



# OREGON CHAPTER

## *American Statistical Association*

### Minutes of the Spring 2008 Meeting Thursday, May 29

1. Location: Mandarin Cove, 11 SW Columbia, Portland, Oregon
2. Participants: 15
3. Business items:
  - a. Treasurer's report and minutes by Rochelle Fu. The starting balance after Winter, 2008 meeting is \$2585.95 and the ending balance is \$2251.45. Also, Form 990-N was filed to IRS for Tax-Exempt Organizations on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
  - b. Jim Alegria and Dongseok Choi briefed on field trips to Cleveland and Wilson high schools. They visited IB classes in Cleveland high school and AP classes in Wilson high school.
  - c. Jim Alegria updated on ASA traveling short course of the Bayesian Methods. The situation is similar to the winter meeting situation. We are very likely to get the course, but the decision has not been finalized. Jodi Lapidus mentioned the thought of having the OHSU students to take it as part of a course.
  - d. Jim Alegria asked about nomination for the next treasure/secretary and Teri Utlaut nominated Meike Niederhausen. Meike will think about it and send out an email about her decision.
  - e. Jim Alegria led the discussion and vote on the Mission, Strategic plan and Operational plan, with Lisa Madsen's coordination.
    - i. A consensus vote was taken on mission statement and passed by consensus.
    - ii. A consensus vote was taken on strategic plan and passed.
    - iii. There was an active discussion on operational plan. In responding to the proposed operational plan on budget that there will be an additional \$2.00 charge when a room fee is incurred,
      1. Discussion on increasing dues to spread out the expenses with counter points that the members may consider not to join when fee increases
      2. There are more ASA members than chapter members in Oregon – need to make efforts to recruit more members.
      3. Operational plan was meant to be annual and could be revisited each year when situation changes.
      4. About the current budget, based on current expected income, there will be a deficit. There is the discussion whether we would like to operate under a deficit budget, but there is the possibility we could get the short course to increase revenue.
      5. Then the discussion came back to increase dues and Tomi Mori /Dr. Lee suggested to increasing dues to \$10.

iv. A few motions passed followed by the discussion:

1. Chapter dues will be increased by \$2.
2. Budget for Northwest Science Fair increase from \$400 to \$450.
3. An additional \$2.00 charge when a room fee is incurred, will not be charged.

**Abstract of Talk:** *The Oregon pilot for a national rangeland assessment: Challenges of integrating two national inventory.*