

**August 1984**

First Council Meeting

1. Concerning sponsorship of conferences, the IMS is to share in financial responsibilities and benefits, and the IMS is to have an input into the scientific context of the conference. An *ad hoc* committee will be appointed by the President to arrange details.
2. The Council approved of the Treasurer's proposal that distribution of profits from the sale of the *Current Index to Statistics* be shared equally by IMS and ASA.
3. The Council voted to donate \$10,000 to the ASA building fund.
4. The Council voted to amend the by-laws to make them more flexible regarding collection of dues. This item will go to the membership as a mail ballot.
5. On recommendation of the Memorials Committee, the March 1985 issue of the *AOS* will be dedicated to Julius Blum.
6. Reprints will be prepared by the IMS Business Office in Hayward rather than by the printer. This will lead to a considerable saving for IMS.
7. The Council approved of the efforts to merge the *Current Index to Statistics* into the Math file.

Business Meeting

1. A motion that libraries get second copies of *AOS* and *AOP* at half price was presented.
2. Several suggestions for the *Bulletin* were made:
  - a) A President's Column,
  - b) A problem section with favorite solutions to standard problems,
  - c) Historical descriptions of statistics departments, and

- d) Letters to the Editor.
- 3. The President announced that Iowa State, IMS, and ASA are entering into an agreement whereby important historical papers will be kept in archives at Iowa State. An Historical Committee will look into such papers.

#### Second Council Meeting

1. The Executive Committee has established an Oversight Committee to set policy for and oversee the activities of the IMS Business Office.
2. The IMS journal policy of 50 gratis reprints to authors will be continued for another year. Reprint production will be taken over by the IMS Business Office at a savings of approximately \$8000 in 1985.
3. Second copies of the IMS journals ordered at the same address will be available at half price. This move is to encourage libraries to order second copies.
4. It was moved and passed that the following policy be adopted on permission to reprinting material from IMS journals:
  - a) original authors may reprint part or all of their articles without charge,
  - b) no charge to noncommercial ventures or memorial volumes,
  - c) requests received from commercial or profit-making ventures will be handled by the Treasurer on a case by case basis.
5. A page allocation in 1985 equal to that of 1984 (1,630 journal pages for *AOS* and 1350 for *AOP*) was passed.
6. A motion was made for a committee to investigate the possibility of typesetting future volumes in the *IMS Lecture Notes–Monograph Series*. The President appointed an *ad hoc* committee to carry out this charge.
7. The Committee on Scientific Freedom and Human Rights has been reconstituted and will be asked to investigate the issues raised in two recent letters of concern.
8. A motion passed for expanding the committee on Special Papers from six to nine members to ensure broad representation of interests.
9. The Council passed a motion that a corporate membership category be established for profit-making institutions; the Oversight Committee will implement this action.
10. A new schedule of prices for IMS journals sold to libraries was approved. Specific increases were approved for 1985 and 1986. There will be no changes in dues or subscription prices for individual members in 1985.
11. Members should request that their libraries place a standing order for the *IMS Lecture Notes–Monograph Series*. Libraries with standing orders are notified of each new volume in the series and are eligible for 20% prepublication discount.

## Executive Meetings

1. A proposal to make the *Scandinavian Journal of Statistics* available to IMS member by having it appear on the IMS invoice was approved. The Treasurer is to work a reciprocal agreement similar to the one now in effect with *Biometrika*.
2. It was agreed that on the recommendation of the Special Papers Committee, IMS will pay \$200 to Silverman this year, and in future years they are authorized to commit \$500 to speakers' travel expenses.
3. In order to avoid repeats, it was decided to make a list of Special Invited paper speakers for the last 6–10 years and to send this list to the Special Invited Paper Committee each year.
4. A committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of bringing some aspects of *The IMS Bulletin* production under the Managing Editor and Treasurer.
5. The Oversight Committee is to look into winding down the managing editor duties.

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### First Council Meeting

1. A motion was made to thank Professor Bruce Trumbo for his careful stewardship and insightful leadership as IMS Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously, and was followed by prolonged applause. Incoming Treasurer Nicholas Jewell was introduced to the Council.
2. The Editor of the *Bulletin* noted the initiation of a President's column in 1985 and mentioned the new cover design of the *Bulletin*. He noted that no progress had been made toward the goal of typesetting the *Bulletin*. After some discussion on the most effective scheduling of the *Bulletin* and the possibility of broadening the scope of its coverage, a motion was made that issues related to future changes in the *Bulletin* be referred to the Publications Committee. Specifically, the Committee was charged with studying the content, frequency, cost and method of production of the *Bulletin*, and with reporting their findings and recommendations to the Council. The motion was passed.
3. The Editor of the *IMS Lecture Notes–Monograph Series* reported on five forthcoming volumes in the *Series*. The Council urged Editor Gupta to seek to upgrade the quality of camera-ready copy as much as possible. Hopefully, these efforts would be directed at the local level, with appropriate help and advice from *LNMS* editorial assistants.
4. A motion was passed that the IMS continue to publish its own directory. It was noted that *The IMS Directory* enhances visibility of IMS, and helps maintain its independence. Sentiment was expressed in favor of participating in the ASA Directory in addition to publishing a separate *IMS Directory*.
5. A motion to establish a reserve fund for underwriting previously paid IMS Life Memberships passed.
6. A motion passed approving an accelerated schedule for nomination and election of IMS Fellows. The schedule would be intended to facilitate the recognition of new Fellows at the annual IMS meeting.
7. The following motion on membership on the SIP Committee passed: (a) the Editors of *The Annals of Statistics*, *The Annals of Probability*, and *Statistical Science*, and the IMS Program Secretary shall be voting ex-officio members of the SIP Committee, and (b) the IMS Treasurer shall no longer be a member of this committee.

## Business Meeting

No action taken.

## Second Council Meeting

1. A motion to accept the Treasurer's recommendation on 1986 membership dues was passed. Specifically, the dues structure adopted was to offer members three options: members could receive the *Bulletin* and *Statistical Science* for \$30, receive these plus one *Annals* for \$40, or receive these plus both *Annals* for \$50.
2. Motions passed for accepting the Treasurer's recommendation on 1986 subscription rates for (non-member) individual subscribers and 1987 rates for libraries. An appropriate resolution satisfying postal regulations also passed. Information on these is available through the IMS Business Office. A motion to offer reduced membership dues of 40% of regular dues to retired and student members and to members in developing countries (as designated by the Council) also passed.
3. It was moved that the Business Oversight Committee may approve an adjustment (up or down) in the approved 1987 library rate not to exceed \$5 for a given journal or \$10 for all three journals, upon recommendation of the Treasurer. The motion carried.
4. The Council approved a motion authorizing the Treasurer to use an air expediting service to send the *Bulletin* to overseas members, provided the preliminary cost estimate of \$3,000 per year proves valid.
5. Approval was given to finalize plans for the 1987 meetings in Blacksburg (E), Dallas (C), and Hawaii (W) as well as Boston for 1988. Some sentiment was expressed in favor of a meeting dedicated to a special topic in Probability. Pyke and Johnson were asked to explore this further. There was some discussion of the desirability of an independent IMS annual meeting. It was noted that current plans involved joint annual meetings with the ASA for five consecutive years (1985–89). Pyke and Johnson were again commissioned to investigate the feasibility of an independent meeting.
6. Kempthorne appointed an ad hoc committee in 1984–85 to consider IMS cosponsorship of European meetings. The committee suggested surveying European IMS members on their felt need for formal IMS participation. It was thought that IMS could identify appropriate upcoming meetings of various international societies and make a request to cosponsor by organizing various sessions. Contributed paper sessions might be particularly valuable, since they would provide IMS members at large with a vehicle for participating at meetings. President Meier asked Lucien LeCam to chair an ad hoc committee to study the matter further and make recommendations to the Council. Gupta, Johnson, and van Zwet were also asked to serve; all four agreed.
7. The Council approved a motion to publish 1630 journal pages in 1986 in *The Annals of Statistics* and 1350 journal pages in *The Annals of Probability*. The number of journal pages approved was the same as in 1985. The Council approved the publication of 400–500 journal pages in *Statistical Science* in 1986, recognizing the need for some flexibility in this regard in the journal's first year.
8. The Council approved the expenditure of \$15,000 in 1985–1986 for publicity and promotion of *Statistical Science*.
9. The term of the Executive Editor of *Statistical Science* was approved as three years, beginning in January 1986.



10. The Council passed a motion to authorize the President to appoint two additional (*ad hoc*) voting members to the Committee on Selection of Editors for each selection to be made in a given year. The three (core) members appointed to three-year terms would serve on every selection committee. The two additional appointments are meant to ensure that each selection committee has the necessary breadth and expertise for the particular task at hand.
11. The Council unanimously passed a motion to amend Article IV, Section 3, of the Constitution as follows (new language italicized):

The Editorial Officers of the Institute shall be the Editors of the official journals of the Institute *and the Editors of other publications of the Institute as designated by the Council.*

The Council authorized the Executive Secretary to postpone a mail ballot to the membership so that it may be sent with the dues notices in October.

12. The Council noted that former IMS member and Fellow Bruno DeFinetti passed away in July. The matter of formal recognition of deceased members and former members of the Institute was referred to the Memorials Committee.

## August 1986

### First Council Meeting

1. Pursuant to a change in the IMS Constitution approved by members by mail ballot in Fall 1985, a motion was made to (a) confer membership on the IMS Council to the Editor of the *LNMS* and to the Executive Editor of *Statistical Science*, and (b) designate these two Editors as ex-officio members of the IMS Publications Committee. The motion passed.
2. A motion to suspend the membership of delinquent IMS members was passed.
3. The Program Secretary sought advice on the location of the 1988 Annual Meeting, scheduled for Colorado State University, in view of the fact that the ASA had changed their plans and would be meeting two weeks later in New Orleans. The Council was generally sympathetic with the plan to meet in Fort Collins in 1988. Moreover, there was general concurrence with the sentiment that the IMS should occasionally meet alone or with a society other than the ASA. As a guideline, Meier proposed that the IMS might meet separately from ASA approximately every third year. The Council was in agreement with this statement as a rough guideline.
4. Pyke proposed that the IMS cosponsor four upcoming professional meetings: (a) the Pacific Area Statistical Conference in Tokyo in December 1986, (b) the 19th Symposium on the Interface of Statistics and Computer Science in Philadelphia in March 1987, (c) a possible satellite meeting to the ISI Meeting in Tokyo in September 1987, and (d) Environmetrics 1987, a meeting sponsored by the SIAM Institute for Mathematics and Society in Washington DC in November 1987. The Council authorized Pyke to pursue IMS cosponsorship of all four meetings. The details of the cosponsoring arrangement would be developed with each present sponsor. Pyke indicated that a minimal requirement for cosponsorship by IMS would be IMS participation in the planning of the program. Meetings would not be numbered and listed on the inside front cover of *The IMS Bulletin* unless IMS members had the opportunity to contribute papers to the meeting. The Council concurred with the suggestion that IMS cosponsorship of a meeting would be required in order to use the IMS mailing list to inform members about the meeting.

5. The Council approved the publication of an IMS *Directory* in 1987, and passed a motion to participate in the COPSS Directory planned for 1988, provided the cost was deemed appropriate. The preliminary estimate obtained for IMS participation was \$6,500.
6. Following the recommendation of the Memorials Committee, motions were made to dedicate a forthcoming issue of *The Annals of Statistics* to Harald Cramer, and to organize a memorial session in honor of Cramer at the annual meeting in San Francisco in 1987. The motions passed. With regard to commissioning a memorial article, the need for interaction and cooperation between the Committee on Memorials and IMS Editors was emphasized.
7. The recommendation of the Committee on Special Invited Papers on individuals selected for 1986–87 was moved and passed.
8. It was noted that three of the Special Invited Papers would be delivered at US meetings by scholars living outside the US. A motion was passed to allocate up to \$500 (if needed) for each of these three speakers in order to facilitate their travel to the meeting at which the paper would be given.
9. A motion to provide more lead-time in selecting named lecturers was made as follows: Named lecturers (Wald, Rietz, etc.) shall be nominated by the IMS Council at least 16 months before the meeting involved. The Committee on Special Invited Papers shall meet at the annual meeting in order to consider named lecturers for the meeting two years hence. The motion passed.
10. There was a brief discussion on IMS participation in the AAAS. It was noted that the IMS had the opportunity for representation in an additional (fifth) section, and that a number of AAAS sections seemed appropriate for IMS participation. The Council agreed to submit suggestions on future IMS representatives to AAAS to President-Elect Pyke, and to leave the option of adding a representative to a fifth section to Pyke's judgement.
11. Styan indicated a few planned changes for *The IMS Bulletin*. He indicated his intention to concern himself with the readability and proper referencing in abstracts, but to eschew taking responsibility for the abstracts' contents. A motion passed to the effect that an abstract would be rejected only if such was supported by a unanimous vote of IMS officers responding to a mail ballot on the question of rejection.
12. President Meier presented his report (published separately in *The IMS Bulletin*). He moved that an *ad hoc* committee be formed to study and make recommendations regarding the administrative structure of IMS. The motion passed.
13. It was moved that the IMS take an active part in advancing the role that statistics as a discipline will play on the national science scene. The motion passed. J. Sacks was asked by President Meier to represent the interests of the IMS in meetings scheduled with the ASA on this topic.
14. It was moved that the IMS transmit to Edward Wegman a note of thanks for his leadership and support of the statistics research community during his tenure at the Office of Naval Research. The motion passed.

#### Business Meeting

No actions taken.

## Second Council Meeting

1. Program Secretary Billard moved that the Council approve a number of future meeting sites:
  - a) Motion to hold the Central Regional Meeting of the IMS in Madison, Wisconsin, May 14–16, 1988, joint with SIAM, was approved.
  - b) Motion to hold the Annual Meeting of the IMS at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado, August 8–11, 1988, was approved.
  - c) It was moved that the Western Regional Meeting be held at Montana State University in Bozeman in June, 1988. Considerable discussion ensued. Concern was expressed that this location was not a good choice during the same summer in which the Annual Meeting was to be held in Colorado. It was thought that few IMS members would choose to travel to both meetings. The motion to hold a meeting in Bozeman in 1988 did not pass.
  - d) Motion to hold the Western Regional Meeting of the IMS at the University of California, Davis, in June 1989, during the tenth anniversary of the Division of Statistics there was approved.
  - e) There was a lengthy discussion concerning the upcoming meeting in Honolulu. Plans were underway to hold the Western Regional Meeting of the IMS in Honolulu in June 1987. Several Council members mentioned conflicting meetings, although it was acknowledged that some conflicts were unavoidable. Concern was expressed about the fact that no local arrangements chairman had been identified, and that the hotel where the meeting would be held would not handle fees not directly related to housing. It was moved that the Honolulu meeting in 1987 be cancelled, and that the Western Regional Meeting of the IMS in June 1988 be scheduled for Honolulu. The motion passed.
2. The Council approved the following resolution on dues in 1987 put forward by the Treasurer:

*Resolution:* The scientific journals of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics are *Statistical Science*, *The Annals of Statistics*, and *The Annals of Probability*. *The IMS Bulletin* is the news organ of the Institute. Each individual member receives *The IMS Bulletin* and *Statistical Science*. Members receiving only these two journals pay annual dues of \$30 and \$10 is added to the dues for each *Annals* selected. Of the total dues paid, \$8 is allocated to *The IMS Bulletin* and the remaining amount is allocated equally among the scientific journals received.
3. The Treasurer moved that general subscription prices in 1988 (i.e., prices to libraries) be set at \$45 for *Statistical Science*, \$95 for *Statistical Science* plus one *Annals* and \$165 for *Statistical Science* plus both *Annals*. This represents a modest increase over approved 1987 prices. The motion passed.
4. Jewell asked the 1987 Council for advice regarding the information to be collected from members and on what should actually appear in the *Directory*. The questionnaire prepared by Jewell was approved in principle. The Council passed a motion that the following information be published: Name, Title, Address(es), Direct Phone and Message Phone numbers, Computer Address, Education, Institutional Affiliation.
5. The Council endorsed the idea of IMS participation in the planned joint *Directory of Statistical Societies*, subject to satisfaction of the Executive Committee on the cost suggested by ASA.
6. The proposed charter of the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS) was distributed and discussed. A motion was made to approve the charter (as revised in July 1986). The motion passed.

7. The Treasurer moved that \$10,000 be allocated in 1986–87 for continued promotion of *Statistical Science*. The promotion campaign would be directed primarily at libraries. The motion passed.
8. A motion to allocate 1630 printed pages to *The Annals of Statistics* in 1987 passed. A motion to allocate 1600 printed pages to *The Annals of Probability* in 1987 passed. A motion to allocate up to 600 pages to *Statistical Science* passed. Details on the budgetary needs of *The IMS Bulletin* in 1987 could not be accurately estimated at the time of the meeting. Costs will be generated by the move of the editorial office to Canada, by the purchase of needed equipment, and by changes in the form and style of the *Bulletin*. The Treasurer, as a tentative allocation, has earmarked the *Bulletin* budget for a 25% increase. More details will be made available to the Council in due course.
9. Paul Meier indicated that he was uneasy with a motion passed in the first Council meeting regarding setting policy on the rejection of abstracts submitted to *The IMS Bulletin*. He indicated that his earlier motion treated the *Bulletin* Editor differently from other Editors. He moved that the following resolution be passed by the Council:

**Resolution on Editing of the IMS Bulletin  
and Publication of Abstracts**

The 1987 Council, mindful of the concern that *The IMS Bulletin* conform to the highest standards and, at the same time, mindful also of members' individual interests in control over the content of their own abstracts, resolves as follows:

- (a) The Editor of *The IMS Bulletin* has the usual prerogatives of a journal editor. Except for limited purposes, described below, the Editor is the final judge of the suitability of material for publication in the *Bulletin*.
- (b) With respect to research abstracts the Editor will be guided by the following considerations.
  - a) To the extent possible, consistent with suitability legibility, and coherence, the author will have maximum latitude in controlling the text. The Editor does not take responsibility for verification of the correctness of assertions in an abstract. He may suggest editorial changes but would ordinarily accept an author's preference.
  - b) Ordinarily an author is entitled to expect the publication of at least one but no more than three abstracts in a single number of the *Bulletin*. The Editor may relax this requirement at his preference.
  - c) The Editor may publish and enforce a standard for the format of abstracts and may supply photographic reproductions of abstracts if he wishes. In that case, the Editor may at his discretion, have an acceptable abstract retyped.
  - d) The Editor may reject an abstract on account of unsuitability (e.g., irrelevance to probability or statistics, documentable error, political content, or failure to be legible and/or coherent), but in such case the author will be advised of his right to appeal to the President of the IMS. In the event of such appeal, the President will consult the Council by mail ballot and, if the majority of the Council vote acceptance, the President shall advise the Editor to publish the abstract in question. (Neither the President nor the Council shall usurp editorial prerogatives. Their advice is to concern the abstract as finally submitted.)
- (c) All previous resolutions of earlier IMS Councils concerning policies regarding the publication of research abstracts are hereby rescinded.

The motion passed.

10. Paul Meier discussed the section of his President's Report (published separately in the *Bulletin*) on the administrative structure of the IMS. It was suggested that Ron Pyke form a committee to study this matter and make recommendations to the Council. Pyke indicated that he would do so.

## **August 1987**

### First Council Meeting

1. The Treasurer's recommendations on dues and subscriptions prices were approved, and the resolution on allocation of publication budgets to the various IMS journals was passed.
2. Motions were passed approving the satellite meeting on probability and its applications in Fort Collins in August 1988, and the Eastern Regional Meeting at Lexington, Kentucky, in 1989.
3. The Council approved the publication of 1750 pages for *The Annals of Statistics* and 1600 pages for *The Annals of Probability* in 1988. An allocation (in Canadian dollars) of C\$21,500 for the *Bulletin* Editorial Office and C\$5,000 for continued development of a desktop publishing system was approved for 1987. For 1988, the figures approved in each of these categories were C\$20,760 and C\$2,000, respectively.
4. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Invited Papers on the speakers to be invited to deliver papers in 1988 was approved. A motion to allocate US\$500 to each of three speakers who must travel from abroad to deliver their addresses was approved.

### Business Meeting

No actions taken.

### Second Council Meeting

1. The Treasurer introduced a motion to expel delinquent members. The motion passed.
2. The Council approved the following motions:
  - a) Financial Reorganization
    - i. The page budget for *The Annals of Probability* is set at 1500 printed pages for FY88. An additional 300 printed pages is approved for FY88 and recommended for FY89 to reduce the backlog.
    - ii. The President, President-Elect, Past President, Treasurer, and Executive Secretary shall constitute the President's Committee and, following the general policies established by the Council, shall serve as an advisory body for the President. The committee will receive copies of all Presidential correspondence and ordinarily will meet twice between annual meetings of the Council.
    - iii. The Committee on Investments and Finance is abolished and the Business Oversight Committee's charter will be allowed to lapse. The functions of these committees will become the responsibility of the President's Committee.
    - iv. The Treasurer and Business Manager will prepare quarterly financial reports for the President's Committee, to assist it in its financial oversight responsibilities.
    - v. The Committee on Operations, in consultation with the President's Committee, will prepare revisions as appropriate to the Constitution and By-Laws and as necessitated by the above actions and other actions.

b) Applied Probability

- i. The President will appoint a Steering Committee on Applied Probability for a three-year term to be responsible for fostering and guiding IMS activities involving the applications of probability. The committee will consist of six members with stature and expertise in significant areas of applied probability, including publications and programmatic experience.
- ii. The Council encourages the submission of items on Applied Probability for possible publication in the *Bulletin*. The Steering Committee will be responsible for soliciting such submissions.
- iii. The Steering Committee, in consultation with the Publications Committee (augmented by *ad hoc* appointments by the President), will study the desirability and feasibility of a new journal devoted to topics in Applied Probability and will report its recommendations to the President before the 1988 IMS Council meeting in August 1989.

c) Long Range Program Plans

The President will appoint an *ad hoc* Program Planning Committee to consider long-range goals and to make recommendations on timely topics and structural innovations for future IMS meetings. The chair of the Special Invited Papers Committee, the Program Secretary, and the Associate Program Secretary for Probability and its Applications will be ex-officio members of the committee. The committee shall be sufficiently large to ensure the necessary breadth of ideas and backgrounds.

d) Future meetings

- i. The 2nd World Congress of the Bernoulli Society will be held in Uppsala, Sweden, in August 1990. The Council approved a motion by L. Billard that the IMS cosponsor this meeting with the Bernoulli Society and that the 1990 Annual Meeting of the IMS be held in conjunction with the Congress.
- ii. The IMS will cosponsor the 1988 Interface Symposium in Reston, Virginia (near Washington, DC), 21–23 April 1988.
- iii. The Eastern Regional Meeting will be held in conjunction with ENAR in Baltimore, Maryland, 1–3 April 1990.
- iv. The Western Regional Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Biometric Society (WNAR) in Bozeman, Montana, June 1990.

## August 1988

### First Council Meeting, August 14, 1988

1. Members delinquent in paying their dues as of August 1988 were expelled.
2. Carl Morris was appointed incoming Executive Editor of Statistical Science, and Jessica M. Utts was appointed incoming Treasurer.
3. The 1986–1987 Council decision to unbundle Statistical Science was delayed for one year.
4. General Subscription prices for 1989 were set as follows:

<i>Statistical Science</i>	\$ 45.00
<i>The Annals of Probability</i> and <i>Statistical Science</i>	105.00
<i>The Annals of Statistics</i> and <i>Statistical Science</i>	105.00
<i>Annals of Probability</i> , <i>Annals of Statistics</i> , and <i>Statistical Science</i>	180.00
<i>The IMS Bulletin</i>	30.00

Individual membership dues for 1989 were kept at the 1988 level

5. The following meetings were approved:

- a) Leuven, Belgium, 21–25 August 1989, co-sponsored with the Bernoulli Society
- b) Orlando, Florida in April 1989, co-sponsored with IFNA
- c) A Special Topics meeting in East Lansing, Michigan in May 1990

6. The following page requests for 1989 were approved:

1750 pages for the *Annals of Statistics*

1500 pages for *Annals of Probability*, plus 150 pages for a special issue dedicated to A. N. Kolmogorov

7. The Memorial Committee's recommendation that an issue of each *Annals* in 1989 be dedicated to A. N. Kolmogorov was approved, with implementation details left to the judgment of the two editors.

8. The Managing Editor's position was divided into two equal parts:

- i. A Managing Editor for the two *Annals*,
- ii. A Managing Editor for *Statistical Science* and the other IMS publications

#### Business Meeting, August 15, 1988

No actions taken.

#### Second Council Meeting, August 16, 1988

1. President Gnanadesikan appointed two new ad hoc committees: the Young Researchers Committee and the Outreach Committee. The Young Researchers Committee will consist of statisticians within six years of their PhDs and consider the needs of new researchers and ways to increase their participation in IMS. The Outreach Committee will be broad-based and consider such issues as a membership survey and future program planning.

2. The following motion concerning the *LN-MS* editor was accepted:

The Editor of the *Lecture Notes-Monograph Series* will also edit individual volumes published by the IMS. The Editor will appoint an Editorial Board empowered to approve publication of individual volumes. Financial aspects of individual-volume publication will be coordinated with the Treasurer.

3. A new *Annals of Applied Probability* was approved with the following resolution.

The IMS will publish in the area of Applied Probability, with a first-issue target date of January 1991. The President shall appoint a Committee to guide the formation of the new journal. The Committee will include the Chairman of the Publications Committee, the IMS Treasurer, representatives of the editorial boards of *The Annals of Statistics*, *The Annals of Probability*, *Statistical Science*, and other members as appointed by the President. The Committee for the Selection of Editors is charged with recommending an editor for the proposed journal no later than January 1989.

In implementing the above resolution and establishing the editorial guidelines and intended coverage for the proposed journal, there should be careful coordination with the Editorial Boards of *The Annals of Probability* and *The Annals of Statistics* to assure that the traditional domain and coverage of *The Annals of Probability* and *The Annals of Statistics* not be diluted.

4. The following future meetings were approved:

- a) A joint meeting with the Biometric Society/ENAR March/April 1991
- b) A joint meeting with the Biometric Society/WNAR June 1991
- c) The 1991 Annual meeting to be held jointly with ASA/ENAR/WNAR in Atlanta, GA August 1991
- d) The 1992 Annual meeting to be held jointly with ASA/ENAR/WNAR in Boston, MA August 1992
- e) In principle, a conference on Multivariate Analysis in Beijing co-sponsored with the Institute of Applied Mathematics and Academia Sinica, subject to coordination with the IMS Program Secretary on dates

## August 1989

### First Council Meeting, August 6, 1989

- 1. Delinquent members were expelled.
- 2. \$50,000 of IMS reserve funds were appropriated as an *Annals of Applied Probability* start-up fund to be expended in FY1990 and FY1991.
- 3. The list of countries in which reduced dues may be paid was expanded. For these countries, two-year and grouped membership fees are encouraged, as are gift memberships
- 4. The following meetings were approved:

May/June 1991, Probability and Statistics in Industry, Philadelphia, PA (Special Topic Meeting)

March 1992, Cincinnati, OH, cosponsored with ENAR

June 1992, Summer meeting with WNAR, location to be decided

- 5. The following page allocations for FY1990 were approved:

*Annals of Statistics*      1750 pages

*Annals of Probability*    1650

*Statistical Science*      400–600



6. The following appointments were made for three year terms. George P. H. Styan was re-appointed as editor of *The IMS Bulletin*, J. Michael Steele was appointed as founding editor of *The Annals of Applied Probability*, E. E. Gbur was appointed as Editor of the *Current Index to Statistics*, R. L. Berger was appointed as a Managing Editor. The appointment of a second Managing Editor was deferred.

7. The following lecturers for 1990 were approved:

Wald Lecturer: Sir David Cox

Neyman Lecturer: Peter Whittle

Special Invited Lecturers: Paul Deheuvels, Peter J. Donnelly, Paul A. L. Embrechts, Peter Jagers, Niels Kieding, Wilfrid S. Kendall, and Bruce G. Lindsay

#### Business Meeting, August 8, 1989

No actions taken.

#### Second Council Meeting, August 9, 1989

1. The Council decided that the IMS journals and *LNMS* editors would meet with Paul Shaman, Prem Goel, Joseph Gani, the Treasurer, and the Business Manager to formulate a policy on the Managing Editorships.
2. An ad hoc committee of Jessica M. Utts, Marjorie G. Hahn, Nancy Reid, and J. Michael Steele was formed to recommend an appropriate activity to honor the memory of Betty Scott.
3. The price structure recommended by the *Current Index to Statistics* management committee was approved.

### **August 1990**

#### First Council Meeting, August 13, 1990

1. Delinquent members were expelled.
2. The following meetings were approved:
  - Annual Meeting for 1993, San Francisco, joint with ASA, ENAR, WNAR
  - Regional Meeting, June 1992 Corvallis, OR, joint with WNAR
  - Regional Meeting, March 1993 Philadelphia, PA, joint with ENAR
  - Special Topic, August 11-14, 1991 University Park, PA, Statistical Challenges in Modern Astronomy
  - Special Topic, October 1992, University Park, PA, Likelihood Problems
  - Co-sponsorship of the 1992 Kunming, PRC meeting on Multivariate Analysis was withdrawn
3. The following motion to streamline the organization of IMS meetings was approved:

A Program Chair is to be appointed for each meeting. The Program Chair will be responsible for the scientific program and invited sessions at the meeting. The Program Chair will also get the Contributed Paper Abstracts from the *IMS Bulletin* editor, organize them into appropriate Contributed Paper Sessions, and schedule all contributed, invited, special invited, and named lecture sessions into appropriate time slots and meeting rooms. The Assistant Program Secretary (i.e., the local arrangements chair) will serve on the Program Committee, ex-officio.

4. The following page allocations were approved:

<i>Annals of Statistics</i>	1850 pages
<i>Annals of Probability</i>	1800
<i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	540
<i>Statistical Science</i>	600

5. The following appointments were approved: Diane Lambert as Executive Secretary, Robert E. Kass as Program Secretary, Robert J. Serfling as Editor, *Lecture Notes-Monograph Series*.

6. The following Named and Special Invited Lecturers were approved:

Wald Lecturer: E. Dynkin

Rietz Lecturer: Terry Speed

Special Invited Lecturers: Julian E. Besag, David L. Donoho, Valerie S. Isham, Steven Lalley, Mark J. Schervish, Elizabeth Thompson, Luke-Jon Tierney, and Henry P. Wynn.

7. The Outreach Committee was authorized to proceed with the membership survey.
8. The term of the Scott Memorial Committee was extended into 1991. The committee will continue to work with COPSS to produce a suitable memorial.

#### Business Meeting, August 14, 1990

No actions taken.

#### Second Council Meeting, August 16, 1990

1. The following rates were set for 1991:

##### Individual Membership Dues

	Regular	Joint	Reduced
Basic Membership and <i>IMS Bulletin</i>	\$40	\$45	\$16
+ <i>Statistical Science</i>	10	10	4
+ <i>Annals of Statistics</i> or <i>Annals of Probability</i>	20	20	8
+ <i>Annals of Statistics</i> and <i>Annals of Probability</i>	30	30	14
+ <i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	10	10	4

### General Subscription Rates

<i>Statistical Science</i>	\$60
<i>Annals of Statistics</i>	110
<i>Annals of Probability</i> with <i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	150
<i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	60
<i>IMS Bulletin</i>	40

### Organizational Membership Dues

Institutional Members	\$350
Corporate Members	650

### Individual Subscription Rates

<i>Statistical Science</i>	\$50
<i>Annals of Statistics</i> or <i>Annals of Probability</i>	60
<i>Annals of Statistics</i> with <i>Annals of Probability</i>	90
<i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	50
<i>IMS Bulletin</i>	30

The *Index to IMS Scientific Journals* was priced at \$15 for members and \$50 for nonmembers.

2. Co-sponsorship of the *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics* was approved with the following resolution.

The IMS will co-sponsor (as equal partners with ASA and the Interface Foundation participating as a minority co-sponsor 2:2:1 proportions), the *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*. A Management Committee will be appointed to control operations of the journal subject to IMS Council budgetary review and the approval of editorial appointments. The Management Committee will undertake a detailed study of publication options, prepare an appropriate legal agreement, set up an editorial selection procedure, and formulate editorial policies for the journal.

3. The page budget for the *Annals of Statistics* was increased from 1850 pages to 1950 pages.
4. The Council approved circulating the suggested modifications of the Constitution and By-Laws for membership approval.
5. The Council asked the President to appoint a committee to study the issue of double-blind refereeing and to report to the Council as soon as possible. The New Researchers Committee will gather data from new researchers and forward them to the editors for comment.
6. President Siegmund proposed, and the Council approved, setting up a fund (by moving \$50,000 out of reserve) to give grants to new researchers to permit them to attend conferences. The revised Constitution will establish the New Researchers Committee as a standing committee.

## August 1991

### First Council Meeting, August 19, 1991

1. Members delinquent in paying dues were suspended.
2. Two meetings were approved:
  - a) Co-Sponsorship of the Seminar on Stochastic Processes, Seattle, WA, March 26–28, 1992.
  - b) 1994 Annual Meeting at the University of North Carolina, joint with the World Congress of the Bernoulli Society for Mathematical Statistics and Probability (subject to Bernoulli Society approval), the last week of June 1994.
3. The following page requests were approved:

<i>Annals of Statistics</i>	2200
<i>Annals of Probability</i>	2200
<i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	1000
<i>Statistical Science</i>	600
4. The appointments of Michael Woodroffe as Editor, *Annals of Statistics* and Robert Kass as Executive Editor, *Statistical Science* were approved. The re-appointment of Jessica Utts as Treasurer for a second term was also approved.
5. The following list of Named and Special Invited Lecturers was approved:

Wald Lecturer: Willem van Zwet  
Neyman Lecturer: Soren Johansen  
Special Invited: Adrian Baddeley, Julian Besag, David Griffeath, Piet Groenboom, Robert Kass, Nan Laird, Mark Schervish, Jon Wellner.
6. A motion that IMS reimburse Special Invited Speakers and Named Lecturers at an IMS meeting for their registration fees for that meeting was approved.

### Business Meeting, August 20, 1991

No actions taken.

### Second Council Meeting, August 21, 1991

1. The following dues were approved:

Individual Membership Dues			
	Regular	Joint	Reduced
Basic Membership	\$40	\$45	\$16
+ <i>IMS Bulletin</i> (required)	10	10	4
Additional per title (at least one required)			
<i>Statistical Science</i>	10	10	4
<i>Annals of Statistics</i> or <i>Annals of Probability</i>	20	20	8
<i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	10	10	4

### General Subscription Rates

<i>Statistical Science</i>	\$75
<i>Annals of Statistics</i>	130
<i>Annals of Probability</i> (with <i>Annals of Applied Probability</i> )	180
<i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	70
<i>IMS Bulletin</i>	50

### Individual, Nonmember Subscription Rates

<i>Statistical Science</i>	\$70
<i>Annals of Statistics</i> or <i>Annals of Probability</i>	80
<i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	70
<i>IMS Bulletin</i>	45

Organizational membership dues were set at \$425 for Institutional Members and \$700 for Corporate Members. The *Current Index to Statistics* for 1991 was priced at \$25 for members, \$50 for nonmembers and \$75 for institutions.

2. Approval was given to the Outreach Committee to print and distribute the Questionnaire, subject to some minor changes in wording.
3. An ad hoc committee to study the feasibility of a new journal to be called *The Annals of Applied Statistics* and, if advisable, to develop a plan for its creation was established. The ad hoc committee was strongly urged to aggressively seek input from IMS members.
4. A motion that the Publications Committee consider the creation of supplementary forms of publication, including electronic publishing, to relieve present and future page pressure and to better serve members was approved.
5. The Program Committee for the 1994 Annual Meeting in Chapel Hill as asked to identify a topic in probability and a topic in statistics that could be developed into week-long CBMS summer research conferences to precede the meeting.
6. A motion to dedicate an issue of *The Annals of Statistics* to the memory of Wassily Hoeffding (1914–1991) was approved.

The following motions were passed by Council in November 1991.

1. Concerning the workshops on Directions in Probability in Boston, August 7-8, 1992, IMS will pay the \$ 25 per person registration fee on behalf of IMS members who attend and are registered for the 1992 annual meeting.
2. IMS will co-sponsor the “International Workshop on Matrix Methods for Statistics” in Auckland, New Zealand, December 12–13, 1992. The meeting will not be a numbered IMS meeting.
3. The 1993 IMS Central Regional Meeting will be a probability meeting to be called “The Second International Symposium on Probability and Its Applications.” It will be held March 18–21, 1993 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

4. The 1993 Western Regional meeting will be held jointly with the Western North American Region of the Biometric Society on June 28–30, 1993 in Laramie, Wyoming.
5. As recommended by the 1990 IMS Committee to Select Administrative Officers, Iain Johnstone was appointed IMS Program Secretary.

The following motion was passed by Council in April 1992.

1. John Collins was appointed Managing Editor for the IMS statistics journals for 1993–1995.

## **August 1992**

### First Council Meeting, August 10, 1992

The following motions were approved.

1. Council suspended members who are delinquent in paying their dues.
2. Council approved the following meetings.
  - (a) Three satellites to the 1993 IMS Annual Meeting
    - i. IMS New Researchers Conference, Berkeley, August 4–6, 1993
    - ii. Directions in Probability Conference on Monte Carlo Markov Chains and Applications of Large Deviations, Stanford, August 7–8, 1993.
    - iii. Workshop on Statistical Aspects of Molecular Biology, Stanford, August 8, 1993
  - (b) IMS Regional Meeting to be held with ENAR in Cleveland, April 9–13, 1994.
  - (c) 1996 Annual Meeting to be held with ASA, ENAR and WNAR in Chicago, August 4–8 1996
  - (d) Three new ongoing conferences were approved, with locations and dates of meetings to be approved by Council.
    - i. A bi-annual New Researchers Conference
    - ii. A Directions in Probability Workshop to be held before the IMS annual meetings every year
    - iii. A Spring Technical Conference on Statistics in Engineering and Physical Sciences, jointly sponsored by IMS and the Section on Physical and Engineering Sciences of ASA.

An Spring Technical Conference was approved in principle for 1994 if it can be arranged as a satellite to the 1994 annual meeting.
  - (e) IMS will jointly sponsor the Joint Statistical Meetings with ASA every year from 1995 onwards, even if IMS holds a separate annual meeting.
3. The following page requests were approved: *Annals of Statistics* 2200 pages; *Annals of Probability* 2200 pages; *Annals of Applied Probability* 1200 pages; *Statistical Science* 1200 pages.
4. A motion to dedicate an issue of the *Annals of Probability* to the memory of Frank Spitzer was approved.
5. The concept of an ad hoc IMS scientific policy committee was endorsed.

6. Council approved the Named and Special Invited Lecturers for 1993: David Aldous will be the Wald Lecturer, Ole Barndorff-Nielsen will be the Rietz, and Lucien Birge, Geoffrey Grimmet, Friedrich Goetze, Deborah Nolan, John Rice, Michael Stein, Simon Tavaré, and Michel Talagrand will be Special Invited Lecturers.
7. The Ad Hoc Committee on the Feasibility of an Annals of Applied Statistics was asked to finish its report.
8. A motion asking the Editor of the Annals of Statistics to consider subdividing its Table of Contents was approved.
9. A new ad hoc Committee on Electronic Publishing was authorized to report on how IMS should move towards electronic publishing.

#### Business Meeting, August 15, 1992

No actions taken.

#### Second Council Meeting, August 12, 1992

Council approved the following motions.

1. Resolved: The scientific journals of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics are *Statistical Science*, *The Annals of Statistics*, *The Annals of Probability*, and *The Annals of Applied Probability*. The *IMS Bulletin* is the news organ of the Institute. Each individual member receives the *IMS Bulletin* and must elect to receive at least one of the four scientific journals. Members pay annual dues of \$50. An additional amount is added to the dues of members depending on the scientific journal selected as follows: *Statistical Science* (\$10), *The Annals of Applied Probability* (\$10), *The Annals of Statistics* or *The Annals of Probability* (\$20). Of the total dues paid, \$24 is allocated to the *IMS Bulletin* and the remaining amount is allocated equally among the scientific journals received.
2. For 1993, membership for institutions will remain at \$425 and membership for corporations will remain at \$700.
3. Nonmember subscription prices for 1993 will be \$45 for the *IMS Bulletin*, \$70 for either *Statistical Science* or *The Annals of Applied Probability* and \$80 for either the *The Annals of Statistics* or *The Annals of Probability*. General subscription prices for 1993 will be \$50 for the *IMS Bulletin*, \$75 for *Statistical Science*, \$70 for *The Annals of Applied Probability* and \$130 for either the *The Annals of Statistics* or *The Annals of Probability*.
4. A motion to approve offering *Statistical Science* to members of the Statistical Society of Canada for \$55US in exchange for a reduced price for the *Canadian Journal of Statistics* was approved on a trial basis for two years.
5. An ad hoc Committee on Gift Memberships was approved.
6. IMS participation in the AMS-MAA data committee was approved.
7. An ad hoc Committee on Design of an Experiment on Double-Blind Refereeing was approved to consider the design and feasibility of an experiment and sources of outside funding.

8. The following charge and composition of the ad hoc IMS Scientific Policy Committee was approved. The charge of the committee is to (1) initiate activities that foster a positive climate towards statistical research, (2) provide advice and assistance to funding agencies and their program officers, and (3) establish and maintain liaison with ASA, Biometrics, and other societies in connection with the above activities. The members of the committee will be the President, Past-President, and President-Elect of IMS and four other IMS members who are intended to have staggered terms.

The following motions were passed by Council in May 1993.

1. A Special Topics meeting to be held in Sydney, Australia, July 8 - 10, 1996, in conjunction with meetings of the Statistical Society of Australia and the Interface Foundation was approved.
2. A joint IMS - WNAR meeting to be held at UCLA, June 27 - 29, 1994 was approved.
3. The following Special Invited Papers nominated by the SIP Committee (S. Lalley, chair) were approved for 1994.

Wald: Charles Stone, Neyman: Grace Wahba, SIP-Probability: Ruth Williams, Ed Perkins, Tom Sellke, SIP-Statistics: Wing Wong, Mary Ellen Bock, Eric Lander, Enno Mammen, Bob Gray,

A motion that IMS co-sponsor the International Conference on Industrial Statistics, July 11-14, 1994 in Tokyo, Japan was passed by Council in June 1993.

## August 1993

### First Council Meeting, August 9, 1993

The following motions were approved.

1. Members who are delinquent in paying their dues were suspended.
2. An Eastern Regional meeting with ENAR March 26–29, 1995 in Birmingham, AL, a Western Regional Meeting with WNAR in late June, 1994 at U.C.L.A., participation in the Joint Statistical Meetings August 13–17, 1995 in Orlando, FL, a workshop on sequential analysis June 18–19, 1994 in Chapel Hill, NC, and an IMS Special Topics Meeting on Generalized Linear Models September 29–October 1, 1994 in Gainesville, FL. were approved.
3. The following page allocations for 1994 were approved: *Annals of Statistics* 2100 pages; *Annals of Probability* 2000 pages; *Annals of Applied Probability* 1360 pages; *Statistical Science* 600 pages.
4. Council approved Jim Pitman as editor of *Annals of Probability* 1994–1996, Richard Tweedie as editor of *Annals of Applied Probability* 1994–1996, David Ruppert as editor of *Lecture Notes – Monograph Series* 1994–1996, Hari Mukerjee as Executive Secretary 1993–1996 and Paul Smith as Managing Editor (Probability) 1993–1996.
5. The nomination of Ron Thisted as the next database editor for the *Current Index to Statistics* was approved.
6. Council authorized an expenditure of up to \$30,000 for *JCGS* to be given out over three years with the understanding that the IMS Executive Committee must be satisfied that reasonable efforts are being taken to balance the *JCGS* budget at the end of the three years. The exact conditions to be imposed on *JCGS* were left to the discretion of the Executive Committee, but Council also passed



a resolution requesting that the *JCGS* management committee submit timely financial reports for Council review.

7. Council approved the selection of William Kennedy as next editor of *JCGS*.
8. The following sense of Council motion was approved. "For the remainder of his term, Rob Kass is encouraged to solicit papers for a special section of *Statistical Science* on applications even if they have new methodology. The procedures for implementing this motion are left to Kass, who will report back to Council. This motion is potentially one way to work towards the proposal of the Pyke Committee that IMS start an *Annals of Statistics in Applications*."

#### Business Meeting, August 10, 1993

No actions taken.

#### Second Council Meeting, August 11, 1993

Council approved the following motions.

1. 1994 membership dues, nonmember subscription prices, and general subscription prices were set at their 1993 levels.
2. Resolved: The scientific journals of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics are *Statistical Science*, *The Annals of Statistics*, *The Annals of Probability*, and *The Annals of Applied Probability*. *The IMS Bulletin* is the news organ of the Institute. Each individual member receives the *IMS Bulletin* and must elect to receive at least one of the four scientific journals. Members pay annual dues of \$50. An additional amount is added to the dues of members depending on the scientific journal selected as follows: *Statistical Science* (\$10), *The Annals of Applied Probability* (\$10), *The Annals of Statistics* or *The Annals of Probability* (\$20). Of the total dues paid, \$24 is allocated to the *IMS Bulletin* and the remaining amount is allocated equally among the scientific journals received.
3. Council amended its 1973 motion to apply only to the category of Numbered meetings. The following conditions are required for Co-sponsored meetings: IMS participation on the program committee, IMS members can present contributed papers, there is no IMS exposure to financial loss. Numbered meetings must satisfy the same requirements and, in addition: the Program Chair (if one person) or IMS Program Chair (joint meeting) must be appointed or approved by IMS Program Secretary in consultation with the IMS President, IMS must be represented on the Program and Local Arrangements Committees, and IMS may participate financially, with the decision to be made on a case-by-case basis. Variations in specific cases should be approved by the IMS Executive Committee. Council must approve both Numbered and Co-sponsored meetings. IMS offers the following services for co-sponsored meetings: general information, call for papers, brief program (e.g., invited papers) published in the *IMS Bulletin*, and access to IMS membership for collaboration in program development. In addition, for numbered meetings: full information (including registration forms), program, abstracts of IMS invited and contributed papers published in the *IMS Bulletin*, use of IMS mailing list, IMS financial participation and share in the profit or loss, access to special invited lecturers, and higher level of IMS participation in program development.
4. Council passed a motion advising the Program Secretary to seriously consider holding the IMS 1997 annual meeting separate from all other societies.

5. Beginning in January 1995, subject to the concurrence of newly selected editors, *The Annals of Statistics* will conduct a pilot study on double-blind refereeing. The 1993–1994 Committee to Select Editors will be encouraged, but not required, to find editors who are willing to do a pilot study. The study will be carried out by an *ad hoc* committee in conjunction with the Editor or Editors. The President of IMS will, in consultation with the Editor or Editors, appoint a chair of this committee. Support for the study should be requested as part of the 1995 budget. The committee should prepare a written report on results of the study and recommendations for possible further study in a timely fashion, no later than the 1996 annual meeting. Suggestions for the design of the study are contained in the report of the *ad hoc* Committee on Design of an Experiment on Double-Blind Refereeing chaired by John Crowley.

## June 1994

### First Council Meeting, June 20, 1994

The following motions were approved.

1. Members who have not renewed their membership by August, 1994, will be suspended.
2. The Council approved the following policies regarding JSM.
  - (a) IMS will provide five years notice to the JSM of those years in which the IMS Annual Meeting will form part of JSM. IMS will meet
    - i. with ASA in odd numbered years,
    - ii. with the Bernoulli Society in years divisible by four,
    - iii. alone or with other societies in other years,
    - iv. with this schedule to begin in 1999, with 1997 (alone) and 1998 (JSM) as transition years.
  - (b) In all IMS meetings as part of JSM, IMS will conform to the JSM schedule of deadlines, reserving the right to some contributed paper sessions to a later deadline schedule.
  - (c) In Annual Meeting years IMS agrees to organize a total of 24 invited sessions, including Named and Special Invited Papers, and in off years, a total of 6.
  - (d) In case the JSM sustains a loss it will be shared by the participating societies in proportion to their North American membership.
3. An IMS/SPES Spring Research Conference in Waterloo, Canada, June 12–14, 1995, an Eastern Regional Meeting with ENAR in March/April, 1996, with location to be specified later, and IMS Regional Meeting in Taipei, Taiwan, early July, 1997, the 1997 Annual Meeting with an International Probability Symposium in Park City, Utah, July 28–31, 1997 (subject to hotel booking), participation in JSM, August 10–14, 1997, a joint meeting with European Regional Committee of the Bernoulli Society on Mathematical Statistics and Its Applications to Biosciences in Rostock, Germany, in the first week of September, 1997, and IMS Annual Meetings in conjunction with JSM in 1998 and 1999 were approved.
4. The Council voted to increase the honorarium for authors of *LNMS* from \$1,000 to \$2,000.
5. The following page allocations for 1995 were approved: *Annals of Statistics* 2250 pages; *Annals of Probability* 2200 pages; *Annals of Applied Probability* 1200 pages; *Statistical Science* 600 pages.

Business Meeting, June 20, 1994

No actions taken.

Second Council Meeting, June 22, 1994

1. The following rates were approved:

Individual Membership Dues

	Regular	Joint	Reduced
Basic Membership and <i>IMS Bulletin</i> (required)	\$60	\$65	\$24
Additional per title (at least one required)			
<i>Statistical Science</i>	10	10	4
<i>Annals of Statistics</i>	25	25	10
<i>Annals of Probability</i>	20	20	8
<i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	15	15	6

General Subscription Rates

<i>IMS Bulletin</i>	\$50
<i>Statistical Science</i>	75
<i>Annals of Statistics</i>	150
<i>Annals of Probability</i>	130
<i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	90

Individual, Nonmember Subscription Rates

<i>IMS Bulletin</i>	\$50
<i>Statistical Science</i>	\$75
<i>Annals of Statistics</i>	90
<i>Annals of Probability</i>	85
<i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	80

Organizational membership dues were set at \$450 for Institutional Membership and \$750 for Corporate Members.

2. Resolved: The scientific journals of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics are *Statistical Science*, *The Annals of Statistics*, *The Annals of Probability*, and *The Annals of Applied Probability*. The *IMS Bulletin* is the news organ of the Institute. Each individual member receives *The Bulletin* and must elect to receive at least one of the four scientific journals. Members pay the annual dues of \$60. An additional amount is added to the dues of members depending on the scientific journal selected as follows: *Statistical Science* (\$10), *The Annals of Applied Probability* (\$15), *The Annals of Statistics* (\$25) or *The Annals of Probability* (\$20). Of the total dues paid, \$29 is allocated to *The Bulletin* and the remaining amount is allocated equally among the scientific journals received.

## **July 1995**

### First Council Meeting, July 10, 1995

The following motions were approved.

1. Members who were delinquent in paying their dues were suspended.
2. The Council approved a numbered meeting to be held jointly with ENAR in March or April of 1997 and a numbered meeting to be held jointly with WNAR in June, 1997.
3. Sue Wilson was voted in for a second term as the Editor of The IMS Bulletin.
4. The Council approved the following two motions:
  - (a) The IMS Annual Address. At each Annual IMS Meeting there will be an IMS Annual Address. The Address will be open to the public and will usually be presented in the evening, one or two days following the first meeting of the IMS Council. The Address will be presented by the outgoing IMS President, or by an individual selected by the President, and will be a statement to the membership on the topic of mathematical statistics, broadly interpreted. The Address will be published in the Statistical Science. The Address will be preceded by the presentation of the new IMS Fellows, and any other announcements or awards deemed appropriate for the occasion.
  - (b) The JSM Joint Policy Committee. The IMS will enter into negotiations with the JSM partner societies to form a Joint Policy Committee charged with the oversight of the JSM. It is anticipated that this Policy Committee will (i) consist of one member designated from each society; (ii) will be charged with the approval of the location and financial arrangements of future JSM's; (iii) will be responsible for financial review and oversight of past JSM's; (iv) will be responsible for recommending changes in the structure of the JSM agreement when necessary. The development and planning of JSM will remain with the ASA Committee on Meetings, which will have IMS representation. In the interim, the IMS Executive Committee will cooperate with ASA to ensure that meetings through 1999 will proceed smoothly. In particular, the IMS will accept the financial arrangements for 1996.

### Business Meeting, July 11, 1995

No actions taken.

### Second Council Meeting, July 12, 1995

The following motions were approved.

1. The page allotment for The Annals of Statistics was raised to 2700 pages while all other page allotments remained the same.
2. The following rates were approved:

### Individual Membership Dues

	Regular	Joint	Reduced
Basic Membership and <i>IMS Bulletin</i> (required)	\$60	\$65	\$24
Additional per title (at least one required)			
<i>Statistical Science</i>	15	15	6
<i>Annals of Statistics</i>	30	30	12
<i>Annals of Probability</i>	25	25	10
<i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	20	20	8

### General Subscription Rates

<i>IMS Bulletin</i>	\$ 50
<i>Statistical Science</i>	80
<i>Annals of Statistics</i>	170
<i>Annals of Probability</i>	150
<i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	100

### Individual, Nonmember Subscription Rates

<i>IMS Bulletin</i>	\$50
<i>Statistical Science</i>	75
<i>Annals of Statistics</i>	95
<i>Annals of Probability</i>	90
<i>Annals of Applied Probability</i>	85

Organizational membership dues will remain the same at \$450 for Institutional Membership and \$750 for Corporate Membership.

3. Resolved: The scientific journals of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics are *Statistical Science*, *The Annals of Statistics*, *The Annals of Probability*, and *The Annals of Applied Probability*. The *IMS Bulletin* is the news organ of the Institute. Each individual member receives *The IMS Bulletin* and must elect to receive at least one of the four scientific journals. Members pay annual dues of \$60. An additional amount is added to the dues of members depending on the scientific journal selected as follows: *Statistical Science* (\$15), *The Annals of Applied Probability* (\$20), *The Annals of Statistics* (\$30) or *The Annals of Probability* (\$25). Of the total dues paid, \$29 is allocated to *The IMS Bulletin* and the remaining amount is allocated equally among the scientific journals received.
4. IMS cosponsorship of the 1997 International Symposium on Contemporary Multivariate Analysis and Its Applications to be held in Hong Kong, May 19–24, 1997, was approved by the Council.
5. The sense of the following six motions was passed by the Council.
  - (a) Electronic Diffusion of Information. The IMS Council recognizes both the widely distributed nature of its organization and membership, and the convenience and power of electronic information exchange. It shall be IMS policy that paid IMS staff, including the staff in the Business Office, production editors, and editorial assistants, have the ability to exchange standard computerized information both routinely and easily. By “standardized computerized information” it is meant that there will be certain recognized file types, such as Microsoft Word, Microsoft

Excel, LaTeX, Postscript, Compressed Postscript, and Plain ASCII text, that IMS staff will be familiar with as standard items. By “routine and easy” exchange it is meant that the staff will develop familiarity and proficiency in using standard means of Internet information access and transfer, including transfer by e-mail, e-mail with attachments, anonymous ftp, and World Wide Web. It is also meant that the staff will develop familiarity with standard tools for information archiving and compression that are used as part of such information exchange. The IMS Executive Committee is charged with developing training and evaluation programs that will implement the spirit of this resolution. The President shall report to the Council at the 1996 Annual Meeting on the achievement of these goals.

- (b) Integration of E-mail into IMS Practice. The Council recognizes the ubiquity of e-mail usage among IMS members, and wishes to integrate e-mail communication into the organizational practice. The Executive Committee will take steps to ensure (i) compilation of an up-to-date database for member information, including address, e-mail, fax no., etc.; (ii) development of a scheme to maintain the database directory; (iii) making the directory available on-line to members desiring to find database of addresses of other members; and (iv) development of the ability of the Business Office staff to use the database addresses to contact large subsets of the IMS membership where this can save money or time in the future. The President shall report to the Council at the 1996 Annual Meeting on progress in meeting these goals.
- (c) Development of a Pilot IMS World Wide Web Site. The Council recognizes the importance of WWW as a tool for disseminating information to members, in particular about IMS activities and products. The Council also recognizes that WWW is an important means for advertising IMS to the world at large and for attracting new members. The Council also recognizes that much of the work going into The IMS Bulletin can be used without much extra effort to good effect on WWW. The Council directs the President to appoint a committee of IMS members, that will include the Editor of The IMS Bulletin, which will organize a a pilot WWW site. This WWW site will offer, at the least, basic information about how to join IMS, about meetings of the IMS and related societies, and about advertised job opportunities. This committee will seek ways in which the WWW site can painlessly profit from efforts in compiling The IMS Bulletin. This committee will also seek to develop e-mail address servers, abstract servers, and explore the possibility of offering advertising relationships with commercial publishers. The committee will seek comments on the WWW site, in particular as regards issues like privacy and convenience, and will prepare a report on the site. The committee will report to the Council during the 1996 Annual Meeting on the structure and effort involved in setting up and maintaining the site, on likely directions for future efforts, and on member and public reactions to the site.
- (d) Search for Web Editor. The Council recognizes that the job of of developing and maintaining a formal IMS WWW site would be a significant one and would require both leadership and sustained effort. The Council directs the President and the Executive Committee to search for a Web Editor with term projected to begin following the 1996 Annual Meeting. At this meeting the President and the Executive Committee will report on the prospective Editor, on the services that are envisioned to be offered routinely at a prospective WWW site, and on the costs to IMS that such services would entail. The Council at that time will deliberate on the formal establishment of a WWW site and prospective choice of an editor.
- (e) Electronic Journals. The Council recognizes the interest of members and of other learned societies in the possibility of electronic journals. It has been said that electronic technology will inevitably change the business of scholarly publishing. The Council intends to evaluate such claims soberly and thoroughly. The Council directs the President to form a committee to enquire (i) about the possible advantages and disadvantages of electronic journals; (ii) about the

existing technology for serving electronic documents, for obtaining payment, and for protecting interest in intellectual property; (iii) about what other learned societies and commercial publishers are doing; (iv) about what, if any, electronic service/products the IMS might offer, and about potential costs and benefits of such actions. The committee shall include representatives from the Editorial boards of IMS journals and other IMS members.

- (f) The IMS will consider affiliation with the new journals, Electronic Journal of Probability and Electronic Communications in Probability. The Publications Committee, in consultation with the ad hoc Committee on Computerization, will negotiate with the new journals on the nature of this affiliation.

## **August 1996**

### First Council Meeting, August 5, 1996

The following motions were approved.

1. Due to a balanced budget, all subscription rates will remain unchanged.
2. Delinquent members will be suspended after a second renewal notice is sent, along with a letter from the President.
3. The following meetings were approved:
  - (a) IMS cosponsorship of an unnumbered Meeting, the Seminar on Stochastic Processes, to be held at Princeton University, March 20-22, 1997.
  - (b) a numbered IMS Meeting, IMS/SPES Spring Research Conference, to be held at Rutgers University, sometime in May-June, 1997.
  - (c) IMS cosponsorship of an unnumbered Meeting, the Nineteenth Midwest Probability Colloquium, to be held at Northwestern University, October 17-18, 1997.
  - (d) a numbered IMS Meeting, the Meeting of New Researchers, to be held at University of Wyoming, July 23-26, 1997.
  - (e) a numbered IMS Meeting, the Eastern Regional Meeting, to be held in Pittsburgh, March, 1998.
  - (f) a numbered IMS Meeting, the Western Regional Meeting, to be held in June, 1998.
  - (g) the numbered IMS Annual Meeting, held jointly with the Joint Statistical Meetings, to be held in Atlanta in 2001.
4. Publication of an Index of the first six years of *The Annals of Applied Probability* and a page increase to 1400 page; a page increase to 2200 pages for *The Annals of Probability*.
5. The appointment of Richard T. Durrett as the new Editor of *The Annals of Applied Probability*.
6. Two sessions IMS Special Topics Meeting to be held in Chapel Hill in October, 1997, to be dedicated to the memory of Stamatis Cambanis.
7. Restructuring the New Researchers Committee and that Article V (f) of the By-Laws be changed to read: 'New Researchers Committee. The Committee's responsibility is to assist the IMS in understanding and meeting the needs of new researchers, especially concerning publications and meetings. The Committee will also be in charge of organizing and running the New Researchers Conference, under the supervision of the IMS Program Secretary. The members of the Committee

will serve 3 years. One of those members shall be designated as chair by the IMS President, in consultation with the New Researchers Committee and the IMS Program Secretary. If needed, a Local Arrangements Chair for the New Researchers Conference will also be selected by the same process.'

8. Abolition of the Travel Awards to New Researchers Committee and reserving the existing funds for support of the New Researchers Conference.
9. Subcommittee on Electronic Publishing's proposal which includes the following motions:
  - (a) The IMS is to provide support to set up WWW homepages for each of the Annals and for Statistical Science, edited by the appropriate journal editors and accessed from the overall IMS page.
  - (b) The IMS is to provide the author(s) of each accepted paper with a limited waiver of copyright allowing electronic copies of such papers to be disseminated by the authors.
  - (c) The editor of each journal should indicate, on their WWW site, the location at which such preprints can be accessed, and shall indicate the status (accepted, published, etc.) of each such paper.
  - (d) The IMS shall finalize development of style files for authors submitting to journals, and shall locate these at each WWW site and actively encourage authors to use such styles for disseminating accepted papers.
10. Regarding IMS affiliation with *The Electronic Journal of Probability (EJP)* and *The Electronic Communications in Probability (ECP)*
  - (a) EJP/ECP can advertise that they are journals affiliated with the IMS, and the IMS will list the contents of these journals in the Bulletin.
  - (b) The IMS will oversee the appointment of future editors of the journals, after the current editors finish their three year terms. This, and other matters involving EJP/ECP will be decided in consultation with the EJP/ECP advisory board. Future advisory boards will also be chosen by the IMS.
  - (c) No financial support for the journals is to be provided at this time, although requests for support might be considered in the future.
  - (d) The IMS may end this affiliation at its discretion. After some discussion the Council approved the IMS affiliation as described.

#### Business Meeting: August 6, 1996

No actions taken.

#### Second Council Meeting, August 8, 1996

The following motions were approved.

1. All subscription rates will remain at the present level.
2. The following U.S. Postal Service Regulation:



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3. The Business Office and the IMS Web Editor will prepare the membership list for inclusion in the IMS Web Page, and will then seek approval of Members for inclusion.
4. Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Technology Policy of undetermined size, to be appointed by the 3 Presidents whose responsibility will be assisting the President and the Council on various matters of electronic dissemination of information, privacy rights of Members, legal aspects involved, etc.
5. The Nominating Committee, which is announced during the Business Meeting, be approved by the Council in the First Council Meeting that takes place before the Business Meeting.
6. Giving \$5000 to the New Researchers Committee for their meeting in Laramie, Wyoming in 1997.
7. The Officers Meeting and the First Council Meeting will be merged to avoid an extra day that was necessitated this time by the (inaugural) IMS Presidential Address.

## July 1997

### First Council Meeting, July 27, 1997

Council approved two more numbered IMS Meetings for 1999:

- (a) the Spring Eastern Regional Meeting, joint with ENAR, in Atlanta.
- (b) the Western Regional Meeting, joint with WNAR in Albuquerque.

The following motions were approved:

1. The appointment of Leon Gleser to be the new editor of *Statistical Science*; other editorial appointments were approved earlier by email ballots.
2. The following revised guidelines for the Fellows Committee. Changes included an updating of the scholarly qualifications to read:
  - (a) The candidate shall have demonstrated distinction in research in statistics or probability, by publication of independent work of merit.
  - (b) The first qualification may be partly or wholly waived in the case of (1) a candidate of well-established leadership, whose contributions to the field of statistics or probability other than original research shall be judged of equal value; or (2) a candidate of well-established leadership in the application of statistics or probability, whose work has contributed greatly to the utility of and application of these areas.

- (c) The qualifications require membership in IMS: Perspective Fellows should have been members on December 1 of the year preceding the one in which they are to be considered for Fellowship by the committee. Candidates should also have shown a commitment to the IMS by having been members of the society for at least two years.
- 3. Approval of this year's nominating committee, followed by a discussion of the tradition of nominating only one candidate for IMS President. Although Council's vote was unanimous in its approval of this tradition, they wished to facilitate the right of members to nominate additional candidates as stated in the bylaws. To help facilitate this privilege, the President will advise the nominating committee to publish their candidate at least 5 months prior to the election. To encourage some continuity in the nomination process it is advised that each year's chair be an *ex-officio* member of the next year's nominating committee.
- 4. A session at an upcoming meeting will be in honor of the late Raj Bahadur.
- 5. In the future any electronic membership list will be inclusive unless a member specifically requests to be excluded. With the new membership database it would be desirable to have a printed directory. The COPSS directory will not be updated because ASA is not interested. The IMS will publish a directory and this directory may include other societies as well. The Bernoulli Society has requested that the IMS publish a joint directory.
- 6. Workshop speakers may be paid a reasonable amount for their travel expenses, provided that the budget is revenue neutral with no honorariums. The budget needs to be approved by the Program Secretary and the Treasurer. This motion was narrowly approved and so will be followed with great caution.
- 7. Council voted to make the ad-hoc committee on electronic issues a standing committee. The duties of this committee are to be determined by following the recommendations made by David Donoho. These duties include looking into issues surrounding electronic publishing and electronic issues pertaining to the IMS Business Office. As there is some overlap between this committee and the publishing committee, the committees should have a cross-appointment.

#### Business Meeting: July 29, 1997

No actions taken.

#### Second Council Meeting, July 30, 1997

1. The following U.S. Postal Service Regulation was approved:

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2. JSTOR, a nonprofit organization, has approached IMS with an offer to make IMS journals available in libraries. A motion was passed that the IMS negotiate a contract to put the *Annals of Mathematical Statistics* up immediately and then revisit the issue.
3. The Council adopted the sketch of a family of gamma curves, designed by B. Ferguson, for the IMS official logo.

## **August 1998**

### First Council Meeting, August 9, 1998

1. Council approved the following resolution. In order to control costs of Lecture Notes-Monograph Series volumes, particularly conference proceedings, the IMS will take the following actions:
  - (a) Complimentary copies of LNMS volumes of conference proceedings will be limited to one per author and editor with a maximum of 50 free copies.
  - (b) The IMS will no longer pay the cost of typing conference proceedings and will only accept text in camera ready form.
  - (c) The IMS will make efforts to aggressively advertise to libraries and book vendors. IMS will communicate to libraries the value of having conference proceedings available, especially for graduate students working in the field.
2. Council approved the following meetings:
  - (a) the 1999 IMS Eastern Regional Meeting, joint with ENAR, in Atlanta, Georgia.
  - (b) the 1999 IMS Western Regional Meeting, joint with WNAR, in Seattle, Washington.
  - (c) the 1999 New Researchers' Workshop, at Johns Hopkins University.
  - (d) the 1999 Spring Research Conference in Industry.
  - (e) the Spring Research Conference on Statistics in Industry, joint with ASA section on Physical and Engineering Science, in Minneapolis-St. Paul.
  - (f) Council also approved a motion to arrange the Annual Meetings in Banff, British Columbia, in the year 2002.
3. Council decided that in the future, the chair of each of the Standing Committees would create a short document describing the nature of their duties which can be passed on to the next committee chair. These files will be housed at the IMS Business Office. It was also decided that each committee chair be given a copy of the IMS handbook and that the handbook would be made available on the IMS website.
4. The editors of *Annals of Applied Probability*, *Annals of Probability*, *Annals of Statistics*, *Statistical Science* and the *IMS Bulletin* requested no additional page allocations and Council approved the requested page limits.
5. Council voted to support a fact finding venture to consider the possibility of the joint publication of The Lecture Note Monograph Series (LNMS) with Cambridge University Press. The committee will consist of Miki Donoho, Joe Eaton, Julia Norton and Elyse Gustafson.

6. Council passed a motion to form an advisory board known as the Committee on Long Term Goals and Institutional Memory. Past President Nancy Reid will be asked to implement a plan for this.

Business Meeting: August 11, 1998

No actions taken.

Second Council Meeting, August 12, 1998

1. The following U.S. Postal Service Regulation was approved:

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2. Council approved a motion that the IMS cosponsor the Western Regional meeting, jointly with WNAR and SSC in Vancouver in 2001, but the profits from this meeting will be devoted to the New Researchers Conference or to students attending IMS conferences. The Western Regional meeting will be canceled for the year 2000.
3. It was decided via informal vote that at the JSM, the time slot for the IMS that was approved by the ASA board (each of the 5 participating societies will have one session) will be utilized as a single speaker slot.
4. A committee will be formed to explore a joint venture with ISI regarding the Statistical Theory and Methods abstracts and the CIS.

Electronic Council Meeting, November 3, 1998

1. Via an email vote, Council passed the motion that *Statistical Science* subscriptions will be made available to ASA members at a reduced price, beginning in 1999, at the initial price of \$49. The ASA will include this as part of their annual membership renewal materials.
2. Via an email vote, Council passed the following motion regarding the the Electronic Journal of Probability (EJP):
  - (a) We will establish a formal Board arrangement with IMS appointing 3 advisers to rotating 3-yr terms.
  - (b) As with other IMS joint ventures (e.g. Current Index and JCGS) the Board will carry out editorial searches and recommend to Council the nominee to be the new editor of EJP.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, December 6, 1998

1. Via an email vote, Council approved the following motion:

Beginning in the dues year 2000, IMS will identify the countries in which members receive reduced dues using the latest World Bank figures available for the GNP per capita. The countries in which members receive reduced dues rates will be those with a GNP per capita of \$5000 or less. The World Bank identifies these countries as “lower and lower middle income countries.”

The list of reduced dues countries will be published in the May/June issue of the Bulletin prior to the October mailing of the dues invoices for the upcoming year. The figures used will be those available on May 1 of that year.

#### Electronic Council Voting Results, February 1, 1999

Via an email vote, Council approved the appointment of Barry C. Arnold as Managing Editor for Statistics.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, February 27, 1999

Via an email vote, Council approved the appointment of Richard Bass as EJP Editor, and Davar Khoshnevisan as EJP/ECP Managing Editor.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, March 4, 1999

Via an email vote, Council approved the appointment of Wilfrid Kendall as the new editor of the Electronic Communications in Probability (ECP).

### **August 1999**

#### First Council Meeting, August 8, 1999

- Council voted on the motion that the IMS split the current LNMS into two series - one for proceedings (to be published by the IMS) and one for the publication of Lecture Notes Monographs. The motion passed unanimously.
- For the new monograph series, the motion that IMS publish the new monograph series jointly with Springer-Verlag was narrowly passed.
- A motion was made to initiate non-binding negotiations with the Bernoulli Society to jointly publish lecture notes and monographs. This motion passed unanimously.
- The results of the IMS election were announced by Executive Secretary, Kathryn Roeder: the incoming president elect is Bernard Silverman, and the new Council members are Peter Donnelly, Robert Kass, Regina Liu, William Strawderman and Richard Tweedie. Donald Berry was elected to complete the remaining one year term of Bernard Silverman. The administrative officers made brief reports.

- President Fienberg reported on Renewals of Officers. Barry Arnold is the new Managing Editor of Statistics, Alicia Carriquiry is the incoming Executive Secretary, and Soren Asmundson is the incoming editor of Applied Probability. Searches to for a Managing Editor of Probability, and Editor of Annals of Probability and a Web Editor are in progress.
- Joel Greenhouse was nominated and approved as the new Editor of the Lecture Notes and Monograph Series.
- President Fienberg reported that the SIP committee selected Nancy Reid to give the Wald lectures, Mary Ellen Bock to give the Neyman lecture and Ioannis Karatzas, Mike West, Erwin Bolthausen, Andrew Gelman, Douglas Nychka, Michael Perlman, Aad vander Vaart, and Raymond Carroll to give the SIP lectures at the annual IMS meeting in Guanajuato, Mexico, in May 2000.

#### Business meeting, August 10, 1999

No actions taken.

#### Second Council meeting, August 11, 1999

- A motion was made to waive the basic dues for all students members who subscribed to one or more IMS journals (excluding the Bulletin) for a trial period of two years. Students would be offered journals priced at the reduced rate with The Bulletin offered free of charge along with membership. At the end of this trial period Council can determine if it wishes to continue with this policy indefinitely or return to our usual policy of offering students membership and journals at the usual reduced rate. This motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made to raise dues for individual and joint subscription rates by \$5 and to raise reduced rates by \$2. The motion also included an increase in general subscription prices of \$10 for all journals except the Bulletin. The latter increase in journal prices applies only to non-members. This motion passed unanimously. To earmark the increased funds for outreach, a motion was made to set aside \$25,000 in the budget for development. This motion passed unanimously.
- The Council approved the following U.S. Postal Service Regulation:
 

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- The Council discussed ground rules for email voting. The following procedure was recommended.
  1. A proposal will be set before the Council with an announcement that voting will commence in about 2 weeks.
  2. For the next 2 weeks discussion will take place via email. Although most of this discussion will naturally be shared with everyone on the Council, the President will make an effort to distribute this discussion in an organized manner just before the initiation of the voting process.
  - 3.

Finally, a formal motion will be distributed with an invitation to the Council to vote. Unless there is some urgency, the topics will be presented to Council at regular intervals. To stop a vote, Roberts rules of order will apply. If one person calls for a suspension and another person seconds this motion, the voting is called to a halt. It was also noted that as technologies advance we should investigate the feasibility of web based dialogues.

- The Council informally voted to establish an ad-hoc committee to discuss how to best invest the IMS reserves, about \$1.5 million. The duty of this committee is to provide Council with a list of options.
- Via Past-President Fienberg, Rick Durrett proposed a motion stating “The current editor of the *Annals of Applied Probability* shall be a member, but not the chair, of a 3 person committee to pick his/her successor.” The motion did not pass.

#### Electronic Council meeting, November 16, 1999

Via an email vote, Council approved the appointment of Susan Holmes as the new IMS Web Editor, effective immediately. Her appointment ends in December, 2002.

#### Electronic Council meeting, December 8, 1999

Via an email vote, Council approved the appointment of Tom Kurtz as the new Editor of the *Annals of Probability* for the period January, 2000 to December, 2002.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, March 9, 2000

Via an email vote, Council approved the appointment of George Styan as the new Abstracting Editor of the *Current Index to Statistics* for the period January, 2000 to December, 2004.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, March 31, 2000

Via an email vote, Council approved the appointment of David Scott as the new Editor of the *Journal of Graphical and Computational Statistics* for the period January, 2001 to December, 2003.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, April 5, 2000

Via an email vote, Council approved the appointment of Susan Murphy as the new Program Secretary of the IMS for the period May, 2000 to August, 2003.

### **May, 2000**

#### First Council Meeting, May 14, 2000

- The results of the election were announced by Executive Secretary Alicia Carriquiry: the incoming President is Iain Johnstone, and the new Council members are Peter Bickel, Wayne Fuller, Peter McCullagh, John Rice, and Jessical Utts. Their term expires in August, 2003.
- Treasurer Julia Norton reported that membership numbers continue to decline, but that student membership increased by about 400. Program Secretary Bruce Lindsay reported on the IMS sponsored and co-sponsored meetings held in 1999 and 2000, and provided a schedule of meetings to be held between May, 2000 and August, 2002.
- The Editors of the *Annals of Statistics*, James Berger and Hans Kunsch, reported that submission numbers are declining, and recent numbers of the *Annals* have had fewer pages than in the past. However, review times have also been declining, and this may provide an incentive for authors to submit to the *Annals*. The Managing Editor for Statistics, Barry Arnold, requested a change in the system currently in use to direct manuscripts from the editors to the managing editor. Paul Kelly and Elyse Gustafson, together with the *Annals* editors and the Managing Editor for Statistics will establish guidelines for directing manuscripts to the Managing Editor one at a time, rather than as an entire issue of the journal.
- The Committee to Select Editors proposed John Marden and Jon Wellner for Editors of the *Annals of Statistics*. Council vote in favor of the appointments was unanimous. Their term is January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2003.
- President Eaton reported that a Nominations Committee has been appointed, and also reported on the list of Special Invited Presentations for 2001.
- The Executive Committee presented a proposal to Council for re-structuring the Electronic Issues Committee. According to the proposal, the EIC's membership will include six members on three-year rotations, and three ex-officio members: the Web Editor, the Bulletin Editor, and a member of the Publications Committee. The Council approved the proposal by unanimous vote.
- A motion to close the IMS Business Office in Hayward, CA, and to outsource the membership activities to FASEB. The motion passed by unanimous vote, after extensive discussion.

#### Business meeting, May 15, 2000

No actions taken.

#### Second Council Meeting, May 16, 2000

- A motion to pursue negotiations with Project Euclid on a non-exclusive basis, and to appoint Chris Burdzy to be the IMS representative was passed by unanimous vote. When the proposed contract arrives, the Executive Committee is authorized to proceed, but must maintain Council informed of any activity.
- Treasurer Julia Norton presented an update on the 2001. A motion to approve the 2001 budget was passed by unanimous vote.
- The Council approved the following U.S. Postal Service Regulation:



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- The Development Committee presented several items for discussion. Among those, the possibility of launching an electronic journal of statistics, renaming the SIPs, and expanding relations with other societies. No motions were presented.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, June 6, 2000

The IMS Council approves the appointment of Professor Michael Phelan as the IMS Managing Editor, Probability for the period July, 2000 to December, 2003.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, August 29, 2000

The IMS Council approves the appointment of Professor Richard Tweedie as the IMS Executive Editor, Statistical Science for the period January 2001 to December 2003.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, November 11, 2000

The IMS Council approves the appointment of Professor Julia Norton as the IMS Treasurer for the period August 2001 until the Annual Meeting in 2004.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, January 20, 2001

The IMS Council approved IMS sponsoring or co-sponsoring of the meetings for 2001.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, March 7, 2001

Provided an endowment of at least \$20,000 is forthcoming, IMS Council approves the permanent institution of a Le Cam Lecture, to be delivered every three years.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, April 25, 2001

Based on results of preferential voting by the Council, the IMS will rename the Special Invited Papers the Institute Medallion Lectures. Medallions will be presented to each named speaker.

Electronic Council Meeting, June 5, 2001

The IMS Council approves the appointment of Professor Bernard Silverman as the IMS Bulletin Editor for the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2004.

hunting, mixtures and measurement error models

DATE: June 2-4, 2002

LOCATION: Cleveland, Ohio

IMS Representative: Bruce Lindsay, Pennsylvania State University <bgl@stat.psu.edu>

Type: Co-sponsored

<http://sun.cwru.edu/mix/>

TITLE: WNAR/IMS Western Regional

DATE: June 23-26, 2002

LOCATION: Los Angeles, CA

Program Chair: Michael Kosorok [kosorok@biostat.wisc.edu](mailto:kosorok@biostat.wisc.edu)

Local Arrangements Chair: Gang Li [gangli@sunlab.ph.ucla.edu](mailto:gangli@sunlab.ph.ucla.edu)

Type: Sponsored/Numbered (276)

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TITLE: Current Advances and Trends in Nonparametric Statistics, Co-sponsored by IMS

DATE: July 15-19, 2002

LOCATION: Crete, Greece

Organizers: Michael G. Akritas and Dimitris N. Politis

IMS Representative: Michael G. Akritas, [mga@stat.psu.edu](mailto:mga@stat.psu.edu)

Type: Co-sponsored

<http://www.stat.psu.edu/~npconf/>

TITLE: IMS Annual Meeting/Fourth International Probability Symposium

DATE: July 27 to August 1, 2002

LOCATION: Banff, Canada

IMS Program Chair Tom DiCiccio, Cornell, [tjd9@cornell.edu](mailto:tjd9@cornell.edu)

Symposium Co-Chairs: Tom Kurtz, U. Wisconsin, [Kurtz@math.wisc.edu](mailto:Kurtz@math.wisc.edu)

Soren Asmussen, U. of Lund, [asmus@maths.lth.se](mailto:asmus@maths.lth.se)

IMS Local Chair: Subhash Lele, U. Alberta, [slele@ualberta.ca](mailto:slele@ualberta.ca),

(o) (780) 492-4290 (fax) (780) 492-6826

Type: Sponsored/Numbered (277)

TITLE: Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA/IMS/ENAR/WNAR)

DATE: August 11-15, 2002

LOCATION: New York, New York

IMS Program Chair: Zhiliang Ying, [zying@stat.columbia.edu](mailto:zying@stat.columbia.edu)

IMS Local Chair: Nicolas Hengartner, Yale Univ., [hengart@stat.yale.edu](mailto:hengart@stat.yale.edu)

Contributed Papers Chair: Anna Amirdjanova, [amir@email.unc.edu](mailto:amir@email.unc.edu)

Type: Sponsored/Numbered (278)

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- The Council moved to approve the appointment of George Casella as editor of Statistical Science from 2002-2004. Motion passes unanimously.
  - The Council approved a new Fellow Nomination form for 2002 nominations with the following language:

*Qualifications for Fellowship:* The candidate shall have demonstrated distinction in research in statistics or probability, by publication of independent work of merit. This qualification may be partly or wholly waived in the case of (1) a candidate of well-established leadership whose contributions to the field of statistics or probability other than original research shall be judged of equal value; or (2) a candidate of well-established leadership in the application of statistics or probability, whose work has contributed greatly to the utility of and the appreciation of these areas. Candidates for fellowship should be members of IMS on December 1 of the year preceding their nomination, and should have been members of the IMS for at least two years.

*Nomination Materials:* Please send ten (10) collated copies of the following:

1. Nomination form
  2. Letter from nominator
  3. Recent CV (preferably not older than 2 years)
  4. 3-5 supporting letters (in addition to the nominator's letter). Letters are expected to explicitly address the above IMS criteria for fellowship
- Council agreed that the IMS' principle is to preserve the Joint Meetings and to send the message to ASA that we value cooperation and would like to continue constructive interaction with the ASA.
  - In response to a large donation of nearly \$100,000 left by Dr. Radha Laha, the Council moved to provide the \$500 IMS Laha Awards to partially fund travel expenses to IMS Annual Meeting for students and new researchers. Program will be in place by the Banff meeting, and will be reviewed by Council after three years of functioning. Motion passed.
  - The first LeCam lecture will take place at the IMS Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

#### **Business meeting, August 7, 2001**

No actions taken

#### **Second Council Meeting, August 8, 2001**

- Council moved to approve the budget for 2002. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion: The scientific journals of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics are *Statistical Science*, *The Annals of Statistics*, *The Annals of Probability* and *The Annals of Applied Probability*. The *IMS Bulletin* is the news organ of the Institute. Each individual member receives the Bulletin and must elect to receive at least one of the four scientific journals. Members pay annual dues of \$65. An additional amount is added to the dues of members depending on the scientific journal selected as follows: *Statistical Science* (\$15), *The Annals of Statistics* (\$30), *The Annals of Probability* (\$25), and *The Annals of Applied Probability* (\$20). Of the total dues paid, \$29 is allocated to the *IMS Bulletin* and the remaining amount is allocated among the scientific journals received. Motion passed.
- A motion was made to re-establish life-time memberships. Cost of a life-time membership is set at 12 times the cost of the current annual membership. Life members will not be required to select a journal. Motion to accept the proposal of the Treasurer passed unanimously.
- The council moved on the following items regarding electronic access to IMS journals through Project Euclid:
  1. Only members get access to the electronic journals. Anyone who subscribes to any of the IMS journals, gets open access to all journals until Dec. 31, 2002.
  2. Decide to put the last five years online, so that every issue is stored in electronic format someplace.
  3. Pursue cross-referencing with JSTOR.Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion: The IMS shall establish an award called the Harry C. Carver Medal for Extraordinary Service to the IMS. A standing Harry C. Carver Medal committee will be created to administer the award. Motion passed unanimously.

- Motion: To create an ad-hoc committee (as a sub-set of Council) to develop Interest Group structure. The committee would receive and approve Interest Group proposals, requests for funding, etc. Reports to the Council will be submitted in July 2002. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, October 29, 2001

- The Council approved indentifying the reduced dues countries as those defined by the World Bank as "developing countries".
- The IMS Council approves the following additional meetings for 2001-2003.

TITLE: IMS New Researchers Conference  
 DATE: July 29-August 2, 2003  
 LOCATION: University of California, Davis  
 IMS Program Chair: Richard Levine (University of CA, Davis)  
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 Type: Sponsored  
<http://anson.ucdavis.edu/~levine/NRC/>

TITLE: 2002 Spring Research Conference on Statistics in Industry and Technology  
 DATE: May 20-22, 2002  
 LOCATION: Ann Arbor, MI  
 Program Chairs: Vijay Nair, Univ. of Michigan, vnn@umich.edu; Derek Bingham, Univ. of Michigan, dbingham@umich.edu  
 Local Arrangements Chair: Candy Ellis  
 Contributed Papers Chair: Ravi Khattree (Oakland University)  
 Type: Sponsored/Numbered

TITLE: VIII LATIN AMERICAN CONGRESS ON PROBABILITY and MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS  
 Date: Nov. 12-16, 2001  
 LOCATION: Havana, Cuba  
 IMS Representative: Alicia Carriquiry, Iowa State, (alicia@iastate.edu)  
 Type: Co-sponsored  
<http://www.uh.cu/eventos/clapem>

#### Electronic Council Meeting, December 21, 2001

- The Council approved separate issues of the Annals of Statistics be dedicated to each of L. Le Cam, J.W. Tukey, and H. Robbins.

#### Electronic Council Meeting, April 11, 2002

- J Theodore Cox, Syracuse University was appointed Editor, Electronic Journal of Probability, July 2002 - December 2004
- John Wierman, Johns Hopkins University, was appointed the IMS representative to Management Committee of Current Index to Statistics for Jan 1, 2002 - Dec 31, 2004.

- The Council approved the following individuals for the named and Medallion lectures for 2003:

WALD LECTURES    Grace Wahba (University of Wisconsin)

LE CAM LECTURE        David Donoho (Stanford University)

MEDALLION LECTURES (Letters indicate the areas of the nominees: T=theoretical statistics, I=interdisciplinary, P=probability, A=applied statistics)

Sara van de GEER (Leiden) (T)  
 K C LI (UCLA) (A)  
 Steve MARRON (Univ North Carolina) (I,A,T)  
 Arkadi NEMIROVSKII (Technion, Israel) (I,T)  
 Dominique PICARD (University of Paris 7, France) (T)  
 John RICE (UC Berkeley) (I,A)  
 James ROBINS (Harvard) (I,T)  
 Maria Eulalia VARES (IMPA, Brazil) (P)

- The Council approved the following slate of meetings:

TITLE: ENAR/IMS Eastern Regional  
 DATE: March 30-April 2, 2003  
 LOCATION: Tampa, Florida  
 Program Chair: Daniel Scharfstein, Johns Hopkins University, dscharf@jhsph.edu  
 Local Arrangements Chair:  
 Contributed Papers Chair: Karl Broman, Johns Hopkins University, kbroman@jhsph.edu  
 Type: Sponsored/Numbered (280)

TITLE: IMS New Researchers Conference  
 DATE: July 29-August 2, 2003  
 LOCATION: University of California, Davis  
 IMS Program Chair: Richard Levine (University of CA, Davis) levine@wald.ucdavis.edu  
 IMS Local Chair: Juanjuan Fan (University of CA, Davis) jjfan@wald.ucdavis.edu  
 Type: Sponsored / Numbered (281)  
<http://anson.ucdavis.edu/~levine/NRC/>

TITLE: Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA/IMS/ENAR/WNAR)  
 DATE: August 3-7, 2003  
 LOCATION: San Francisco  
 IMS Program Chair: Jane-Ling Wang, (Univ. of CA, Davis) wang@wald.ucdavis.edu  
 IMS Local Chair:  
 Contributed Papers Chair: Lutz Duembgen lutz.duembgen@stat.unibe.ch  
 Type: Sponsored/Numbered (282)

TITLE: The Analysis of Gene Expression Data at the International Statistical Institute, 54th Biennial Session  
 DATE: August 13-20, 2003  
 LOCATION: Berlin  
 IMS Organizer: Mike West, Duke University, mw@stat.duke.edu (speakers are Rainer Spang spang@molgen.mpg.de, Max Planck Institut fuer Molekulare Genetik; Sandrine Dudoit, sandrine@stat.berkeley.edu, of UC Berkeley and Mike West)  
 Type: IMS Invited Paper Session

- The Council approved the following motion: The IMS Bulletin will henceforth cease publication of abstracts, either of talks to be delivered at meetings, or of the former "Abstracts of Papers Presented by Title".

Electronic Council Meeting., April 30, 2002

- The Council approved the candidates presented by the Committee on Fellows: A. Bose, N. H.Chan, X. Chen, D. Dabrowska, A. Dean, A. Dembo, X. He, T. Hsing, R. Kohn, N. Mukhopadhyay, Y. Nikitin, M.B. Rao, Y.-C. Yao, V. Yohai