SIGMAA-QL Business Meeting

Joint Math Meetings, Boston, MA, January 6, 2012

 Officers present: Eric Gaze, Chair; Rob Root, Web Master; Semra Kilic-Bahi, Chair-Elect (minutes recorded by Kilic-Bahi, Chair-Elect).

Our business meeting started at 5:00pm with the scheduled guest speaker Steven Woloshin [Steven.Woloshin@dartmouth.edu]. His presentation, titled “Know your chances: A curriculum to help students become better consumers of statistics” was attended by 45-50 audience members. The talk ended at 5:50pm.

After the talk, there were about 10 people left, as most had other scheduling conflicts. Thus it was decided by those attending that the minutes of JMM 2011 together with a brief report on budget and membership numbers was to be sent to the list-server by Secretary/Treasurer Gizem Karaali for the approval of the minutes. [The minutes had been circulated to the SIGMAA-QL listserv by Karaali on December 16, 2011, but the business meeting attendance was deemed too low for approval.]

Chair, Eric Gaze gave a brief outline of the coming changes related to the governance of SIGMAA’s under MAA.

Next Webmaster Rob Root distributed awards to the winners of our annual “QL In The Media” contest, in the following four categories:

- **Best use of QL in written or spoken media:** Larry Lesser of Univ Texas at El Paso for "The Mathemusician teaches the lottery-playing public with song"

- **Best use of QL in a graphic or video media:** Semra Kilic-Bahi of Colby Sawyer College got the most votes for "Hans Rosling’s 200 Countries, 200 Years, 4 Minutes - The Joy of Stats." Semra is an officer of the SIGMAA & so ineligible, so the award goes to: Aaron Montgomery of Central Washington University for "Obama’s 2012 Budget Proposal: How $3.7 Trillion is Spent."

- **Best Learning Moment:** Marc Isaacson of Augsburg College for "Presidential Gender Preference?"

- **Best use of QL taken from the media in teaching:** Larry Lesser of Univ Texas at El Paso for "Predicting Rain."

The chair also presented a copy of “Know Your Chances” to Rob Root to acknowledge the tremendous amount of work Rob did to manage the website and organize the competition.

It was also announced that NNN meeting **QL at Work: Navigating the Worlds of Journalism, Finance, Business, and Citizenship** will be held at NYC in October 2012.

At 6 pm, the meeting was adjourned by Chair, Eric Gaze.