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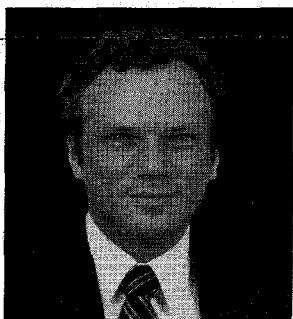
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President's Letter: Varied Activities Set For 1987-88

Dear Fellow Chicago Chapter Members:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to a new year for our chapter — one that follows a highly successful year of luncheons, innovative *Parameter* articles, a well-attended conference on computer graphics, a balanced budget, a career forum, designation of an outstanding Statistician of the Year — namely J. Stuart Hunter, and other activities. Past President Lois Orr and her board are to be congratulated for bringing all this about. But they couldn't have done it without you. You will never see a "NO HELP WANTED" sign at the ASA. You are *always* wanted, and for this reason, I suggest that you hold on to this copy of the *Parameter* with the names and phone numbers of the board members. You should feel free to contact any one of us at any time to volunteer.



What's in store for this year? First, the luncheon program will be as stimulating as ever. If you have ideas for speakers, please notify Stephan Schwartz. And for those of you who are full-time students, there *is* such a thing as a free lunch; the Lucille Derrick Scholarship Fund will pick up the tab. Please bring your current, validated I.D. Second, a workshop on recent developments in sampling techniques will take place in the fall under the able direction of Paul Levy. He will need a lot of extra help. Third, the conference in the spring will probably deal with expert systems, but if you have other ideas, let us know. Please call me. Fourth, special programs this year will include acquainting high school students with the possibilities of a career in statistics. Call Susan Groshong if you'd like to help here. Fifth, Richard Smiley is publishing a supplement to the directory to include a listing of all current members grouped by employer name. And finally, do you know any unusual facts or anecdotes, or do you have any old publications or memorabilia from the Chicago Chapter? Sam Mayo will start a history of the organization in his role as Historian, a new position. There are hundreds of miscellaneous tasks that the other board members perform. How about giving them a hand? I thank you

and them in advance. Also, one glance at the roster of Directors will convince you that it's an estimable body of eight outstanding statisticians. One of them, James Kennedy, will head the committee that selects this year's Statistician of the Year.

I'm looking forward to a rewarding year with all of you. Best wishes for an enjoyable summer, or what's left of it.

Sincerely,

Edward C. Hirschland

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President

Dates Set for Luncheon Meetings

Tentative dates for luncheons for the 1987-88 year are the following nine Tuesdays:

September 15, 1987
October 13, 1987
November 10, 1987
December 8, 1987
January 12, 1988
February 9, 1988
March 8, 1988
April 12, 1988
May 10, 1983

Please reserve these dates on your calendar.

Workshop: Sampling Rare Populations

A fall workshop is being planned which will cover some recent developments in sampling theory and survey methodology. More specifically, the workshop will focus on techniques that have been developed over the past decade for identifying rare or very low frequency populations or equivalently, persons having rare characteristics. The workshop will cover such topics as network sampling, capture-recapture methods, randomized response techniques and other methods. An update on this workshop will appear in the next *Parameter*.

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The Marketplace

Position Available

The Lubrizol Corporation is looking for a statistician to augment the current staff of four statisticians in the Statistical Services Department within the Research Division. Lubrizol is a leading manufacturer of lubricant additives and has a growing interest in biotechnological and genetic applications to specialty chemicals.

The successful applicant would consult with chemists and engineers involved in research and development. He/she would collaborate on problems of experimental design and data analysis, and write comprehensive reports based on these activities. On occasion, this position will require the providing of statistical expertise to other corporate divisions.

The candidate we seek should have a strong background in statistics with emphasis on experimental design and linear models and should hold a Ph.D. or M.S. degree in statistics. Excellent oral and written communication skills are essential, as well as the ability to interact effectively with technical professionals. Some familiarity with a statistical software package is also required.

Persons interested in this position should forward a current resume along with a list of statistics courses, textbooks and grades to Mr. James Robinson, The Lubrizol Corporation, 29400 Lakeland Blvd., Wickliffe, OH 44092. Further inquiries should be directed to Dan Meyer at (216) 943-4200 ext. 2537.

Position Wanted

An Assistant Professor of Quantitative Business, with 10 years' experience in teaching economics and business, seeks a teaching position in Statistics and Quantitative Methods, preferably in a graduate business school. The candidate holds a Ph.D. in Economics and Business and an M.B.A. with emphasis in Marketing, is fluent in FORTRAN, SPSS, and MINITAB, and has published in recognized economics journals. Please direct inquiries to the Editor of *Parameter*, Phil Heckman, at (312) 822-6927.

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