

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIAL STATISTICS SECTION

Cleveland, Ohio  
September 6, 1963

1. The meeting was called to order by Leslie Kish, Acting Chairman of the Social Statistics Section. The agenda was read and an attendance list was circulated.

2. The Chairman reported that a draft of a resolution on Race and Color Statistics had been discussed by the ASA Council and referred to the Section for further discussion and revision before submission to the Board of Directors.

3. Con Taeuber presented a redraft of the resolution on Race and Color. It was moved and seconded that the Section recommend this resolution to the Board of Directors and Council. In discussion, questions were raised regarding a reference to prohibitions on the publication of statistics and on a specific reference to social security statistics.

4. Fred Stephan raised the question of what effect current changes in race relations may have on statistics and what changes in statistics might be needed. He suggested the appointment of a committee to study this question.

5. It was pointed out that the resolution wording implies that an individual can be required to divulge race. It was moved that the proposed resolution be amended to include a specific reference to social security statistics and that a clause be inserted to provide for publication of race and color data but only in the form of statistics. After discussion the amendment was adopted.

6. The motion to recommend the amended resolution to the Board of Directors was carried.

7. Stephan moved and Hauser seconded that the Section take steps to study the long range implications of the resolution on Race-Color Statistics.

8. The Acting Chairman reported on actions taken to express officially our grief at the death of our Section Chairman, Dr. Harold F. Dorn, on May 9, 1963. A letter of condolence was sent to Mrs. Dorn in the name of the Section by the Section Secretary. An obituary was prepared by Dr. Jerome Cornfield and appeared in the June 1963 issue of The American Statistician.

9. Chairman Kish announced that Jack Feldman would be the Program Chairman of the Social Statistics Section for the 1964 ASA meeting to be held in Chicago December 27-30, 1964. Suggestions for sessions at the 1964 meeting were:

Parker Mauldin - Educational Statistics

Anita Bahn - Question of a permanent  
"birth number" identification

Chairman Kish requested that any other suggestions be sent to Jack Feldman, National Opinion Research Center, 5720 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois.

10. The Chairman expressed the gratitude of the Section to Parker Mauldin for his fine work as Program Chairman for the 1963 meeting and announced that Ed Goldfield would again edit the Proceedings for 1963. The Chairman urged that each program participant send a copy of his paper promptly to Ed Goldfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Eli S. Marks  
Secretary

1963 Officers of the Social Statistics Section

Chairman-Elect: Leslie Kish\*

Vice-Chairmen: W. Parker Mauldin (1962-63)  
Daniel O. Price (1963-64)

Secretary: Eli S. Marks (1962-63)

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\*Serving as Chairman during 1963, following the death of Harold F. Dorn.