

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIAL STATISTICS SECTION

Los Angeles, California, August 17, 1966

Meeting was opened at 7:50 a.m., 17 August 1966 by Margaret E. Martin, Chairman.

Con Taeuber, Section Representative, reported on the Board of Directors meeting. The American Statistical Association plans eventually to have a full-time Executive Director, at which time Don Riley will retire.

Ed Goldfield reported on the Proceedings. The Proceedings is now paying its own way (i.e., printing costs). Distribution is about 1000 copies. The coverage has improved in 1965--all but 2 of 40 papers and most of the discussions appeared in the Proceedings. The question of the policy of publication in the Proceedings not precluding publication elsewhere was discussed. Fred Stephan noted that most papers that appear in the Proceedings do not appear elsewhere or appear only after considerable time and extensive revision.

Margaret Martin announced the officers for 1967:

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The 1967 program was discussed and suggestions offered as follows:

1) Improve the organizing of similar topics into sessions. Some papers on time series were not in the same session.

2) As a follow-up of this year's series on 1970 Census planning, a program on Canadian 1971 plans.

3) A session on censuses of state governments.
4) Another session on evaluation of public programs.

5) A session on data banks and the invasion of privacy.

6) Rediscover family statistics. People working on the "1 in 1000" Census tapes at Princeton, Duke, etc., could contribute to such a session.

7) Population projections for small areas.

8) A joint session on training of social statisticians with Training Section.

9) More attention to organized activity for accompanying spouses.

10) Complex sample design.

11) A session on Medicare and Medicare Statistics.

12) A session on Educational Statistics and Model building in education.

13) A session on survey designs which involve allocation of investment to reduce both sampling and non-sampling errors.

The problem of stimulating papers in Social Statistics was discussed. Margaret Martin noted that the dearth of social statistics articles in the JASA is due primarily to authors' not submitting, and not to rejections. Authors tend to think of the JASA in terms only of articles with a methodological orientation.

Fred Stephan stressed the need for expository articles to disseminate knowledge on non-mathematical aspects of statistics. People should be approached on why JASA doesn't get expository articles.

Carl Erhardt suggested that the JASA Editorial Board review the Social Statistics Section Proceedings and encourage authors of meritorious articles to prepare articles for JASA publication.

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