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Agenda Item 01: McCall on the Ann Arbor meeting and the new directions of ICPSR.

1. General comments from participants in the Ann Arbor summer program have been positive; there will be *an* effort to have every participant do com- puting
2. There is a glimmer of hope for some funding for participants In tracks II and III possibly beginning in the summer of 1981. ICPSR has expressed some interest in our efforts to develop a regional summer program; there ma I be support from them on this effort, but it would not be available this summer.
3. Organizational Representatives sessions at the annual meetings produced 58 recommendations; Augie Klausen, Ohio State, would be interested in any proposals you might have regarding ICPSR O.R. relations. It should be pointed out, however, that the staff of ICPSR are going to be deeply overworked due to the National Election Studies.
4. If one is interested in the long-range plans of ICPSR, he/she is urged

to read pp. 66-82 of the Annual Report, 1979. One item of importance

in that regard is the need for new memberships, If there is no increase,

it may be that the membership charges will increase.

1. In regard to Item IV above, McCall circulated a list of potential university and college members. If you know persons on that list or if you know of other potential members, he asked if your name could be used to solicit memberships.

Agenda Item #2: Strand reported on relations with the Field Poll people,

1. The issue of the question credits is hereafter to be considered as separated from the faculty fellowship policy.
2. Strand has recommended to the Field Poll that they include a standard

set of sociographic questions for continuity purposes; if you have suggestions on this topic please send thee to Paul Strand at San Diego°.

1. Strand stated that the fellowship and relations with the CSUC system are fine. The field people will resume the procedure of sending out questions to O.R.s prior to the initiation of the sample. it should he pointed out that the recent poll which included questions on the Jarvis 11, or Proposition 9, initiative had a syntax error, and users should be cautious about its use.
2. Paul reported that he received only onefaculty fellowship proposal for next year. Additional discussion revolved around the quality of the questions which have been submitted for possible inclusion in the Field

Poll. The CSUC system could use some improvement.

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Agenda Item *#3:* Report from Peony Crane and Jim Hightower.

1. Since there will be no Field Poll codebooks in published form in the future and there is currently a problem with the size of the codebooks, three tapes are required for some, users should consider using the microfiche for of the codebooks. By *the* way, if you are missing some of the fiche, send your requests to Penny at DIS.
2. Minitab 80 is now availableon the cyber, but it is not supported by ISG. She recommended that it is really more appropriate for the 1145's, withsmall data sets and focused on teaching statistics. Interested faculty or students should contact their local computer center programmers formore information.
3. By the summer of this year, fifteen modules from ICPSR written in multi-tutor and oriented to the beginning SPSS user willbe available.

Agenda Item #4:Files on Cyber.

I. There will be removal of sore of the files.

II. The 1978 NORC file has been corrected.

III. Discussion of some of the problems with setups: Should we take some of

them off the machine due to lack of use? There will be a continued dis­cussion of this issue at theFullerton meeting.

IV. Discussion of the new vendor process:

1. Bids were due on February 27th.
2. Benchmarking will occur between March 17th and March 29th.
3. Contract is to be signed on April 14th; between June 1 and July 1 the machine will be installed in the northern conversion site in Sacramento.

V. All O.R.s should note that there will be a detailed conversion letter sent to computer center directors and to O.R.s regarding what will and what will not be converted. It is important that O.R.s contact their colleague,, to determine if they wish to have programs included which are not on the list. This letter was to have arrived by the end of February.

VI. The Instructional Support Group is prepared to distribute to any campus

tapes of programs not centrally converted, also nonproprietary programs will be made available to campuses.

VII. During the Fullerton meeting there will be continued discussion of which data bases should be held centrally and which locally. Each campus is expected to have SPSS, BMD, and IMp.. Beginning in June of 1980, each campus is expected to have an RJE to the conversion site (i.e., Sacramento for the northern campuses to D.I.S. for the southern campuses) with a

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complete copy of D.I.S. materials at. the specific site. It should be recog­nized that there will be contention for terminals with the administration during this period of conversion. Instructors might consider using the Cyber or the PDP 1145s during the conversion period.

VIII. Finally, there was some discussion of sending a member of the D.I.S. to the Ann Arbor O.R.'s meeting. Charlie suggested it might be worthy to consider sending a member not during the O.R.'s meeting, since the person would be able to obtain more information in a less hectic atmosphere.

Agenda Item #5 The Fullerton Meeting.

1. Phil Gianos reported that room scheduling at the campus necessitated moving the meeting back to the May 8 & 9 period.
2. Phil provided the conference members with the title of the airport in Orange County, "John Wayne Airport."
3. There was some discussion of the structure of the conference. Agenda Item 16: Report from Peggy Smith on the NSF-SSRIC proposal.
4. There was some discussion of the data needs on use for the NSF proposal. The conference then launched into an extended discussion as to which approach to the development of a proposal would be most effective. A list of broad themes for instruction was developed; it was emphasized that these themes would entail the use of wore sophisticated quantitative tech­niques than currently used in the setups.
5. Charles McCall recommended the reconstitution of the summer workshop committee to plan for the sunnier of 1981. Various funding sources were then discussed.

Agenda Item #7: The Summer in Ann Arbor,

Statewide, three faculty will be sent; each might receive up to $750. Jon Ebeling, Department of Political Science, CSU, Chico is the Czar and all persons interested in obtaining funds should send their contributions and their forms to him before May 1, 1980. He will report to the Fullerton meeting on these starchamberoutcomes.

Respectfully submitted,

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