

Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 22, 2011
Hyatt Regency Miami
5:30-6:30PM

Present: Linda Young, Sharon-Lise Normand, Renee Moore, Jane Pendergast, Joan Chmiel, Lynne Billiard, Eric Siegel, Jeffrey Morris, Mike Daniels, Tom Louis, Kathy Hoskins, Amy Herring, Karen Bandeen-Roche, Judy Goldberg, Craig Borkowf

Welcome

Amy Herring

All are welcomed.

Executive Director's Report

Kathy Hoskins

This meeting is a success with >1100 in attendance, not including on-site registration, making it the 2nd largest ENAR meeting ever. We had >260 for the short courses, and >270 for the tutorial. The Tuesday night event was sold out, and all but two roundtables were sold out.

There were 21 tables from 15 exhibitors. The exhibitor money was a little bit down, as we had fewer tables per company and some companies declined to pay for inserts this year.

Sponsorship was back up this year to \$22,700. This provided for many \$650 student travel awards.

This year, ENAR did a web-based integration of the registration with the ENAR data base. She noted that paper invoices and reminders are still important. Currently we have 1300 paid renewals, with one more paper invoice to be sent out.

Next year the ENAR meeting is in Washington DC, and will be later (1st week of April). After that, in 2013 we will be in Orlando, and in 2014 Baltimore.

Report on 2011 Meeting

Amy Herring

The meeting was very successful this year, with the 2nd highest attendance and increased sponsorship and education program involvement. The weather has been great, and we had a terrific program.

There were a few things that were done a little differently this year. First, we subsidized rooms \$40 by increasing the registration fee. We almost missed meeting our room block requirements for New Orleans last year, and this appeared to help, as this year we sold out of the conference hotel 1-2 days before the early bird deadline. The hotel charge per night was reduced from the negotiated \$229 rate to \$189, with the registration fee raised such that a person would break even if they stayed 2 nights, they would lose a little if they stayed only 1 night, and they would gain if they stayed 3 or more nights against the status quo. Few if any complaints were heard about the increased registration fee. We plan to subsidize again next year. Free internet access was also negotiated as part of the room rates.

Joan Chmiel suggested a reduced registration rate for retirees to try to keep them involved in ENAR. This will be put on the agenda to be discussed at JSM.

A suggestion was made that next year's program make an effort to include more Biometrics and less Biostatistics related sessions, for example including more on spatial methods and sampling methods.

Report on 2012 Meeting

Karen Bandeen-Roche

The 2012 meeting will be in Washington, DC. There has already been lots of progress made in planning. Debashis Ghosh and Jonathan Shildcrout, chair and co-chair, have already formed their program committee including 8 ASA section representatives, 4 at large members, and 1 IBS representative. The first meeting was held this morning.

The invited session proposal deadline will be 6/10/11. Marie Davidian will be the presidential invited lecturer. Rochelle Tractenberg is the local arrangements coordinator, and is getting together a local arrangements committee.

There will be a Young Investigators Workshop organized by Liming Peng. It will follow a similar format as past years.

The education program remains to be done.

She is 95% sure that the Diversity Workshop will also be held. The uncertainty comes from an unsure funding situation. It is possible that there will be reduced funding for participants this year. There is also a possibility of a short time frame grant submission.

IBS Report

Linda Young

The IBC 2010 was in Florinopolis, Brazil. There were 120 registrants, 87 from the USA. There were also 270 student participants from 46 countries. The meeting was great fun, and really highlighted the Brazilian culture.

IBC 2012 will be held in August 2012 in Kobe, Japan. Japan is expected to be recovered well for these meetings, and we are eager to support our Japanese colleagues at this conference. All organizers are safe and sound, and have not been directly hurt by the recent tragedies in Japan.

Proposals have been received for the 2014 meetings. Florence and Istanbul are the possibilities, and both are competitive.

Treasury Report

Michael Daniels

The handout contains the relevant information. We have roughly \$445,000 in the investment account, and we are in good shape financially.

Investment income is limited by low CD and money market rates. They may look into alternative investment strategies, of course with due caution.

Meeting Adjourned