

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIAL STATISTICS SECTION

Fort Collins, Colorado, August 25, 1971

The meeting was opened by Otis Dudley Duncan, the Chairman, at 5:30 p.m. As a result of the recent elections, the list of officers for 1972 is:

Chairman	Eva Mueller
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The Chairman reported that per the request of this Section the office of the American Statistical Association computed the percentages of members and Fellows of the Association that were from the Social Statistics Section. The proportion of Fellows from this Section was the same as the proportion of members. Continued interest by members of the Section in nomination of Fellows was encouraged.

The recent report of the Board of Directors of the American Statistical Association entitled A Study of Future Goals of ASA was discussed. Recommendation 40 is:

"Examine ASA's possible role in assisting with the development of better ways of evaluating social projects and programs and with the preparation of social indicators. Direct participation and assistance of the leadership in the Social Statistics Section should be sought also on this project."

The Section concurs with this recommendation and suggests that the President of the American Statistical Association appoint an ad hoc committee to work with Federal governmental agencies and the Social Science Research Council on this problem, and then report to the American Statistical Association about the status of the work. Members of the Section were asked to send names of suggested members of this Committee to John D. Durand. The Program Committee for the 1972 Meeting might include on the program one or more sessions about

social indicators, including the functions of different government agencies in development of social indicators.

Recommendation 39 of this Report is:

"To determine ways in which statistical thought and/or methodology could be used to help accelerate progress in solving such problems as a quality environment. Do we, for example, have adequate statistics on conditions of the environment such as air, water and soil pollution? Or, do we have methodology that can contribute to the analysis of pertinent data and construct meaningful statistical indicators of environmental conditions?"

The Section expresses interest in this recommendation and hopes to participate in work on this recommendation in the future.

Charles Nam requested consideration of a special mailing to members of the Social Statistics Section with a request for suggested topics and speakers for the 1972 Meeting. Proposed topics were: (1) Measurement of discrimination toward women, black, young, etc., (2) evaluation and improvement of quality of international statistics published by the United Nations, and (3) standards for published periodic statistical series.

Karl Taeuber was thanked for acting as Program Chairman for the 1971 Meeting when that function was not part of his usual responsibilities.

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