

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIAL STATISTICS SECTION

St. Louis, Missouri, August 26, 1974

The meeting was opened by Charles Nam, Chairman, at 5:30 p.m., attended by approximately 60 members. Officers for 1975 were announced:

Chairman	Joseph Waksberg
Chairman-Elect	Daniel G. Horvitz
Vice Chairman (1974-75) (Program Chairman)	Mollie Orshansky
Vice Chairman (1975-76) (Asst. Program Chairman)	Robert Parke
Secretary (1974-75)	Mary G. Powers
Representative on the National Board of Directors (1973-75)	Evelyn M. Kitagawa
Representative on the National Council (1974-75)	Eva L. Mueller
Representative on the National Council (1975-76)	Conrad Taeuber
Publications Liaison Officer (1975-76)	Harry Rosenberg

Mollie Orshansky, Program Chairman for 1975, reported that she is considering cutting the number of sessions and encouraging new sources of papers.

A discussion of the editorial policies of the JASA was conducted by the editor. It was brought to the attention of members of the Social Statistics Section that submission of manuscripts on social statistics are encouraged by the edi-

torial board. Manuscripts on subjects such as social indicators, migration, education, and other substantive topics which offer new innovations on social statistics have not been submitted in large numbers during recent years. Members were reminded that the Proceedings are only minutes of the meetings and should not be considered the only methods for publication of all papers read at the meetings. Methods were discussed for screening papers presented at the meetings to encourage that they be revised and re-submitted to JASA for publication. It was pointed out that expository articles will be prepared for The American Statistician which will synthesize previous research into a set of developments. These articles may be useful as statements of the status of the art. Methods for encouraging new members to join the Social Statistics Section were discussed.

An active discussion was held on the confidentiality of statistics and the possible future impact of new legislation on the use and release of statistics. Members agreed that future meetings of the Social Statistics Section should be concerned with specifying the problem of keeping data confidential, maintaining the privacy of individuals, and also outlining the specific problems involved with the growing use of administrative records (such as job applications). It was agreed that an ad hoc session be organized to establish the range of possibilities.

L. Suter, Acting Secretary







