

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIAL STATISTICS SECTION

Washington, D.C., December 28, 1967

The meeting was opened at 7:50 a.m. by Jacob Feldman, Chairman. The Chairman announced that, on the basis of the 1967 elections, the officers for 1968 were to be:

Chairman	John D. Durand
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Implications of the Publications Committee's recent decision to divide the Journal into two parts were discussed. Each issue of the Journal will contain a "Theory and Methods" and an "Applications" section. This innovation resulted from expressions of discontent over the relative paucity of articles with an applied focus in the Journal during the past several years. Now it should be evident to potential contributors that a theoretical breakthrough is not a sine qua non of a JASA article. However, it was not felt that this change of image alone would induce a sufficient supply of good applied, expository, and historical articles. The Social Statistics Section still has the responsibility of stimulating the production of appropriate articles and having them submitted to the Journal. Among the ideas which came out of the discussion were:

1) The papers appearing in the Proceedings could be scrutinized for potential contribution to the Journal. Authors of such papers should be encouraged to make whatever revisions might be desirable for formal publication.

2) Certain sessions at the annual meetings could be designed with the objective of eliciting papers suitable for publication in the "Applications" section.

3) Members of the Section should be on the lookout for relevant papers while attending other conferences and while reviewing the work of colleagues or students.

It was suggested that the incoming Chairman appoint a committee which would thoroughly examine the papers appearing in the Proceedings during the past several years and which would also explore other potential sources. Members were urged to submit their papers to the Journal. Ideas as to how to discover and inspire papers should be submitted to the Chairman.

There was considerable discussion of the desirability of splitting the JASA into two separate journals, following the precedent of the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. The opinion was expressed that such a separation would be harmful to both theoretical and applied statisticians within the Association. There is already little enough contact between the two groups without erecting an additional barrier to communication.

The program for the 1968 annual meeting was discussed. Members were asked to submit ideas for sessions to the Program Chairman.

A report was made concerning problems arising from the joint sponsorship of sessions at the annual meetings. A question was raised as to the way the overall Program Committee has counted such sessions against Section quotas. The incoming Section Chairman and Program Chairman were instructed to explore the matter further with the various interested parties. The Section officers have the authority to resolve the issue however they see fit.

The incoming Chairman was entreated to consider arranging the Section's 1968 business meeting for a time period later in the day than breakfast.

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