

To the Washington Statistical and Data Science Community,

Do you work with or are you interested in data - how to get it, what can and should be done with it using statistical or data science tools, and how to assess and communicate what information it provides? Do you live or work in the metropolitan Washington DC area? If the answers to these questions are "yes," we encourage you to join the Washington Statistical Society (WSS). The WSS is one of the largest chapters of the [American Statistical Association \(ASA\)](#) and extremely active with over 900 members from government, academia and the private sector. WSS offers opportunities to:

- **Learn** through seminars and workshops, and continuing your own statistical education,
- **Socialize** through networking with colleagues, and
- Engage in **service** by increasing the level of quantitative literacy in area schools, and motivating and developing the next generation of statisticians.

This year I am emphasizing the theme "Let's get together!" and highlight these quarterly opportunities for the WSS statistical and data science community:

Quarter	Learn	Socialize	Service
3 2018	DC-AAPOR conference	Informal meet and greet at JSM	Sign up as a mentor or mentee
4 2018	Hansen Lecture, Leadership Workshop	Hansen Lecture Reception, Annual Holiday Party	Enlist in quantitative literacy activities
1 2019	President's Invited Lecture	President's Invited Lecture Reception	Volunteer at Science Fairs
2 2019	Cox Award Seminar	Annual Dinner	Award competition judging

The mentoring program and various receptions help to build relationships and community. The technical seminar program and short courses foster learning in our statistical workforce in agriculture and natural resources, data collection methods, data science and statistical computing, defense and national security, economics, education, human rights, privacy and confidentiality, public health and biostatistics, public policy, quality assurance, and social and demographic statistics. Our monthly newsletter ([The WSS News](#)) and our website washstat.org provides announcements and descriptions of forthcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and listings of both job opportunities and the credentials of members seeking new positions.

Full details on joining WSS are available online at washstat.org/joinus.html. The annual dues are low compared to the many benefits membership affords: ASA member \$10 (Full), ASA Student member \$3 (Full-Student); Non-ASA member \$10 (Associate); and Non-ASA Student member \$3 (Associate-Student).

If you have any questions about membership or participation in the WSS, please e-mail me at tomkrenzke@westat.com. I hope you will take this opportunity to fully engage in some of the diverse activities WSS has to offer. Let's get together in 2018-19!

Sincerely,
Tom Krenzke
WSS President, 2018-19