



OREGON CHAPTER

American Statistical Association

Minutes of the Winter 2008 Meeting Thursday, February 21

1. Location: University Place, 310 SW Lincoln Street, Portland, Oregon
2. Participants: 29
3. Business items:
 - 1) Announcement by Jim Alegria.
 - We applied for ASA traveling short course of the Bayesian Methods in October, 2008. ASA thinks to meet our request as Nevada's chapter also applies for the course, though the decision has not been finalized -- We only got the short course "almost surely" ☺.
 - During next JSM meeting at Denver on August, 2008, ASA will have a workshop for K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The primary goal of the workshop is to provide an opportunity for teachers to discuss and apply the data analysis and statistical concepts embodied in the Guidelines for Assessment and Instruction in Statistics Education (GAISE) Pre-K-12 Curriculum. The email about the notice was sent out to the mail list of the whole chapter.
 - 2) Teri Utlaut talked about the upcoming Northwest science fair on March 14th held at PSU.
 - Up to last week, only 5 judges signed up to judge the statistics – Plea for more judges to sign up. Again, the middle school posters and high school posters will be placed at different places and time is about 7:30am – 2:00pm.
 - A request of \$450 for students won statistical awards. At the same time, calculators will be donated by HP for award winners. The request was approved by the chapter members.
 - 3) Treasury's report and minutes by Rochelle Fu. The starting balance after Fall, 2007 meeting is \$2350.6 and the ending balance is \$2585.95 and we are in pretty good shape financially.
 - 4) Jim Alegria talked about strategic plan and financial plan to stay financial stability. A copy of the draft plan was distributed to the attendees.
 - The strategic plan was developed used a template of ASA plan, but simpler than the national plan.
 - The plan adds a mission statement and has three themes: Encourage the use of appreciation of statistics, membership support and financial stability.

- Strategies for each theme were discussed;
 1. Don Pierce support outreach to the secondary statistical teachers.
 2. Facilitate to do statistical volunteering work (Albyn Jones) like we are already doing for high school and science fair.
 3. Need more people to be involved in the statistical volunteering work.
 4. Improve communication of statistics among and outside statistical profession, such as workshop for communication skills (Teri Utlaut)
 5. Suggestions of increasing membership fee; and suggestions of getting an estimate of how much the chapter wants to spend on programs like “Adopt-A-School” before increasing the membership fee, as well as other financial plans.
 - The current plan is only draft for comments – a plea for reading and responding to the plan hence the draft could be finalized and passed in the spring meeting.
4. Presentation by Dr. Xiao-Li Meng, Whipple V. N. Jones Professor of Statistics and Department Chair of Statistics of Harvard University on *A Semi-Theoretician's Mid-Day Confession: The True Meaning of i.i.d. in (Applied) Statistics*.

Submitted by Rochelle Fu, Secretary/Treasurer 2007-8.