

## ***Outstanding Statistician of the Year Award to Peter McCullagh***

Peter McCullagh has been nominated to receive the 1991 Statistician of the Year Award of the Chicago Chapter of the American Statistical Association. He will accept the award and speak at the May luncheon at noon on Tuesday, May 14, 1991 at the Midland Hotel (172 W. Adams at LaSalle). The title of his talk will be "Some Examples of Generalized Linear Models." He will be the twenty-fourth statistician to receive the award.

Professor McCullagh is presently on the statistics faculty of the University of Chicago. He received his Doctorate degree from the Imperial College in London. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics. He was recently selected to receive the 1990 Presidents' award from the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS). He is also holder of the Royal Statistical Society Guy Medal in Bronze.

Dr. McCullagh is well known for his work in the development of generalized linear models. His book, co-authored with J.A. Nelder, *Generalized Linear Models*, was recently published in a second edition. He has also written a book, *Tensor Methods in Statistics*, which deals with ways of handling high dimensional arrays and associated inference problems. He also has published many papers dealing with important research on ordered categorical data, contingency tables and models for discrete multivariate responses.

Registration will start at 11:45 a.m. and lunch will be served, starting at noon. To make reservations, call Sheila Proietti, (312) 727-4373, or Kenneth Wollenberg, (312) 727-7575, by noon, Friday, May 10, 1991. The cost is \$20 for members and \$22 for non-members. If you make reservations and then are unable to attend, please let Kenneth know, since the Chapter must pay for luncheons prepared for no-shows.

As usual, the Chapter's Lucile Derrick Fund will

purchase a limited number of luncheon tickets for students who wish to attend.

## **Membership in ASA National**

Interested in joining ASA National? Full membership is available for \$85 and includes a subscription to the *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, *The American Statistician*, *Amstat News*, and a copy of the *Directory of Statisticians* sponsored by ASA and other statistical societies. Membership also includes the option to join one of its 15 subject-related Sections, as well as special discounts to statistical publishers' books and conferences, such as the ASA Annual Meeting, Continuing Education courses, the Winter Conference, and Section-sponsored conferences.

Student membership is also available to full-time students at \$32 per year and includes the above as well as a magazine for students of statistics called *Stats*.

For more information, or a membership application, contact the ASA at 1429 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; (703) 684-1221.

## **Workshop, Poster Contest June 6**

*The Practical Use of Statistical Graphics* will be the Northeastern Illinois Chapter's 7th annual Summer Workshop, to be held June 6. Lorraine Denby, Ph.D., 1990 ASA Statistical Graphics Section Chair, will lead the workshop. For more information, contact Tom Carr at (708) 506-2304.

A student poster contest will precede the workshop. The winner will receive an expense-paid trip to attend the Joint Statistics Meetings in Atlanta and to participate in a poster session there on "Statistics in Public Health Surveillance." For more information, call Jim Mellon, (708) 270-5390.

## 1991-92 Slate of Officers, Directors Set for Election

The following persons have agreed to serve the Chapter and its members during the 1991-92 year. Their names were placed in nomination at the April 9, 1991 Chapter meeting; and the formal election of all but the first two will take place at the May 14 meeting (Statistician of the Year luncheon). Open slots will be filled at the June 11 dinner meeting.

Anyone wishing to run in opposition should consult the Chapter Constitution for appropriate procedures.

**President** ..... Philip E. Heckman  
Ernst & Young

**Past President** ..... Albert Madansky  
University of Chicago

**President-Elect** ..... Richard A. Smiley  
Amoco Corporation

**VP Communications** ..... Kathleen M. Morrissey  
Household Bank

**VP Conferences** ..... Open

**VP Luncheons** ..... John Watts  
University of Chicago

**VP Membership** ..... Merl Kardatzke  
Academy for Interscience Methodology

**VP Special Programs** ..... Ginger Jesuit  
Illinois Bell

**VP Workshops** ..... Open

**VP Secretary** ..... Raoul A. Bernal  
SPSS, Inc.

**VP Treasurer** ..... Kathleen M. Pecis  
Amoco Corporation

**Historian** ..... Harry V. Roberts  
University of Chicago

### **Directors-at-Large**

Linda M. Clark, LMC Consulting Co.

Jerry Enenstein, Jeresearch, Inc.

Edward C. Hirschland, Landhart Corporation

Paul Levy, University of Illinois at Chicago

Paul Meier, University of Chicago

Bruce D. Spencer, Northwestern University

## *Thanks for the Memberships*

Your response to the recent membership drive is appreciated. The membership information sheets were used to update the membership database and mailing list. Your DUES provide the basic means of communication for Chicago Chapter ASA, namely the *Parameter*.

This is an organization that depends on volunteers, and I want to thank each of you who have indicated a willingness to serve on a board or committee of the Chapter. I know that such service has cost time and money for each of the current officers. It is, however, a privilege to serve with such remarkable achievers in the worthwhile cause of statistics.

The membership information provided interesting data about our Chapter. Did you know that more than half of our members do not identify themselves as "statisticians"? It should be noted that about half of the members responded to this and other questions! Of those who did respond, perhaps something can be learned about the diversity of the field of statistics. Significant groups of persons were found for each of the 21 specialties or areas of interest. These lists of members are being published in a section of the new directory. These groups of persons identified by areas of interest can be the core for organizing many different workshops, seminars and special activities beginning next year.

Thanks also for the suggestions of speakers and topics. These have been given to the board and the officers. President-Elect Philip Heckman and the new officers can use these ideas as plans are made for next year (1991-1992). Thank you.

## **Now About the 1991 Directory**

The directory is to be mailed by third class mail this week. We should be grateful to our advertisers who helped defray the cost of the directory. There are three parts in this new directory. First, you can look for your listing under Membership. Then check and see members listed by organization. The third section, if you filled in the information form, can be very interesting. Here you may find your name in up to four special interest groups. Please look for friends and colleagues. You may think of someone who ought to be a member. Call and invite them to join Chicago Chapter ASA. If you need application forms, call me at 708-654-0240.

*Merl Kardatzke, Vice President for Membership*

# Chicago ASA Help Line

The following Chicago Chapter ASA members have volunteered to answer your statistical software-related questions. Volunteers should be expected to answer only questions relating to *statistical software* and not questions relating to statistical procedures and their use in data analysis.

That this is a Chicago ASA service in no way implies that the Chapter warrants the service offered. Chicago ASA has not checked the volunteers to see if they really do know their stuff, so you're on your own with any advice received.

## Help Line Volunteers:

### 1. Statistical Packages

#### BMDP

Minu Patel

M-F 4:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. 312-996-7600  
(will return calls)

#### DataDesk 3.0

Eric Ziemer

M-F 9:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. 312-727-3951  
M-F 6:30 p.m. — 10:00 p.m. 312-728-0258

#### Minitab

Don Porter

TuTh 5:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. 708-980-9318  
708-980-6682

#### NCSS (most options)

Jerry Enenstein

M-Sa 9:00 a.m. — 10:00 p.m. 708-475-4403

#### RS/Explore & RS/Discover

Don Porter

TuTh 5:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. 708-980-9318  
708-980-6682

#### SAS

Gerry Keith

M-F 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. 312-727-2506

Pete McGuire

M-F 3:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. 708-291-5232  
MWTh 6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. 708-392-5496

Don Porter

TuTh 5:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. 708-980-9318  
708-980-6682

#### SPSS

Jerry Enenstein

M-Sa 9:00 a.m. — 10:00 p.m. 708-475-4403

Jim Kennedy

MWF 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. 708-441-9474

## STATGRAPHICS

Don Porter

TuTh 5:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. 708-980-9318  
708-980-6682

## STATISTIX

Jerry Enenstein

M-Sa 9:00 a.m. — 10:00 p.m. 708-475-4403

### 2. Statistical Application Areas

No volunteers

### 3. Statistically Oriented Programming Languages

#### C-programming

Lazar Primack

M-F 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. 312-822-6387

#### LAHEY FORTRAN

Jerry Enenstein

M-Sa 9:00 a.m. — 10:00 p.m. 708-475-4403

### 4. Hardware/Operating Systems/Peripherals

as they affect the use of statistical packages

#### Macintosh Computer Systems

Eric Ziemer

M-F 9:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. 312-727-3951  
M-F 6:30 p.m. — 10:00 p.m. 312-728-0258

Ed Hirschland

M-F 8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m. 312-201-1111

If you are interested in volunteering to answer questions in any Help Line category, write or call Help Line Editor Linda Clark at LMC Consulting Co., 1127 Dartmouth Rd., Flossmoor, IL 60422-1639; 708-798-0677.

**Editor: Kathy Morrissey**

**(708) 564-6380**

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