

# Chapter Notes

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## **Message from the President Tim Keyes Chapter Activity at the National Level**

Our chapter's current president, Tim Keyes, is also an active member of the Committee on Applied Statisticians at the national level. This group has recently been revitalized with a new leader, Dr. Mani Lakshminarayanan of Centor, Inc., and charged with reaching out to underserved individuals who apply statistics in their chosen profession.

The committee is currently seeking funding from the Strategic Initiatives budget to:

Increase participation by focusing on activities relevant to applied statisticians at collaborative workshops (e.g. ASA representation at SUGI conferences, including sponsoring sessions or workshops).

Explore using membership information from other organizations (e.g., mailing lists) for survey

purposes, to increase awareness among those individuals who are not currently members of the ASA, or do not take advantage of its' offerings.

If you have any interest in this important event, or have other ideas to promote outreach to practitioners of applied statistics, please contact Tim at [Tim.Keyes@GE.com](mailto:Tim.Keyes@GE.com).

## **Chapter Events Sterling Hardy Second Annual Mini-Conference**

The Second Annual CT ASA Statistics Mini-conference was held in Wallingford on Saturday, March 13. The first few talks all shared a theme, Data Mining. Dan Larose of CCSU, Heping Zhang, of Yale University, and Joe Cappelleri of Pfizer, all gave invited talks on the subject. There were seven other presentations on topics ranging from double logistic regression to multiple testing in clinical trials. All of the presenters did an excellent job, as evidenced by the rapt attention paid by the fifty-five attendees. Many of those in attendance were not chapter members, but came to hear the presentations on Data Mining. For the second year in a row the conference was a great success. We look forward to holding the third Annual Mini-Conference next year. Special thanks to Nancy McConville for making the food

and other arrangements, and to Bristol-Myers Squibb for providing the facilities.

## **Future Programs**

**Wednesday, April 7**

**Dr. Nitis Mukhopadhyay**

**“On Sequential Determination of the  
Number of Computer Simulations”  
Stay Posted for Location**

**Thursday, May 13**

**Dr. Hannes Leeb**

**“The Large-Sample Minimal  
Coverage Probability of Confidence  
Intervals in Regression After  
Model Selection”  
Location: Yale University**

**June**

**Statistician of the Year Award  
Followed by a Banquet**

## **February Meeting**

**Dr. Neal Thomas Speaks for Chapter**

On Thursday, February 24, Dr. Neal Thomas delivered an exciting talk that focused on the optimization of sub domains of the National Assessment Education Program. Thank you, Dr. Thomas, for your presentation.

## **Chapter Representative Report**

**Chapter Officers Needed for 2004-2005  
Upcoming Officer Elections for 2004-2005  
Patricia English**

The nominating committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for the 2004-2005 year. Please look for your ballot in the mail in mid-April.

President: Sterling Hardy

Vice-President: Mingxiu Hu

Secretary Marilyn Lender

Treasurer: Alexia Iasonos

*Are you someone who wonders how the chapter works? Are you someone who is interested in*

*getting your ideas put into action? Are you someone who would like to work with other statisticians to help our chapter thrive?*

If so, please consider getting involved in the chapter by volunteering for the Education Committee or the Program Committee.

Appointed positions are Assistant Treasurer, Program Committee Member, and Education Committee Member. Most of our chapter meetings are done using telephone conferencing, which would make your participation very easy. The work is very rewarding and will allow you the opportunity to contribute along with colleagues in our chapter. This will be the stepping-stone to other positions within the chapter where you will have more opportunities to see your ideas realized.

### Appointed Positions:

The Assistant Treasurer helps the Treasurer with his/her duties, and they decide how to share the duties.

A Program Committee member will assume the responsibility of making the program arrangements (contacting speakers, reserving a location, selecting menus, coordinating publicity). The appropriate committee member will coordinate either with the Program Committee Chair or with the Web-master and the person who maintains the e-mail address list for publicity announcements.

An Education Committee member will help the Education Committee Chair with Chapter educational activities; for example, the Annual Poster Competition. This may involve helping with mailings, contacting schools, judging the competition, making awards.

If you wish to volunteer or for more information, please contact either

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**2004 Statistical Poster Competition**  
**Saturday, March 20**  
**Alexia Iasonos**

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Statistical Association is sponsoring the 2004 **Statistical Poster Competition** in order to enhance students' understanding of statistics and data in general. As the deadline of March 12 approaches, teachers from all over the state are getting ready to submit their students' posters. The students' motivation is remarkable! I have been receiving phone calls from individual parents whose children want to participate individually, even in cases where the teachers did not initiate this class activity.

Volunteers from the CT chapter have presented relevant topics at several schools in CT during the last two months. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts to encourage participation in this wonderful activity.

Finally, the judging will be taking place at Bristol-Myers Squibb on Saturday, March 20, between 9 am-12 pm. The Chapter is seeking volunteers to help with the judging. The more the merrier. WE will greatly appreciate your spending your Saturday morning with a bunch of Statisticians, and it is a great experience to meet

fellows from other companies and get an idea of how the younger generation perceives statistics.

Please contact Alexia Iasonos at [alexia.iasonos@bms.com](mailto:alexia.iasonos@bms.com), or call at 203 677-7230 if you would like to judge the posters, and to indicate whether you would be interested in having lunch afterwards. Directions will be sent to you.



**OUR 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.*