

Chapter Notes

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Education Committee Report

Jim Love

The Education Committee is proud to report that Connecticut students won first and second places for grades 7-9 in the national ASA Statistics Poster Contest. Connecticut 4-6 graders also fared well, winning third place and two honorable mentions. Job well done!

ASA conducts the competition to promote quantitative literacy among K-12 students. The Connecticut chapter holds a state contest preliminary to the national competition. This year more than 20 Connecticut chapter members, 50 teachers, and 1000 students participated.

We thank the corporate sponsors, Mike Tsianco of Boehringer-Ingelheim and Janice Grechko of Bristol-Myers Squibb, for their continuing support. We also would like to thank Steve Leinwand of the State Department of Education. In addition, we appreciate and value the contributions of the statisticians who judged the posters and worked with teachers. Thank you very much, one and all!

Sterling Hardy will take over as Chairman of the Education Committee for 1999-2000. Richard Colombo, Mahesh Iyer, Gary Johnson, Jim Love, Sabrina Marler, and Marianne Messina will continue on the committee.

Contact Sterling (HardyS@bms.com, 203 677-7251) by August 15 if you would like to participate in this rewarding project. Also, please contact Sterling if (1) you are able to contribute software, books, or other items that we can award to winners of the Connecticut contest, or (2) you have access to an interesting dataset that is suitable for graphical exploration by K-12 students.

On another note, Fred Djang continues to be active in implementing Advanced Placement Statistics as a high school course. Fred will chair a contributed paper session and host a roundtable luncheon on AP statistics at the Joint Statistical Meetings in Baltimore.

Membership/Publicity Committee Report

Stephen Gulyas

The CT ASA website (<http://www.stat.uconn.edu/~chapter>) is now fully functional. The primary sub-pages include Chapter News & Newsletters, Talks & Meetings, Announcements, Benefits of Joining ASA, and a contact link to the chapter for more information.

Current news is being uploaded regularly, links to important web sites are working, and features such as a guest book and hit counter have been implemented. Chapter meeting announcements and RSVP information are posted there, and registration for these talks can be done on-line. You can look forward to this continuing in the future. Also, there is a section to have member home pages linked to the CT ASA page, but only 3 links are there! If you are interested in having your own web page hooked up, please let me know.

Perhaps the biggest addition to the web page this year has been the poster competition. Vishwanath Iyer has done a splendid job of coordinating a sub-page that deals with all aspects of the competition: registration materials, the preliminary contest, links to datasets, and more. We look forward to this possibly being expanded even further for next year's competition. Great job, Vishwanath!

As we look toward 2000, we will continue our efforts to expand the membership of the Connecticut Chapter. Ideas such as membership drives (for current ASA members and non-members) and distributing pamphlets at national meetings are being considered. We are always open to new and creative ideas about how to improve our exposure. If you have any ideas for this, or have general comments on the website (including maintaining your own sub-page), please contact me.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

Program Committee Report

Patricia English

I would like to thank all members of the program committee for their help in making 1998-1999 another successful year. I would also like to thank the members who attended each talk; without you, there would be no seminars.

We had five seminars in the 1998-1999 year. Joseph Chang was at Yale University on July 1, 1998 and he talked about "Probability, Evolution, and Eve(s): Statistical models of biological relationships." Jason Hsu presented a talk on "Bang or Whimper?---

Multiple Comparison of Entropies with Application to Dinosaur Biodiversity" at Pfizer on September 8, 1998. Kung-Yee Liang gave a talk at the University of Connecticut Health Center on December 9, 1999; his topic was "Searching for Disease Gene(s): Some Design and Statistical Considerations." Pfizer hosted a second talk on May 12, 1999; the speaker was Ron Helms, and he presented "Multiple Sites, Multiple Studies." Terry Therneau gave a presentation at Bayer Pharmaceutical Division on June 2, 1999; his topic was "Compression of Morbidity? Modeling Hip Fracture Incidence and Survival."

We have a seminar planned for 1999-2000. Tim Gregoire will be speaking at UCONN in September, 1999; the title is still to be determined.

As always, anyone who has suggestions for speakers (including themselves) or future topics is encouraged to speak with any officer or members of the program committee. Please contact the new officers after June 30, 1999.

We look forward to more exciting speakers in 1999-2000!

Treasurer's Report

Marianne Messina
Victoria Rutkiewicz

Balance as of June 30, 1999:

Checking Account: \$2917.66

Membership:	210	full members
	2	student members
	4	free members*

* Free members are ASA members who are new to the ASA or Connecticut, and are offered a chapter membership for the remainder of their current year ASA membership.

Election Results

Steve Kaplita

The election for the 1999-2000 Connecticut Chapter Officers was completed on June 15, 1999. A total of 42 ballots were returned. The following officers were elected:

President: Patricia English
(Bristol-Myers Squibb)
Vice-President: Jim Love
(Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma.)
Secretary: Bill Pan
(University of New Haven)
Treasurer: Marianne Messina
(Bristol-Myers Squibb)
Council Rep: Fred Djang
(Choate Rosemary Hall)

As specified in the Connecticut Chapter Constitution, the 1998-1999 President will serve as the 1999-2000

Past President and will be chair of the nominating committee for the 2000-2001 election.

Over the next few months the 1999-2000 committees will be formed. If you have any interest in serving on a committee and helping shape your Connecticut Chapter, please let us know.

The Nomination committee (Bob Bendel [chair], Naitee Ting, and Steve Kaplita) would like to thank all those chapter members who participated in this year's election and wish the new officers much success.

Mission Statement

The purpose of our organization is to encourage the use and appreciation of Statistics and its applications, and to facilitate interaction among all persons having an interest in or being concerned with the field of Statistics.

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