Julie and Mary D have both observed that it is still necessary to log in to the AMATYC website in order to register for webinars. Mary KM will follow up with Beverly Vance; previous communication with AMATYC had led us to believe that webinar participants would be able to sign up on the main page without logging in.

Mary KM is very interested in contacting Barbara Stevens of the CIA. Several members of the Joint Committee were extremely impressed with Dr. Steven's presentation at the JSM in Boston. The group agreed that it would be wonderful to invite her to present a webinar.

Stat Ed Mentoring Project

Michael Posner of Villanova has not yet been back in touch with Mary KM regarding the Stat Ed Mentoring Project. It is our understanding that the NSF funded project was scheduled to begin in January of 2015.

AMATYC/ASA Joint Initiative

The Joint Committee continued to discuss ways in which we might encourage working statisticians to connect with their local community colleges: a) to provide presentations and b) to serve as adjunct statistics faculty.

Rebecca recommended that the Committee consider running a pilot program on a small scale this year before requesting a grant. Our proposed program meshes with ASA member initiatives. Local chapters may have funds to support travel expenses; some statisticians may be willing to present on a pro bono basis. Donna volunteered to identify ASA chapters to help with our project.

The group was very receptive to these suggestions. Mary KM, Julie and Mary D will proceed with plans to introduce the program to their departments this spring with the goal of inviting ASA speakers to present at their colleges during the fall 2015 semester. The group decided to share notes on the planning process rather than to establish a protocol before planning is begun. This will allow for more flexibility as the process moves forward.

Bob suggested that each person document how the speaker visit is implemented on campus, including how we are exposing students to potential careers in statistics. Rebecca and Donna are willing to help draft a grant proposal based on our pilot program.

Note: Brian shared that his college supports the top biology and chemistry students by providing funding for textbooks and other educational expenses. Should we consider the possibility of a similar program for talented statistics students?