

RESOLUTIONS ON THE TEACHING OF STATISTICS

The Institute of Mathematical Statistics at its business meeting on September 11, 1940 at Dartmouth College adopted the following resolutions regarding the teaching of statistics. The resolutions were drawn up by a committee appointed by the President, and consisting of Burton H. Camp, W. Edwards Deming, Harold Hotelling, and Jerzy Neyman.

1. If the teaching of statistical theory and methods is to be satisfactory, it should be in the hands of persons who have made comprehensive studies of the mathematical theory of statistics, and who have been in active contact with applications in one or more fields.

2. The judgment of the adequacy of a teacher's knowledge of statistical theory must rest initially on his published contributions to statistical theory, in contrast with mere applications, in a manner analogous to that long accepted in other university subjects.

3. These ideas are expressed in detail in the paper *The teaching of statistics*, by Professor Harold Hotelling, and the Institute decides to give both the resolution and the paper as wide a circulation as possible.