

AMATYC/ASA Joint Committee Conference Call

Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2016

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Present: Rob Gould, Chair; Roxy Peck, Donna LaLonde, Mary Kehoe Moynihan, Rebecca Nichols, Julie Hanson, Wendy Pagoda, Brian Kotz, Mary DeHart

Recorder: Mary DeHart

1) Posting Joint Committee Meeting Minutes

The AMATYC/ASA Joint Committee unanimously approved a request that the meeting minutes from our Committee be posted on the AMATYC website. Julie will forward the archived minutes to AMATYC.

2) Request to Add Link to AMATYC Statistics Resources Page

Julie presented a request from Matt Gardner asking that a link to the website mastersindatascience.org be placed on the AMATYC Statistics Resources Page. The site is among resources currently listed on the ASA website.

After much discussion, it was decided to include new ASA links on the Statistics Resources Page, ideally leading to information for four year as well as graduate programs in statistics and data science. This approach is intended to be more helpful to our audience; it will lead the readers to mastersindatascience.org and much additional information.

Rebecca suggested that we wait until after September to add the new ASA links as the ASA will be unveiling a new website during that month, necessitating the checking of all links. The Joint Committee will revisit this topic in October. Meanwhile, Julie will convey our decision to Matt.

Brian is willing to lead a group to consider the ideal placement of the new ASA links on the AMATYC Statistics Resources Page. His initial suggestion is that the links be placed in the upper right corner of the page; the area currently devoted to ASA links.

3) Revised Webinar Abstract

Julie presented Robin Lock's revised abstract for his proposed webinar, *Bootstraps – An Intuitive Introduction to Confidence Intervals*. The revisions reflect a slight modification intended to reflect an additional emphasis on bootstrapping. Robin's webinar will be scheduled for December 2016.

Rob has contacted a representative from the University of Minnesota's Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS), in order to investigate a potential webinar that would feature the

many types of census data and questions that can be addressed. The mission of IPUMS is to collect and distribute census data from the United States.

4) Joint Committee Meeting at the 2016 AMATYC Annual Conference in Denver

Julie will reserve a room for the Joint Committee to meet at 4:30 PM on Thursday, November 17th, during the AMATYC Conference in Denver. Committee members unable to attend will be able to participate via conference call.

5) Planning for the 2017 AMATYC Annual Conference in San Diego

The AMATYC Statistics Committee will request AMATYC Board approval for a Statistics Themed Session to be held at the AMATYC Conference in San Diego. Rob's suggestion that the session focus on the role of data science was received with great enthusiasm. Julie will check details with Kate Kozak, and move forward with the submission of the request.

6) CAUSE Request

Rob shared that CAUSE has asked for help disseminating some information about

- a) The USPROC (Undergraduate Statistics Project Competition)
- b) the eUSR (electronic undergraduate statistics research conference).

<https://www.causeweb.org/usproc/home>

This will be discussed in greater detail at the next Joint Committee meeting.