

Cartography Specialty Group Chair's Report for 2010

David Patton, Chair

AAG attendance was at an all-time high for the Washington DC meeting with over 8,200 registered attendees and 5,677 papers. Attendance for the CSG business meeting was down (17 members) likely due to the scheduling of the business meeting late in conference.

Secretary and Treasurer, Rob Edsall, presented information on the financial status of CSG. The balance for the CSG account, as of February, 2010, was \$4688. Rob reported that this was very close to the balance for the same period in 2009. Rob also pointed that it was unclear from the account ledger whether, or when, the increase in annual dues for non-students had gone into effect. He was going to check on that issue with the AAG office.

The CSG continued fund students through a variety of avenues. The RS/Cart/GIS Student Poster competition remains a popular venue for students to present at the AAG meeting and we contributed \$350.00 to that competition. We also held the CSG "Honors Student Paper Competition". Diane Smith from San Diego State University was awarded first place in the competition and received a \$100 prize plus a reimbursement of \$145 for her conference registration. Yinghui Cao of Temple University was the runner-up and received \$145 to pay for conference registration. During the year, one Masters Thesis Grant was given to Helen Seelye from the University of Nevada, Reno. Congratulations to all of the student winners! Please encourage any eligible students to take advantage of the funding opportunities provided by the CSG.

Matt Rice produced two newsletters for the CSG during the year. Eugene Turner also continued to serve the specialty group by maintaining and updating the CSG website. Ideas concerning the use of social networks (LinkedIn and or Facebook) to facilitate communication with the membership were discussed at the business meeting as well as possible updates to current format of the CSG website. Matt Rice is stepping down as newsletter editor and, therefore, the CSG is seeking a volunteer to take over this important service to the specialty group. Thanks to Matt for his service. Anyone interested should contact one of the CSG officers.

New Officers installed at the 2010 CSG meeting were: Chair: Ola Ahlqvist (Ohio State University); Vice-chair Matt Rice (George Mason University); Secretary/Treasurer: Peter Anthematten (University of Colorado – Denver); Academic Director: Kirk Goldsberry (Michigan State University); Non-Academic Director: Rhonda Glennon (ESRI); Student Director: Jonathan Rush (Ohio State University).

Thanks to past chair Dawn Youngblood and all outgoing officers for their service! The next meeting will be April 2011 in Seattle, WA.

David Patton

Chair, 2009-2010

CARTOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

AAG Annual Meeting – Washington, DC

April 17, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm.

Presiding: Dave Patton, Chair

Present: 17 members

- I. APPROVAL of the Agenda (Jill Saligoe-Simmel moves to approve the agenda; Sara Battersby seconds; **motion carried** without comment).
- II. APPROVAL of the Minutes from the 2009 Business Meeting (Sara Battersby moves **to approve the minutes**; Ming Tsou seconds; **motion carried** without comment).
- III. TREASURER'S REPORT (Rob Edsall)
 - a. report distributed indicated balance of account as of February 2010 of \$4688.23, basically unchanged from the same point in 2009.
 - b. Budget generally includes approximately:
 - i. budgeted expenses: \$1900 (down from \$2150 in 2009)
 1. \$700 for CSG paper competition (\$150 per student registration; \$100 for winner)
 2. \$300 to support RS/GIS/CSG illustrated poster competition
 3. \$900 for Master's Thesis Grants (individual awards vary)
 - ii. actual expenses from Spring 2009 to April 2010: \$740 (under budget)
 1. \$390 for CSG paper competition (\$145 for two students' registration and \$100 for the winner)
 2. \$50 for one Masters Thesis Grant award (Seelye)
 3. \$300 to support RS/GIS/CSG illustrated paper competition
 4. we anticipate awarding \$850 of additional MSGs before the end of the year.
 - iii. income: solely from dues – total approximately \$1771 (down about \$80 from last year)
 1. Terry Slocum asks about whether the dues increase voted for in the 2009 business meeting has been implemented; Edsall reports that the dues increase appears to have NOT been implemented by the AAG
 2. Edsall gives himself and **ACTION ITEM** to investigate whether this is true or if this reflects a (significant and sudden) drop in membership
 - iv. generally, CSG, given its present obligations and income, is operating in a neutral position; we anticipate supporting the ICA-USNC in the near future for the Paris conference and thus the dues increase will amount to a maintenance of this neutral position.

- IV. SPECIALTY GROUP CHAIRS MEETING report (Dave Patton)
- a. Washington is largest AAG conference ever: over 8200 registered attendees, with 5677 abstracts and 75 concurrent sessions. This announcement was met with astonishment and head-shaking.
 - b. Seattle is the site next year, with an Asian-American geography/geographers theme.
 - c. comment about snugness of sessions for CSG-sponsored sessions in Washington
 - d. discussion of the AAG Developing Regions membership program: AAG suggests reduced dues and registration rates for members from “developing regions,” as defined by the AAG
 - i. after discussion generally in support of the idea, Jill Saligoe-Simmel moves to **“reduce membership dues for CSG members from developing countries from \$10 to \$2.”** Peter Anthematten seconds. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 - e. discussion of new AAG website, to be rolled out in coming months.
 - i. now after abstract submission, members will be able to search for similar “wildcard” papers and possibly create or suggest a grouping of papers to the program committee
 - ii. example: map design grouping
 - f. discussion of CSG e-mail issues
 - i. possible some hotmail overquota problems, says Matt Rice
 - ii. Ming Tsou reports on the e-mail list he used for the Bizarre Map Challenge (see below); possibly spam filters sift out the AAG e-mails
 - g. discussion of CSG web stie
 - i. Aileen Buckley suggests that the present CSG website could be redesigned and updated
 - ii. Matt Rice says that perhaps the AAG’s new website might be able to host specialty group pages
 - iii. possibility that some money might need to be set aside for the update and possible rehosting of website

V. AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

- a. Honors Student Paper Competition (Jeremy Mennis reports)
 - i. Mennis reports only three entries; full papers perhaps daunting for students
 - ii. three entries but only two actual presentations; no award given to third finalist
 - iii. Winner: Diana Smith, San Diego State U. (\$145 registration reimbursement, plus \$100 winners’ prize)
 - iv. Finalist: Yinghui Cao, Temple U. (\$145 registration reimbursement)
 - v. Judges: Rob Edsall, Aileen Buckley, Ola Ahlqvist
 - vi. Buckley announces that ESRI will donate a non-timeout version of ArcGIS to the winner
- b. National Geographic Map Competition
 - i. Winner: Joe Frasier, “Annapolis Homes,” (\$900 plus atlas).
 - ii. Runners-up: Kevin McGrath, “Chart 16,” (\$300 plus atlas).
 - iii. Honorable mention: Matt Forest, “Re-envisioning elections,” and Lucy Hughes, “Orienteering.”
- c. RS/GIS/Cart Specialty Group Illustrated Poster Competition (Jonathan Rush reports)
 - i. Approximately 20 poster presentations in the well-attended 8:00am session
 - ii. Winners: Moumitta Dutta-Gupta, Salem State U. (first place, \$500); Xiang Zhang (second place), Jennifer Alpern, Clark U. (third place)

- d. Masters Thesis Grants (Rhonda Glennon)
 - i. \$50 MTG to Helene Seelye (U. Nevada Reno)
- VI. NEWSLETTER and COMMUNICATIONS (Matt Rice)
- a. Rice reports successful Spring 2010 newsletter
 - b. ...and suggests creation of a LinkedIn network for cartography (and a Facebook page for CSG).
- VII. RELATED ORGANIZATIONS
- a. Cartography and Geographic Information Society (Aileen Buckley)
 - i. Buckley reports on AutoCarto in Orlando: November 2010.
 - ii. CaGIS now independent of ASCM
 - iii. Edsall reports on the US National Report to the ICA, invites all to participate
 - iv. Edsall announces CaGIS Scholarship winners: Paolo Raposo, Masters level (\$500), Penn State; Candice Leubbering, PhD level (\$1000), Virginia Tech
 - b. Bizarre Map Challenge
 - i. Tsou reports on the BMC and the generous award
 - ii. reports great success in outreach and mailing
 - iii. 90 entries. Tsou encourages us to go and vote.
 - iv. Edsall requests that CSG obtain and incorporate BMC mailing list for CSG activities
- VIII. INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS
- a. thanks for service for outgoing officers: Dave Patton, Jeremy Mennis, Rob Edsall,
 - b. announcement of election results:
 - i. Vice Chair: Matt Rice
 - ii. Secretary/Treasurer: Peter Anthematten
 - iii. Academic Director (tie): Kirk Goldsberry and Ian Muelenhaus
 - 1. As per the by-laws, the tie was broken with a run-off vote between the finalists by the membership present at the business meeting. In that run-off, Kirk Goldsberry was the winner.
 - iv. Non-academic Director: Rhonda Glennon
 - v. Student Director: Jonathan Rush
 - c. Officers and terms:
 - i. Ola Ahlqvist, Chair (2010-2011)
 - ii. Matt Rice, Vice Chair (2010-2011)
 - iii. Peter Anthematten, Secretary/Treasurer (2010-2012)
 - iv. Academic Directors: Sarah Battersby (2009-2011), Kirk Goldsberry (2010-2012)
 - v. Non-Academic Director: Rhonda Glennon (2010-2012)
 - vi. Student Director: Raposo/Rush/Stevens (2010-2011)
 - vii. Past Chair: David Patton (2010-2011)
 - viii. Newsletter Editor: Matt Rice (no term)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Edsall, Secretary