

MINUTES
OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
MULTIPLE LINEAR REGRESSION: GENERAL LINEAR MODEL SIG
(New Orleans, LA)

APRIL 19, 1995

Professor Adria Karle-Weiss (Murry State University), SIG Chair, opened the business meeting. The first order of business was the call for nominations of Chair-elect, three replacement Executive Board/Editorial Board members, and Executive Secretary. Executive Secretary, Steve Spaner (University of Missouri - St. Louis), explained that the MLRSIG election procedures call for the election to be held by mail ballot and the business meeting to be a nominating meeting only. It was moved and passed by the members attending to suspend the election by mail ballot rule and to hold the election at the business meeting. Nominations for chair-elect were Professors Randy Schumacher (University of North Texas) and Mark Beasley (St. John's University). Professor Randy Schumacher and was elected Chair-elect for 1996. His term of office will begin following the 1996 business meeting. The nominated Executive Board/Editorial Board replacements were Professors Carolyn Benz (University of Dayton), Mark Beasley, and Jeff Kromrey (University of South Florida). No additional nominations were offered so all were elected by acclamation. Professor Carolyn Benz will complete Professor John Pohlmann's (Southern Illinois University - Carbondale) term (1994 - 98). Pohlmann has taken on the MLRV Editorship thereby sitting on the Board by virtue of office. Professors Mark Beasley and Jeff Kromrey replace Board members Carl Huberty (University of Georgia) and Randy Schumacher and assume the four year terms from 1995 - 99. Finally, Steve Spaner was nominated for Executive Secretary for another three-year term (1995 - 98). No additional nominations were offered so Spaner was elected by acclamation.

Chair Karle-Weiss called upon Steve Spaner to give the treasurers report and the membership update. Spaner reported that the SIG treasury was \$1995.56 on 1-1-94, the beginning of the new membership year, and \$1917.93 just before the business meeting (3-31-95). Spaner reported that the current paid membership was down from 1994. Spaner attributed the decline to the reduced number of issues of and irregular schedule for the Multiple Linear Regression Viewpoints, the MLRSIG's journal.

(Secretary's note: 1995 membership payment was due at the beginning of the 1995 calendar year; if your mailing label has 94 or earlier at the end of the first line, you are unpaid for the past 1995 MLRSIG membership year as well as now owing for the 1996 MLR:GLM/SIG membership year)

Discussion ensued following the Executive Secretary's report regarding the future of the MLRSIG and the MLRV. It was affirmed that the SIG wanted to continue and wanted to produce the journal. It was suggested, once again, that persons making presentations under the MLRSIG sponsorship at the AERA conference should at least be invited to submit their papers to the MLRV.

It was also pointed out that in the 1970s and 1980s the SIG sponsored precessions on MLR (Joe Ward, Earl Jennings to name a few) and on Path Analysis (Lee Wolfle, John Williams to name a few). These precessions were very successful and provided significant numbers of new members for the SIG. Past chair Keith McNeil and incoming chair Isadore Newman pledged to develop and conduct an AERA precession on MLR/GLM at the 1996 AERA meeting.

Comment was made regarding the name of the SIG (Multiple Linear Regression SIG) and the possible datedness of the term MLR verses, for example, GLM (General Linear Model). After considerable discussion a motion was offered and passed to change the name of the SIG to Multiple Linear Regression: General Linear Model Special Interest Group (MLR:GLM/SIG).

A comment regarding the role and responsibility of SIG Executive/Editorial Board members drew attention to the fact that some journals expect if not require their editorial board members to regularly contribute to their journal. A motion was made and passed to instruct the MLRV editor to send a letter to each MLRV Editorial Board member encouraging them to submit an article for review and publication in MLRV.

Finally, SIG member Sue Trace (California State University - Fresno) moved a resolution thanking the 1994 MLRSIG Chair, Adria Karle-Weiss for her leadership and work for the SIG over the past year, in particular her advocacy for participation and recognition of the female SIG members. The resolution passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned to allow members to attend the SIG's social that was to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

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