

American Association of Geographers

KEY DECISIONS

March 2026 Council Meeting

San Francisco, CA

Sunday-Monday, March 15-16, 2026

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Pacific

Councilors in Attendance:

William (Bill) Moseley (*President*), Sara Smith (*Vice President*), Patricia Ehrkamp (*Past President*), Adriana (Didi) Martinez (*National Councilor; Secretary*), Antoinette WinklerPrins (*National Councilor; Treasurer*)

§Mark Barnes (*National Councilor Chair*), Rebecca (Becky) Buller (*Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Councilor*), Andrew Curley (*National Councilor*), Anindita Datta (*International Councilor*), Michael (Mike) DeVivo (*East Lakes Councilor*), Amy Frazier (*National Councilor*), Nathaniel (Nate) Gabriel (*Middle States Councilor*), Heidi Lannon (*Southeast Councilor; Regional Councilor Chair*), Matthew (Matt) McCourt (*New England-St. Lawrence Valley Councilor*), Patricia (Tish) Lopez (*National Councilor*), Alyson Mabie (*Student Councilor*), Michael Pretes (*Pacific Coast Councilor*), Eric Sarmiento (*Southwest Councilor*), Jeremy Tasch (*Middle Atlantic Councilor*), Hyejin Yoon (*West Lakes Councilor*)

AAG Staff Present†: Gary Langham (*Executive Director*), Elin Thorlund (*Chief Operating Officer*), Battsetseg (Betsy) Orgodol (*Controller*), Jennifer Cassidento (*Director of Publications*), Ashley Wallace (*Awards and Governance Manager*), Coline Dony (*Director of Communities and Research Development*), Eddie McInerney (*Coordinator, Community Impact*)

§Alphabetical Order

†Order of Presentation

OPENING

- Council unanimously adopted the agenda and consent agenda.
- Council ratified the November 2025 Council Meeting minutes.
- Council ratified the January 2026 Special Meeting minutes.

PUBLICATIONS

- Council unanimously authorized the Executive Director to negotiate a new publishing contract with Taylor & Francis or other publishers, including a new, open access journal, GeoSpectrum, with sections edited by AAG specialty groups and pilot a fair and equitable approach to editing practices passed unanimously.

STRATEGIC AND JEDI PLANS

- Council unanimously adopted the AAG 5-year (2026-2030) Strategic Plan as outlined.

GOVERNANCE

- Council unanimously approved the interim roster (2026-2027) of AAG standing and awards committees.