

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIAL STATISTICS SECTION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1965

Over thirty-five members attended the meeting and heard representatives make their reports. Chairman Eli Marks announced the names of the Section officers for this coming year. These are:

Chairman - Margaret E. Martin (Office of Statistical Standards)
 Chairman-Elect - Jacob J. Feldman (Harvard School of Public Health)
 Vice-Chairman - John D. Durand (1965-66) (University of Pennsylvania)
 Vice-Chairman - Henry S. Shryock (1966-67) (U. S. Bureau of the Census)
 Secretary - Philip C. Sagi (University of Pennsylvania)
 Representative on Board - Conrad Taeuber (1965-66) (U. S. Bureau of the Census)
 Representative on Council - John K. Folger (1966-67) (National Academy of Sciences)

First reported was the action of the Council approving the amendments to the charter of the Social Statistics Section. In summary, these amendments bring the Section Charter into line with the revised Constitution of the Association and provide for adequate liaison between the Council and Board of Directors by making the representatives of the Section to these bodies, members of the Section Committee. The amendments replace a previous provision of the Section Charter which made the Section Chairman and Chairman-elect its representatives on the Council.

A further recommendation was offered to provide that the senior Vice-Chairman serve as program chairman and the junior Vice-Chairman as assistant program chairman. This recommendation was approved by voice vote of members present. The recommended amendment reads as follows:

Under 'Organization' - Revise third paragraph to read:

The officers of the Section shall consist of a Chairman, Chairman-Elect, two Vice-Chairmen and Secretary. The term of office for the Chairman and Chairman-Elect shall be for one year, and for Vice-Chairman and Secretary two years, and for all officers until newly elected officers have been qualified. No member shall be eligible for re-election to the same office for more than two consecutive years, except that this provision does not apply to the position of Secretary. Election shall be by majority vote of members of the Section by mail ballot, subject to approval of procedures by the Board of Directors and Council of the Association. One

Vice-Chairman shall be elected each year. Each Vice-Chairman shall serve as Program Chairman of the Section for the second year of his term and as Assistant Program Chairman during the first year of his term. The management of the affairs of the Section between annual meetings shall be entrusted to a Section Committee composed of the officers, the Section's representatives on the Board of Directors and Council of the Association, and the Editor of the Proceedings of the Social Statistics Section.

Edwin Goldfield reported that the distribution and sales of the Proceedings of the Social Statistics Section is now at about a thousand copies. In addition, he informed the members of a request made to the Section for support on the inclusion of the question on "race of parents" on the standard birth certificate. The Section recommended that the resolution on Race-Color Designation be published in The American Statistician and sent to other professional organizations which have an interest in this matter.

Suggested program topics for the 1966 meeting of the American Statistical Association include: the poverty program, a continuation of a theme in the 1965 meetings of needed developments in social statistics, the progress of integration, birth control and birth limitation techniques, compliance with the Civil Rights Laws, measurement of the quality of education, the importance of geographic factors in population forecasting and the measurement of the same.

These suggestions are by no means fixed. Additional suggestions are invited by the Program Chairman, Dr. Margaret Martin, Executive Office of the President, Bureau of the Budget, Office of Statistical Standards, Washington, D. C. 20503. To be of assistance in planning the 1966 program, suggestions should be in the hands of the Program Chairman before January 1, 1966, since the preliminary program of the Social Statistics Section, with titles and speakers, is to be submitted to the ASA Program Chairman by January 7, 1966.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip C. Sagi, Secretary
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