

Minutes of the Q&P Executive Committee Meeting on February 18, 2005

1:30am (PST)

Attendees (in alphabetical order)

Christine Anderson-Cook, Rick Carlson, Necip Doganaksoy, Martha Gardner, Heidi Goldfarb, Jeff Hooper, Christina Mastrangelo, Chris Nachtsheim, Angie Patterson, Sharad Prabhu, Thomas P. Ryan, Tim Robinson, Mark Vandeven, Jennifer Van Mullekom, Lonnie Vance

Agenda

1. Fall Technical Conference
 - a. Steering Committee Update—Fred Faltin
 - b. Short Course Decision—Necip Doganaksoy (CE Chair)
 - c. Program Update & Opening Plenary Speaker—Martha Gardner (Program Chair-Elect)
2. JSM
 - a. Program Update—Jen Van Mullekom (Program Chair)
 - b. Executive & Tactical Planning Meetings—Christina
3. QPRC Update—Jeff Hooper, Chris Nachtsheim
4. Officer Updates
 - a. Tim Robinson (Treasurer)
 - b. Tom Ryan (Fellow Nominations)
 - c. Sharad Prabhu (Publications)
 - d. Angie Patterson (Past Chair)
5. Wrap up.

1. Fall Technical Conference

The 2005 Fall FTC will be held October 20-21st in St. Louis. The theme is “Statistics – The Gateway to Improved Quality”

Steering Committee Update – Christina, Martha, Angie
Fred Faltin is the Q&P representative on the FTC steering committee. Angie will contact the CPID chair to let her know this. Q&P has not given seed money yet.

Short Course Update — Necip Doganaksoy (CE Chair)
Necip received a proposal for a course from Tim and Christine entitled “Generalized Linear Models for Industrial Applications”. He will forward the proposal to all executive committee members for input. The sponsor organizations are meeting in March to discuss the courses being offered and check for overlap. Tim and Christine requested that the course be offered the day after the meeting rather than the day before if possible.

Program Update & Opening Plenary Speaker—Martha Gardner (Program Chair-Elect)

The deadline for abstract submission has been extended to March 7th. There have been a decent number of submissions already from Q&P. Martha will send out an updated call for papers. There will be a meeting in Philadelphia on the second Saturday in March to finalize the program. The plenary speaker will be provided by Q&P. We need suggestions for possible speakers ASAP so that we can send out the invitation next week. We would like to finalize the speaker by March 12th.

2. JSM

a. Program Update—Jen Van Mullekom (Program Chair)

There are 5 Q&P invited sessions planned. The session times have been set and are unlikely to be moved. 41 abstracts have been submitted for contributed sessions. There is a meeting in Alexandria next weekend to organize the sessions. Volunteers are needed to chair the contributed sessions. Christine, Christina, Sharad, Necip, Angie, Tim and Lonnie offered to chair if needed.

b. Executive & Tactical Planning Meetings—Christina

Christina will try to set up the executive and tactical planning meetings for the Monday or Tuesday during the JSM. One meeting will take place in the morning, the other in the evening.

3. QPRC Update—Jeff Hooper, Chris Nachtsheim

The QPRC is May 18-20th in Minnesota. The theme is “Quality in Healthcare”. Ken Thorp and Richard Shannon are keynote speakers. Among the session topics are health care policy, data mining, bioinformatics, lean six-sigma and health care panels. There has been \$20,000-\$25,000 raised for the conference. There will be a cash bar mixer on Tuesday and a fully funded riverboat cruise with dinner on Thursday. The website is up and the registration link will be active soon. Registration will be processed by the Carlson School. There will be lots of e-mails and local postcards advertising the conference. We are anticipating 150-200 participants this year. The conference fee is \$225. A short course will be offered on Tuesday, May 17th on “Data Mining Using SAS”. There are 4 Mary Natrella scholarships being given out – 1 for \$2000, 1 for \$1,000, and 2 for \$400. They also include free QPRC conference registration. A decision on the winners will be made in March. The scholarship committee will take pictures of the winners and send them along with the letter to the Natrella family.

The 2006 QPRC will be a joint conference with the Spring Research Conference. It will be held June 7-9th in Knoxville, Tenn. CSRC. Minitab, SAS, and Oak Ridge Laboratories will be sponsors. Minitab and SAS have committed \$5000 each. Oak Ridge may also contribute \$5000.

The 2007 QPRC is being sponsored by Los Alamos National Labs and will be held June 4-6th in Sante Fe, NM.

There is no permanent conference website. They have all been developed locally and there does not seem to be a need or desire right now to make a permanent site. We are capturing an archive of websites, presentations, and papers. Great progress has been made in having sponsors offer continuing support. As sponsorship and fundraising efforts leads to increased intake, we can offer more student scholarships.

4. Officer Updates

- a. Tim Robinson (Treasurer) – No Update. 2005 QPRC finances will be handled by the Carslon School.
- b. Tom Ryan (Fellow Nominations) – Lonnie Vance and Jeff Hooper have been nominated for fellowship. The deadline for the application is March 1st.
- c. Sharad Prabhu (Publications) – No update.
- d. Angie Patterson (Past Chair) – The ASA did not have any legal issues with the FTC contract.

5. Wrap up

Christina and Chritine will follow up with Vivek on the membership survey.

Mark asked for contributions to the June newsletter. He/Connie will hold a place for the QPRC update. Send ideas for application pieces to Mark.

The strategic session will be held at the QPRC.

Action Items

1. (Angie) Contact the CPID chair to let her know that Fred is the Q&P representative.
2. (Necip) Forward Tim and Christine's FTC short course proposal to all for input.
3. (All) Send newsletter contributions to Mark