

Minutes

AMATYC/ASA Joint Committee Conference Call

Monday, Oct. 3, 2016, 9am/12pm Pacific/Eastern

In attendance:

Rob Gould (chair), Julie Hanson, Brian Kotz, Roxy Peck, Wendy Pogoda, Rebecca Nichols

1. The joint committee will meet in Denver 4:30pm, in Room Governor's Square 16. For those who cannot travel to Denver but wish to join the meeting, we will use the ASA conference call number and put you on speaker phone (one of our private phones). Please let us know if you plan to dial in. To date, Mary DeHart has said she would like to call in, and possibly Mary Moynihan.

2. Robin Lock will give a webinar on December 6. Rob is continuing to work with IPUMS to produce an abstract so that we can get the webinar in the line-up for Spring.

3. What webinars would we like to see in the future. Some previous ideas:

- a) common core and how and whether it affects two-year college stats offerings
- b) undergraduate degree programs in statistics
- c) multiple regression
- d) using R: should you? And what to expect if you do.
- e) one series on each of the six GAISE recommendations
- f) Should you use real world data? Where should you find it?
- g) What topics in the intro curriculum do statisticians find to be integral?
- h) A comparison of different softwares for teaching purposes
- i) data science update: report on Park City Math Institute guideline for new undergraduate DS programs.
- j) Establishing a DS program/course at a two-year college.

Rob will send a vote for areas of interest to pursue.

Keep in mind that next year, at the AMATYC conference in San Diego, we will have a themed session on Data Science

4. Web page update

Brian raised many provocative questions and issues about the future of the web page, both long term and short term.

a) Short term first: Julie will submit a request to have links updated. This is an issue because the ASA updated its webpage and many links were broken. (PS. This has been completed.)

b) Long term. We work under two constraints: (i) our web page must follow AMATYC policies, and so while change can only be made with the approval of our committee, AMATYC must also sign off and (ii) we naturally must work with the technical constraints of the software on which the webpage is based.

c) In order to better understand what we can and cannot do, George, who maintains the AMATYC webpage, will be invited to join our meeting in Denver for the beginning of the meeting so we can discuss the web page with him. (PS Julie invited and George accepted).

d) We requested some usage stats for the webpage. (PS These have since been distributed in an email from Julie dated October 5)

Action Items

1) Email Julie if you want anything on the agenda for the Statistics Committee Meeting in Denver.

2) Please email me your wishlist for what you'd like to see on the best-of-all-possible web pages that we might create. This will help move our conversation forward when we meet. Some ideas discussed

--we have different groups coming to the page. People who want to learn more stats, people who know stats but want to learn more about teaching it or want to expand their knowledge, people who teach only rarely and are looking for help

--do we want a separate active page for the committee itself?

--do we want to hire a consultant to help us improve the page?

--do we want a section that links to prominent papers in stats ed?

--do we want a blog-like section where we can post 'musings' and such?

--do we want subscribers to receive notifications and, if so, notifications of what?

The meeting closed at 10am/1pm