

Cartography Specialty Group Chair's Report for 2009

Dawn Youngblood, Chair

AAG attendance overall was slightly down with 6,148 registered attendees in Las Vegas. The 2008 Boston conference surpassed the 7,000 mark. Despite this, attendance of the CSG business meeting was up with 35 members attended our meeting in Las Vegas, with Vice-Chair **Dave Patton** presiding (Thanks, Dave)!

The motion passed unanimously “**to raise annual dues from \$6 to \$10 for non-students.**” Thus, this increase will be in effect for 2009-2010. Student dues remain \$2. Thanks to the watchful eye of treasurer **Robert Edsall** and all of the careful board members, our budget is in the black, despite a dip in dues income last year. The past two years have been slightly in the red, but now that deficit has been corrected.

We funded and presented awards to a grand total of twelve students this year. Undergraduates **Alex Yule** and **Robert Burton** of Middlebury College won our **Honors Student Paper Competition**. Finalists were **Wei Chen** (Ohio State), **Albert Decatur** (Clark), **Lucas Rengstorf** (Missouri State), and **Xingjian Liu** (Texas State). **Daniel Huffman** of the University of Wisconsin nabbed the **National Geographic Map Competition**. Runners-up were **Benjamin Coakley** from University of Wisconsin (second place), and **Gregory Verutes**, San Diego State (third place). **Robert Roth** of Penn State received first place in the **Illustrated Poster Competition Award**; **Mary Lindsey** (Maryland) received second place and **Prajna Regmi** (Clark) won third. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Much credit for well-run competitions goes to organizers and judges **Jeremy Minnis, Ben Tuttle, David Miller, Rhonda Glennon, Paporn Thebpanya, Mark Fonstad, Sara Battersby, Eric Wolf, Mike Finn, and Albert Giordano.**

New Officers installed at the 2009 CSG meeting include: Vice Chair: **Ola Ahlqvist** (Ohio State University); Academic Director: **Sarah Battersby** (University of Southern California); Student Director: **Carolyn Fish** (Michigan State University).

Thanks to past chair **Ming Tsou** and all outgoing officers for their service! The next meeting will be April 2010 in Washington, DC.

Dawn Youngblood, PhD
Chair, 2008-2009

**CARTOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP
BUSINESS MEETING**

AAG Annual Meeting – Las Vegas, NV
March 24, 2009

Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon.

Presiding: Dave Patton, Vice Chair
Present: approximately 35 members

Dave Patton presiding in place of Chair Dawn Youngblood (unable to travel to meeting)

- I. APPROVAL of the Agenda (Dennis Fitzsimons motion: **“to approve the agenda”**; Jeremy Mennis second)
 - a. **motion carried** without comment.

- II. APPROVAL of the Minutes from the 2008 Business Meeting (Rob Edsall motion **“to approve the minutes”**; Ming Tsou second)
 - a. **motion carried** without comment.

- III. TREASURER’S REPORT (Rob Edsall)
 - a. report distributed indicated balance of account as of December 2008 of \$4916.23.
 - b. Budget generally includes approximately:
 - i. expenses: total approximately \$2150
 1. \$700 for CSG paper competition (\$150 per student registration; \$100 for winner)
 2. \$350 to support RS/GIS/CSG illustrated poster competition (\$1000 total; we pay third each year)
 3. \$1000 for Master’s Thesis Grants (individual awards vary)
 4. discussion to support student winners at awards luncheon via e-mail before the meeting; this expense was determined to not included in the budget.
 - ii. income: solely from dues – total approximately \$1800
 1. Edsall announced that the annual income from dues appears to be tracking downward
 2. Edsall suggested a possible drop in membership, and that a dues increase should be considered because of the reinstatement of the CSG Honors Paper Competition.
 - iii. generally, CSG, given its present obligations and income, is operating in a deficit position
 - iv. After discussion, Aileen Buckley motion **“to raise annual dues for non-students.”** Jill-Saligoe-Simmel second. Ming Tsou amended the motion to: **“to raise annual dues from \$6 to \$10 for non-students.”**

1. discussion: Matt Rice commented about membership numbers, recruitment, and strategies for supporting both.
2. Tsou asked for dues of the GISSG, which were reported to be \$12, and the \$10 figure was therefore deemed appropriate.
3. **motion passed** unanimously, no abstentions. Beginning in the 2009-2010 Academic Year, Cartography Specialty Group annual dues for non-students will be \$10. Student dues remain \$2.

IV. SPECIALTY GROUP CHAIRS MEETING report (Dave Patton)

- a. Patton reports
- b. 6,148 registered attendees in Las Vegas, slightly down from the >7,000 in Boston in 2008.
- c. Washington, DC, is the site next year, in April.
- d. responses to complaints about functionality of AAG website: AAG commits \$150,000 for revamping of website.
- e. similar number of specialty groups as last year
- f. resolution: electronic voting approved for AAG officers.

V. AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Honors Student Paper Competition** (Jeremy Mennis)
 - i. Mennis reports high quality of papers
 - ii. Winner: (co-authors) **Alex Yule** and **Robert Burton**, Middlebury College. Mennis gives special mention of the fact that Yule and Burton are undergraduates. They will split the \$100 prize for the winner and \$145 registration reimbursement, for a total of \$122.50 each.
 - iii. Finalists: Wei Chen (Ohio State), Albert Decatur (Clark), Lucas Rengstorf (Missouri State), and Xingjian Liu (Texas State). Each will receive a \$145 registration reimbursement.
 - iv. Judges: Mennis, Rhonda Glennon, Paporn Thebpanya
 - v. Buckley announces the continuation of support from ESRI of the competition; asks that participants contact her or stop by ESRI booth for awards (software, books)
- b. **National Geographic Map Competition** (Mennis)
 - i. Winner: **Daniel Huffman**, U. of Wisconsin.
 - ii. Runners-up: Benjamin Coakley, U. of Wisconsin (second place), and Gregory Verutes, San Diego State (third place).
 - iii. Judges: David Miller (NGS), and Mennis.
- c. **RS/GIS/Cart Specialty Group Illustrated Poster Competition** (Ben Tuttle)
 - i. Approximately 10 poster presentations in the well-attended 8:00am session

- ii. Winners: **Robert Roth**, Penn State (first place; awarded \$500), Mary Lindsey, U. of Maryland (second; \$250), and Prajna Regmi, Clark U. (third; \$100).
- iii. Judges: Mark Fonstad (Texas State), Sara Battersby (U. South Carolina), Eric Wolf (USGS), Mike Finn (USGS), Albert Giordano (Texas State).

VI. NEWSLETTER REPORT (Matt Rice)

- a. *[secretary's note: details of the newsletter report and discussion, the announcements, and the installation of new officers were lost in a hard drive crash shortly after the AAG meeting. Secretary (Rob Edsall, edsal001@umn.edu) would appreciate any recollections or announcements that should be included in the minutes.]*

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS (various)

VIII. INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

- a. Vice Chair: **Ola Ahlqvist** (Ohio State University)
- b. Academic Director: **Sarah Battersby** (USC)
- c. Student Director: **Carolyn Fish** (Michigan State University)

Meeting adjourned at 12:49pm.

Submitted: Secretary – Rob Edsall