ICPSR Council

Minutes of day 2 (February 11) of Winter 1977 meeting

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(No minutes are available for day 1 (February 10)

* Wayne will send out in mail things to vote on next meeting.
* Spring meeting (business section) will be a long one.
* Wayne will tell Field we will skip this time (Feb-March poll) bur count on us next time (poll).
* Questionnaire Committee should start operating; review first questions at 5/5 meeting.
* Elections also on the 5th. Send in nominations.
* Vote on name change next time. Consensus is that name should be changed. Some question about ICPSR name in Chancellor’s office. Send names of proposed council to Wayne—who will send out possible list of names.
* Committee Report on alternate/new/different Data Archives.

1. Carlton Data Archive (Canadian studies)
2. Politicism Eastern Europe (Pittsburgh)
3. Barkeley [sic]
4. NORC (Chicago)
5. Social Science Data Archive (Ill.)
6. Data & Program Library Service (Wise)
7. Project Talent (Palo Alto)
8. Social Science Archive (Yale)
9. Consortium for International Studies in Education (Missouri)
10. International Survey Library Association(Williams)

Others see Library of Data Bases in the Social and Behavioral Sciences (1974)

11. Roper Center. Ed Nelson spent some time explaining the Roper archival materials and services. Ed noted that most Roper data in multiple-punched. However, they have “cleaned” the most widely used data sets. Systemwide membership would be around $24-25,000 (60% of cost for 19 schools at individual cost; also 60% of units). Roper data can be purchased, even as non-members; however, cost is higher.

* Ed will serve as Resource Person, keeping the materials received by the Committee.
* Phil suggested that some of us might form “interest groups,” looking at specialized data sets we might want to purchase. Harry C. noted that, at this time, feeling is that let the Field thing settle before moving forward with new archival membership. Jay suggested looking at Foundation (campus) money; Rich suggested talking with acquisition librarians on campus.
* Charles noted that we must look for outside funding; possible reactivating a grants subcommittee. Jay noted several kinds of things NSF has been supporting. Also said that if we emphasize teaching as a system – 300,000 students – and work with the Chancellor’s Council, may be able to get some of the administrative monies going to this Council. Possible work on one project a year, and then write a grant application. Council could get some of the grant overhead money.
* Charles suggested that some of use commit ourselves to a week this summer in putting a grant together; possibly one in north and one in south.
* FOR NEXT MEETING Want to talk more about this. especially in relation to breaking into two groups \*S & North) that would spend some time this summer.
* Feeling that we may have to go longer on Fridays in order to spend some time in workshop sessions.
* General feeling that we ought to seek outside funding for putting a grant involving a “Field Package” – combination teaching/instruction materials and an internship. Discuss more at next meeting.
* Need to inquire about whether we may not have some influence in the allocation of innovative funds statewide.
* Bruce Haston to be northern regional coordinator for possibly putting a grant proposal together.

Discussion of Teaching Materials

* Debbie discussed Betty Nesvold’s project – codebooks, mini-mini SPSS, and data analysis (Recorder missed this part – call Debbie or Betty in interested, for the project really looks promising for our classes.)
* Ed Nelson discussed one of the data analysis projects he uses related to concept of work, job satisfaction of personal values (1969-70 survey of working conditions).
* Bruce Haston – talked about a SAVEFIRE involving contemporary electoral, demographic and social data of California counties.
* General discussion of teaching quantitative techniques in classroom.
* Charles suggested that we work out an innovative package involving someone going from campus to campus doing one-day workshops with follow-ups.
* Jay wants a list of people who would be willing to refree proposals ralted to questions.
* Harry Coffey

1. Please respond to Dixon’s questionnaire
2. Inform DIS about programs and program libraries
3. Wanks feedback about quality, style, etc. of DID #2 and #3for long-range and short-range planning.

REMINDER FROM WAYNE Please look over things before next meeting, for we will have a very long agenda.

Meeting adjourned around 200 P.M.

Recorded by Bruce Haston