**Committee on Applied Statisticians**

**Thursday May 15, 2014 MINUTES**

**12-1 pm EST**

**Minutes:** Marlene

**Present:** Amarjot, Holly, Jim, Richard, Emily, John, Marlene

Regret: Erin, Eric, Shari, Mark

1. Amarjot reviewed the agenda.
2. **2013-2015 Mentoring Pilot Initiative Update:**

Developing and Expanding the ASA Mentoring Program Updates.

* The **AmStat news article** appeared in the May issue, and it is on the front page of the web version. Here it is for those who are drafting messages to ASA units:

“ASA Mentorship Program to Continue

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”~ Benjamin Franklin

“After the success of the ASA mentoring pilot program last year, the ASA Committee on Applied Statisticians (CAS) was funded to continue the mentoring program for a second year.

“ The program focuses on self-identified applied statisticians—both recent master’s and PhD graduates and statisticians who have been out of graduate school for more than five years. Members of CAS will work with these statisticians in academia, industry, and the government sector. The program includes clearinghouse, consultative, and selected hands-on mentoring activities.

“Are you a potential mentor or a mentee, or can you nominate a statistician who may be looking for a mentorship program? If so, email your contact information and a current résumé/CV to appliedstatisticians@gmail.com with “ASA CAS Mentoring Program” in the subject line.”

It is yet early to monitor response from interested mentors/mentees.

* **Further Program announcements:** John will reach out to Eric to get the distribution list and template. John will draft the message using the template and the AMStat news article (copied above), Amarjot will review, and then John will send a message to the Friends of CAS. John will send the rest of us a copy so that we can clone it and send it to additional places: Amarjot to committee chairs on the Membership Council; Marlene to the Stat Consulting section (cc Eric); Amarjot to the NJ and Princeton chapters; Mark to WSS, if he will agree; Marlene to UT, ID, NV chapters; all committee members with local connections, please send it to them as well.

However, we decided \*not\* to send it to Biopharm Section, as they are doing their own mentoring effort this year. In order to do this, we all need copies of the message that John and Amarjot will create.

Amarjot will also ask Lynn to have ASA post it on the general ASA Community, as Kalil did for us last year. We discussed sending it to the heads of the Council of Chapters and Council of Sections, as a courtesy.

* **‘Mentoring in a bag’ update:** this subcommittee has not yet started its work. Marlene will contact Mark and Shari to get it started as we need a good draft to show at the June 20 face-to-face and a real draft in mid-July that we can start to pilot in selected settings at the 2013 JSM. (see April 2014 minutes.)
* **‘Mentoring in a box’ updates**. Amarjot reported that Biopharm will pilot our ‘Mentoring in a Box’ materials this year and that she is the head of that effort.
* **Our June face-to-face Mentoring Project taskforce meeting is confirmed for June 20th**. Amarjot will work offline with Erin to finish planning. Some of us made travel plans with Jim Dickey at ASA, but Emily (and possibly others?) did not hear from him. Please contact him if he has not contacted you. ([jim@amstat.org](mailto:jim@amstat.org) )
* **Mentoring Project Activities at the JSM:**
  + **Mentoring panel session at JSM:** Richard will chair. Amarjot/Richard/Erin are working on this and will also set aside some time at the June meeting for it.
  + **Get on COC, COS governing board agendas** to advertise this year’s effort and ask for feedback on the draft Mentoring in a Bag handout?
  + **Get on Council on Membership agenda** to advertise this year’s effort and ask for feedback on the draft Mentoring in a Bag handout? Holly says she will put us on the Council of Membership agenda at the JSM.
* **Clearinghouse updates.** Marlene/Mark will get info on the Biopharm Mentoring project from Amarjot and add it to the website. Marlene will check with SRMS for an update about the mentoring project that they were going to re-establish last November. Marlene will contact Eric for CSP activities. Amarjot reported that David Morganstein said that WSS has a mentoring award which should be listed.
* **eCareer mentoring tool** (Boxwood Technology) evaluation. This tool to automate mentor-mentee matching will be discussed during our future meetings
* **Plans for CSP 2015:** Amarjot reported that we submitted a ‘Career development Through Mentoring’ proposal for a workshop; however we were not allowed to submit it as a free workshop. We’ll hear more follow-up on this later.

**JSM CAS Mixer Planning** Amarjot reported that we have succeeded in scheduling a joint mixer with Committee on Career Development (CCD):

**Meeting Title:** Joint Social Mixer of Committee on Applied Statisticians and Committee on Career Development

**Date**:  Tuesday, 8/5/2014

**Start Time**:  3:00 PM

**Room Name:** W-Douglas

* **JSM Mixer handouts & other JSM activities discussion:** we’ll need two pages of 1) talking points and 2) CAS activities as we did last year. Amarjot says we can discuss this on June 20 and need a draft to finalize at our July call.

**Master's Notebook Articles** : Eric’s student submitted an article on statistics without borders!

* Natalie Cheung Hall <hall\_natalie\_cheung@lilly.com> is planning to write an article on career paths and career success for Master’s level statisticians.
* We need a mentoring article by July 1 for the August issue, Emily and Marlene and Amarjot to work on this. We need another article Sept 1 for the October issue, and two more after that to fill out this year.

<http://magazine.amstat.org/category/columnnews/amstatmasters/>

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**Friends of CAS list update** The list gets updated periodically.

* Friends of CAS list updated with efforts from John and Eric.