2013 Report from the AEA Committee on Economic Statistics (AEAStat)

Membership during 2013: Robert Feenstra, University of California, Davis, Chair; John M. Abowd, Cornell University; Ana Aizcorbe, Bureau of Economic Analysis; Susanto Basu, Boston College; Mark Bils, University of Rochester; Karen Dynan, The Brookings Institution; Randall Kroszner, University of Chicago; Michael Palumbo, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Michael Horrigan, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Jonathan A. Parker, Northwestern University.

The AEAStat committee met as needed during 2013 using conference calls. In spring 2013 the major business was to select the sessions and papers for the 2013 ASSA meetings, where the AEAStat committee sponsored three sessions. The three selected sessions were as follows (with complete details available in the 2013 ASSA agenda):

Session 1: This session will be published in the May 2014 AEA issue
New Directions and Opportunities for Research on Consumption with the PSID
Organizer: Robert F. Schoeni, University of Michigan

Session 2: The Cyclicality of Hiring and Employment
Organizers: Erika McEntarfer and James Spletzer, U.S. Census Bureau

Session 3: Measuring Financial Variables in the System of National Accounts

Organizer: W. Erwin Diewert, University of British Columbia and the University of New
South Wales

Other items of business during 2013 included communication between the AEAStat committee and the AEA Committee on Government Relations.

One member concluded his term on the committee at the end of the year: Robert Feenstra (completing his second term). Another member had to resign due to her nomination to a public office: Karen Dynan (The Brooking Institution).

Respectfully submitted by Robert Feenstra, November 11, 2013