**Minutes for Committee on Applied Statisticians**

**Thursday, January 22, 2015 Agenda**

**12-1 pm EST**

**Minutes:** will ask for a volunteer

**Attendees:** Erin, Mark, Chuck, Davis, Donna (new Director of Programs, ASA staff liaison), Jim, Eric, John, Richard, Shari

**Regrets:** Emily, Holly, Steve

Erin welcomed new members

**Status update Mark:** Setting up mentoring program for the Washington Statistics Society. Proposal accepted. First conf call. Initial steps to get going, including ad for Chapter in March WSS newsletter to tie with mentoring (in general) article in Feb Amstat News Presidents article, and WSS website to apply for program. Try to get started in April. No deadline for applying yet, but will be eventually. May use Google hangouts (or lunch) to introduce people to mentoring. Shooting for ten pairs (mentor-mentee). May want help with setting up good introductory session and with advertising for pairs. Donna will check with Meghan to see what ideas she has for advertising. Eric will help with Google hangouts for introductory meeting. Davis will find a way to help with it as well.

Update on roundtables? Discussed the things to think about for selecting and submitting roundtables.

**Roundtables:** Invited roundtable discussion via invitation so the topic of mentoring can be discussed with the right audience – say leadership of the sections, committees, and/or chapters. It was agreed to do three roundtable discussions each with a different focus and invitees.

* Mark Otto- focus on mentoring in chapters;
* Amarjot Kaur -focus on mentoring in Sections
* Marlene Egger - focus on self-care/mentoring.

Mark may do roundtable for mentoring. Should it be in CAS mixer or in separate lunch? More discussions to follow.

**Minute Rotation:** Richard in Feb, Eric in March

**Committee Accomplishments**

Armarjot sent list of accomplishments last year. Eric: A lot on the list was previous year. What should be on list? How is CAS accomplishment defined? Erin: Anything that a CAS member does that helps to accomplish overall CAS objectives. Includes talks at universities on Applied Statistics, etc. Eric has a lot that could be on there, e.g. 4 workshops and 2 seminars in Nigeria.

Brainstorming ideas for 2015?

* Big Data could be an initiative. Okay to have initiative by CAS and Statistical Consulting Section at same time.
* Helping statisticians move from theory to practice of applied statistics with a better understanding of “soft skills.”
* Nominate applied statisticians for ASA Fellowship.
* Building capacity of statisticians to apply statistics to solving real world problems outside of US in developing countries. E.g. via LISA; training people abroad
* Every year push forward one or more “pro bono projects” and find people to work on them. E.g. 3 teams working together on big, real world problems. (STATCOM-like?)
* Statistical project manager – a need that has not been addressed

Recommend people to continue to submit ideas before and at next meeting.

**Mentoring Program Related Upcoming Deliverable**

* Mentoring in Bag finalized!!

Eric sent it to Donna who will have graphics review to polish and include in bags for CSP in Feb.

* Mentoring in Box Plans

Still holes in the box. Need to recapture the momentum. Richard: Will solicit new ideas on content. Also, will make list of things that need to be worked on and will send to whole team in next few weeks. Mark’s test case of WSS will help to get momentum going again.

(Mentoring in a Box is for organizations to make part of their organization.)

* Final survey to mentor-mentee and analysis.

John will take lead on revising some of survey content. Will be survey of mentors-mentees in program to get their feedback in the program.

* Plan to send email to mentor-mentee and keep them engaged?