

AMATYC/ASA Joint Committee Meeting
AMATYC Conference San Diego
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2017
4:30 – 6:00 PM Pacific

Present: Rob Gould, Chair; Julie Hanson, Kate Kozak, Brian Kotz, Roxy Peck, Wendy Pogoda, Mary DeHart

Recorder: Mary DeHart

Via phone: Mary Kehoe Moynihan

Joint Committee Sponsored Webinars – Julie Hanson

Tom Short's webinar, *Multiple Regression: From the Familiar to the Multi-Dimensional*, will be presented on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. A webinar on current statistics research to be presented by Jennifer Kaplan, Associate Professor of Statistics at the University of Georgia, will probably be scheduled for this spring or summer.

The group discussed additional webinar topics. Wendy Pogoda has learned that Brian Smith is willing to present a webinar on different sampling techniques. Mary Moynihan will explore the possibility of inviting an expert from Google to present a webinar.

Statistics Committee Sponsored Session for Orlando 2018 – Julie Hanson

The Joint Committee had previously agreed that a workshop on experiments for the statistics classroom would be a good choice for the AMATYC Statistics Committee sponsored session for the 2018 AMATYC Conference. However, AMATYC is now offering the Statistics Committee an opportunity to sponsor a themed session at the conference. It was suggested that the workshop on experiments could be adapted to suit a themed session format. Members of the Joint Committee agreed that a themed session in which each presenter shares a favorite experiment for the introductory statistics classroom would be appreciated by the audience. Julie will ask the AMATYC Statistics Committee for input at the AMATYC Statistics Committee Meeting to be held tomorrow, November 10th.

Data Science – Brian Kotz

Brian will present his rationale for the creation of an AMATYC Data Science Subcommittee at the AMATYC Statistics Committee Meeting tomorrow. If the subcommittee is approved, the first official meeting will be held at 2:15 PM on Saturday, November 11th. If the subcommittee is not approved, the group will meet for an informal discussion.

Rob, Brian, Roxy, and Mary Rudis will be inviting data science people to a summit meeting in Washington DC in May.

Data Fest – Rob Gould

Rob is working on a Strategic initiative with the ASA to explore what elements make an event like Data Fest a success and whether it is feasible to have Data Fest competitions for two-year college students. Kate suggested that this could be an affiliate sponsored event. Roxy believes that this would be a wonderful ASA strategic initiative. Mary Moynihan suggested that four-year students or graduate students might serve as coaches. Mary DeHart suggested that community college foundations might help to sponsor the events.

Additional Notes

Kate announced that she will be able to provide us with better technology for the AMATYC/ASA Joint Committee meeting in Orlando.

Rob will schedule a meeting of the Joint Committee for December if needed.