**SSRIC Minutes**

**February 16, 1989**

**California State University, San Diego**

**Present:** Bruce Haston (Humboldt), Peter Haas (San Jose), Jeff Johnson (CCR), Jonah Mills (CCR), Gene Turner (Chair - Northridge), Richard Serpe (Fullerton), John Korey (Pomona), Terry Dunn (C.O.), Ed Nelson (Fresno), Elliott Barkan (San Bernardino), Dick Shaffer (San Luis Obispo), Dan Graves (Hayward), Don Dixon (Sonoma), Rich DeLeon (San Francisco).

**Minutes of October 13-14. 1988.** The Minutes from the October 13-14 SSRIC Meeting were amended to include the following regarding the Field Institute: 'There was no intern placed during the regular recruitment period. Based on a request by Marc DeCamillo at the Annual Field Institute Meeting (in September, 1988), a student intern was recruited from the Graduate Public Administration Program at Sonoma State. The student, Ms. Gegina Penna-Currie, served as an intern through the election survey period." The minutes were approved as amended.

**Information Items:** The ICPSR will hold a meeting at Stanford on February 25. Rich DeLeon, Liz and Ed Nelson, Bruce Haston, and Jeff Johnson will attend. There will be a demonstration of our SSIMs modules, and of NSF Net (a new way of transferring ICPSR data).

**The Spring Meeting** has been rescheduled to be May 11 and 12 because of a scheduling conflict with the CSU Student Research Competition in Long Beach

**1989 Summer Workshop:** Ed Nelson reported on the 1989 Social Science Instructional Computing Summer Workshop to be held at Fresno from June 26 through June 30. As of February 16, 18 applications had been received. The deadline for applications is March 15, 1989. All applicants will be notified by April 15th.

**Spring Student Research Conference:** Rich DeLeon reported on the Spring Student Research Conference. At considerable expense, splendid facilities have been reserved for the meeting. Rich is now working on a lunch menu and a guest speaker. Rich suggested the SSRIC fmd a means to fund future conferences to ease the burden on the host campus. Posters advertising the conference were distributed. The deadline for abstracts is March 31st and the final paper must be submitted by April 15th. Dan Graves, Gene Turner, Elliott Barkan, Richard Serpe, and Dick Shaffer will comprise a committee to judge the papers for awards.

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**Field Institute:** Ed Nelson and Paul Strand recommended that the proposal for the Field Faculty Fellowship by Richard LeGates of San Francisco State be approved. Professor LeGates' topic was "A Study of Opinions Concerning Growth, Growth Management, Traffic Congestion, and Housing Affordability". His was one of four proposals submitted and will be forwarded to the Field Institute.

Ed Nelson also reported on the Field Question Credits. Keeping with tradition, extensive discussion revolved around how many question credits does the SSRIC get each year, and keeping with tradition the contract was read again and it was acknowledged the Field usually gives us more than the contract states when both the general question credits and the faculty intern questions are considered.

Only one proposal for question credits was received. The proposal will be returned to the author with suggestions for revision.

There was a length discussion which centered around finding a means to encourage more students to apply for the Field Student Internship. It was recommended that the contract with the Field Institute, which is about to be renewed, be changed to provide for an increase in the hourly wage paid the student intern.

**CCR Report:** Jeff Johnson, for Penny Crane who was unable to attend, reported on the new 960 Cyber. NOS/VE software should work faster (a fact already attested to by some SSRIC members), should run the new Minitab, etc. But, there is a lot of overhead in running the VE software.

Also, there will be a Central VAX installed which should aid in developing file transfer procedures to help users go from the Cyber to other systems.

Jeff Johnson also reported on new data bases. There are a number on order, but few have arrived. The GSS7288 tape has arrived and can be read as an archive file in SPSS Ver. 9, but it is too large for SPSS-X. Contact Jeff if you need to use the full 1987-88 file and SPSS-X.

Jeff Johnson reported that the negotiations for a system wide discount on CAI/CATI software from Sawtooth have broken down.

Jonah Mills reported that there have been recent problems in loading some of the 1988 Field data, but that the problem appears to have been fixed.

**Suspension of By-Laws:** In accordance with Article X of the By-Laws, the SSRIC suspended the By-Laws for a period of 30 minutes.

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The SSRIC, in a unanimous vote, approved to change the By-Laws. Article VII: Attendance At Biennial ICPSR Meeting in Ann Arbor, Section 2 will now read (the additional text is underlined):

2. The Council will select the other representatives on a rotating basis biennially. including one representative from CCR.

The SSRIC moved, and passed in a unanimous vote, that the "CCR representative be placed as the first OR representative after the Chair in the list for the 1989 meeting."

The regular meeting resumed after the adoption of these two motions.

Election of the Chair SSRIC Chairperson for 1989: Dan Graves (Hayward) reluctantly agreed to become chair of the SSRIC. He was elected by acclamation.

ICPSR 1989 Meeting in Ann Arbor: After reviewing the minutes for the past seven years, Dick Shaffer reported that the following list is the priority list for the next ICPSR meeting in Ann Arbor. This ranking rectifies a historical error where San Bernardino was inadvertently moved to the bottom of the list after the 1985 meeting, even though they did not attend the meeting, nor had the campus failed to send a representative to at least one of the previous three SSRIC meetings. In accordance with the By-Laws, this list is contingent upon a campus sending a representative to at least one of the three SSRIC meetings prior to the Ann Arbor meeting.

1. CCR
2. Long Beach
3. Los Angeles
4. San Bernardino
5. Pomona
6. Northridge
7. San Francisco
8. Sacramento
9. Stanislaus
10. Fullerton
11. Sonoma
12. Bakersfield
13. Chico
14. Dominguez Hills
15. Hayward
16. Humboldt
17. San Diego
18. Fresno
19. San Luis Obispo
20. San Jose

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**1989-90 SSRIC Meetings:** The SSRIC will hold its 1989-90 meetings as follows:

October 12-13 Hayward

February 22-23 Fullerton

May 10-11 Pomona will host the Spring Research Conference

**SSIMs Modules:** Elliott Barkan reported that all five SSIMs modules have been completed. The SSRIC received an additional $1,500 from Ray Clark to print extra modules and flyers, and for postage to mail the flyers.

**A Closing Accolade:** Elliott Barkan read a passage from his review of Gene Turner and James Allen's recent book. Let it be said that it was a glowing review which made Gene blush in modesty.