

## **AAG Council Meeting Minutes**

November 1-3, 2013  
Annapolis, Maryland

**Present:** Julie Winkler, *President*; Mona Domosh, *Vice President*; Eric Sheppard, *Past President*; Grant Saff, *Treasurer*; Laura Smith, *Secretary*; Douglas Richardson, *Executive Director*; Derek Alderman, Ron Hagelman, Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, John Harrington, Jr., Richard Kujawa, Thomas Maraffa, Scott Mensing, Bradley Rundquist, Jeremy Tasch, James Tyner, Elizabeth Wentz.

**Regrets:** Melissa Gilbert, Richard Wright.

**AAG Staff:** David Coronado, Candida Mannozi, Rebecca Pendergast, Patricia Solís.

### **Opening of the Fall 2013 Council Meeting**

President Winkler called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. on November 2 with a short welcome. President Winkler moved to adopt the agenda, Sheppard seconded, and the agenda was adopted unanimously. Winkler then introduced new council members Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux (National), Richard Kujawa (New England-St. Lawrence Valley), Scott Mensing (Pacific Coast), and Jeremy Tasch (Middle Atlantic).

Hagelman moved to approve the minutes of the Spring 2013 Council meeting. Harrington moved to amend the minutes to revise wording concerning council endorsement of the GeoHumanities Journal proposal (to reflect endorsement of the proposal vs. endorsement of the journal). Alderman seconded for purposes of discussion. Approval of the minutes was delayed until discussion of publications later in the meeting.

### **Executive Director's Comments**

Executive Director Richardson welcomed the Council and invited questions from Council members over the course of the meeting. He identified the long-range planning process as an opportunity for members of the Council to reflect on the past and future of the AAG, and for both Regional and National Councillors to consider the AAG as a whole.

### **President's Comments**

President Winkler commented on the main areas of interest for her Presidential term: strengthening cross-disciplinary connections and raising the visibility of the AAG (particularly among the geosciences). She would like to see improved membership, greater journal readership, and greater participation in AAG meetings on the part of geoscientists. As an initial step, she has proposed that the AAG host a booth at the annual meeting of the American Meteorological Society (AMS). This meeting provides an ideal initial setting for promoting cross-disciplinary linkages as the current president of the AMS is a faculty member in the Department of Geography at the University of Georgia and an active AAG member, and Winkler is active in the AMS. In addition, the AMS has hosted booths at previous AAG annual meetings. The two societies have agreed to a booth exchange for their respective 2014 annual meetings.

The featured theme for Winkler's Presidential Plenary at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Tampa is "Geographies of Climate Change".

### **Vice President's Comments**

Vice President Domosh introduced two “big ideas” of interest for her upcoming term. The first builds on Winkler’s cross-disciplinarity theme to explore cross-disciplinarity within geography (or “radical intra-disciplinarity”). She would like to see AAG members employ the creativity present within our discipline to span the physical and human realms. Not many disciplines have this breadth, and she believes geography is well positioned to address the big picture on issues like climate change. For her plenary, she is considering matching people from different parts of geography on a common theme to present more of a creative process than a research presentation.

The second theme is to revisit existing initiatives on diversity and equity. She would like to examine how place matters in these ideas, and to draw on the strengths of geography as a discipline to investigate what “diversity” means in different places and how this changes the kind of questions we ask and answers we find.

### **Past President’s Comments**

Past President Sheppard commented on how the priorities of his presidential tenure seemed to meld nicely with the proposed themes to follow, especially in terms of diversity. He expressed disappointment with the lack of response to his presidential column on diversifying geography, but was pleased that the AAG has introduced the Harold M. Rose Award for Anti-Racism Research and Practice. His second presidential priority of “engaged pluralism”, or strengthening interactions across the discipline of geography, has links to Domosh’s theme of “intra-disciplinarity”. His past presidential address at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Tampa will be devoted to thinking geographically and applying that to capitalism.

His third priority as president was to strengthen communication between the AAG and its membership, on which he believes progress has been made. His final priority was to address the international role of the AAG, recognizing the important role of international participants at the annual meetings. In this spirit, he has selected Doreen Massey (Open University, UK) as the second non-North American recipient of the Presidential Achievement Award after Peter Meusbürger (2010). In addition, Sheppard proposed a change in name from the Association of American Geographers to the American Association of Geographers during his term as AAG President. Reaction has been generally positive, and a non-binding poll will be included on the AAG 2014 election ballot.

Sheppard concluded by emphasizing the importance of the long-range planning process, especially considering emerging issues around open access publishing, massive open on-line courses (MOOCs), and the increasing institutional tendency toward employing temporary faculty.

### **Reports from Regional Councillors**

Winkler noted a change in how Council will approach regional reports in the meeting. The Regional Chair will provide a summary of individual regional reports, followed by a discussion of the question posed by Winkler to the Regional Councillors emphasizing the strengthening of regions.

Regional Chair Rundquist noted that the full regional reports are available in written form; he presented only the “top two” items for each region:

#### *Pacific Coast (Mensing)*

The region held its annual conference in Squaw Valley, California. There were 265 registrants with 86 paper presentations from both students and faculty. Membership stands at about 500. Next year’s meeting will be hosted by the University of Arizona in Tucson. The organization’s publication, the *APCG*

*Yearbook*, published once a year, will be available electronically through JSTOR, exclusive of the most recent three years.

A number of departments have initiated new programs. Cal State Stanislaus started an MS concentration in geospatial sciences (within the campus Interdisciplinary MS program). Arizona State recently approved a BS in GIS and added a PhD in Planning. Portland State has added an interdisciplinary PhD in Earth, Environment and Society as part of the School of the Environment. The University of Southern California launched an A.B.S. in Geodesign and a minor in Spatial Studies. The University of Alaska, Fairbanks has added a Minor in GIS and Eastern Washington now has a Master's level certificate in GIS (state-supported) and within the past two years, an online undergraduate certificate in GIS (self-supported). San Francisco State is proposing a BS in Environmental Science & Management. At the University of California, Davis, where Geography is an interdisciplinary program, there is an effort to create a new geography major and a cluster hire of geography.

#### *Great Plains-Rocky Mountains (Rundquist)*

Dr. J.M. Shawn Hutchinson was elected serving as the region's chair. Kansas State University volunteered to jointly organize the 2014 conference with the Southwestern Region and New Mexico State University. The conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A few departments in the region have either changed their name or are considering changing their name. The University of Northern Colorado, for example, is now the Department of Geography and GIS. They have also added a GIS minor to their curriculum.

#### *Southwestern (Hagelman)*

The SWAAG Fall Conference was in Nacogdoches, Texas. The Department of Social and Cultural Analysis in the College of Liberal and Applied Arts at Stephen F. Austin State University hosted the meeting jointly with the Mid-South Region of the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS). During the Business Meeting, a resolution in support of changing "The Association of American Geographers" to "The American Association of Geographers" was moved and unanimously approved by all members present.

Despite continued declines in institutional travel funding and general concern over the teaching/curriculum implications of rapidly changing technologies, SWAAG departments and programs appear strong and members report growth in undergraduate and graduate enrollments, modest increases in faculty hiring, and the development of new degree/certificate offerings (GISc, sustainability, etc.) across the region.

#### *West Lakes (Smith)*

A well-organized and enjoyable regional meeting was held at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. Of 127 participants, around 60% were students. The opening and closing events were held in conjunction with the Chippewa Valley Book Festival and featured well-acclaimed authors reflecting on the geography in their work; this enlivened the conference and also helped to expose the rest of campus and the outside non-academic community to the world of geography.

The majority of programs in the West Lakes report continued high student interest in geography and continued or expanded interdisciplinary connections that help to raise geography's profile. However, there is concern especially about some of the liberal arts colleges where despite high student interest, vacancies in geography tenure-track lines have not been filled or have not been filled in

a timely manner. These smaller departments can ill afford a decrease in number of faculty, often becoming vulnerable to additional cuts (or to mergers).

With a push toward degrees with "marketable skills" on the part of many West Lakes institutions, a number of division members suggested that they could benefit from additional AAG support in terms of educating their institutions about trends in the labor market and specifically the projected growth in demand for graduates with GIS or geography-related skills.

#### *Southeastern (Alderman)*

The 2013 SEDAAG meeting in Roanoke marks a major change in the submission of papers and posters for the annual meeting. Traditionally, the Regional Division required paper presenters to submit an 8-page manuscript for review by the program committee. This full manuscript is no longer required. Presenters submit, instead, a 1,000- to 1,500-word extended abstract for peer review along with the conventional 200-word abstract for the program. Moreover, this year also marked the first time that meeting participants submitted their paper/poster abstracts to the program chair via a website, which was created and supported by UNC Press, the publisher of SEDAAG's journal.

SEDAAG is proud to report that strong diversity recruitment efforts (and donations) will allow the Division to fund two students from Norfolk State University, and seven students from Fayetteville State University, to attend the 2013 meeting in Roanoke, allowing for a historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) presence that has been largely missing from the Regional Division's annual meeting. One of the mechanisms that the Regional Division developed to subsidize the travel of HBCU students to the annual meeting was an ad-hoc program of faculty members from across the region volunteering to sponsor students by paying for their registration fees.

#### *East Lakes (Maraffa)*

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the East Lakes Division was held at the University of Toledo as a joint meeting with the Ontario Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers. The meeting was part of the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University of Toledo Department of Geography and Planning. The attendance at the meeting reflects the emphasis on student participation in the form of support for travel and a generous student paper and poster awards program. Of the 154 registrants, 112 were students and 42 were faculty. Twenty-eight institutions were represented including 18 from East Lakes, nine from Ontario, and one from New York. \$875 in paper and poster awards were distributed to eleven students in undergraduate, masters, and Ph.D. paper categories and undergraduate and graduate poster categories. The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held at Western Michigan University as a joint meeting with the West Lakes Division.

A session of East Lakes Department Chairs was held as part of the annual meeting. A major thread of the discussion was the role of East Lakes departments in service to various university initiatives and administrative functions. These included campus planning, building utilization, applications of enterprise GIS, enrollment management, and donor research. The array of activities was impressive and served to promote both the value of the departments involved and the discipline of geography. The participants suggested that it would be helpful for the AAG to accumulate and formalize best practices of contributions of geography to higher education institutions in the form of sessions at annual meetings and perhaps development of a special publication.

#### *Middle States (Saff)*

The 2013 Middle States Division Annual Meeting was held at Buffalo State in Buffalo, NY. There were 84 registered attendees, which is the second lowest total of the last seven meetings. Two possible reasons for this are that Buffalo is the northern extreme of the region and is a long and expensive trip for most of the membership. Second, is that as stipends to attend conferences are cut, fewer members can afford to attend regional meetings. Despite the lower than anticipated attendance, the meeting was still able to generate a modest profit of about \$700. The next meeting will be hosted by York College of Pennsylvania.

There are concerns about the situation in Pennsylvania where state support for colleges has been diminishing. In general, departments are being squeezed by a combination of cuts in state funding and enrollment pressures caused by the growth of competing programs and the emphasis on the STEM disciplines. There is also a difficulty in attracting more participants to the annual meeting, reflecting decreased conference funding for faculty and students and problems of drawing in faculty and students from the larger PhD granting institutions. This may be part of a generational shift away from the regional meetings.

#### *Middle Atlantic (Tasch)*

The fall 2013 combined Applied Geography/MAD Annual Conference had more attendees than in the last several years. MAD member attendance was cited as among the key reasons for the higher than anticipated participation. Sixteen members of the US Census Bureau presented papers and participated on panels – three times higher than is typical (affordability apparently was a causal factor). Two panel sessions with primarily MAD participants were among the highest-attended sessions.

Maryland Governor O'Malley has created a Chief Innovation Officer position within his office. A geographer holds this position. Governor O'Malley has demonstrated that geospatial thinking is central to state policymaking. The MAD region has a dynamic mix of geographers within state, federal, private and academic spheres. The MAD division can better leverage this powerful combination to work with a state government that is inclined to include geographic thinking in its policymaking.

#### *New England-St. Lawrence Valley (Kujawa)*

In October, Clark University hosted a successful regional meeting which featured another excellent public plenary. The theme for this year was Climate Assessment and Climate Justice. Katherine Jacobs, Director of the National Climate Assessment, presented the latest national climate assessment. Joni Seager (Bentley University) and James McCarthy (Clark University) acted as discussants. The region's refereed publication *The Northeastern Geographer* distributed its 4<sup>th</sup> volume with a call for papers for the 6<sup>th</sup> volume for publication in 2014. Two institutions (University of Vermont and Middlebury College) have embarked on cross-disciplinary initiatives for the embedding and reinforcement of GIS and spatial thinking in an array of other disciplines; both could serve as interesting models. Maine academic geographers from many campuses continue to work on a state-wide GIS curriculum for K-12 schools.

Departments at a variety of institutions, facing resource constraints and institutional challenges, have maintained as well as taken new steps to enhance the visibility and viability of geography through re-branding (e.g. Geography renamed Geographic Science and Community Planning), the development of substantial programmatic partnerships (Environmental Science and Community Planning), and through applied geography work with government agencies and the educational community (Geographic Alliance work as well as advocacy such as Massachusetts bill for a new statewide geography committee). Each of these is worth further study.

Rundquist identified common themes among the regional reports of resource concerns and the re-branding of geography departments. Council discussed perceptions of the term “geography” and the context of program name changes. Winkler noted that this issue has arisen in the Long Range Planning Committee as well, and suggested that the question for Regional Councillors to address in the spring be about re-branding and identity. This could help inform a broader conversation in the Long Range Planning Committee.

Alderman emphasized how impressed he was with the SEDAAG response to a call for sponsorship of students from HBCUs to attend the division’s annual meeting and the tremendous influence of modest sponsorship. He suggested this might serve as a strategy for increasing diversity of participation for other regions or even nationally.

Appreciation was expressed to Rundquist for his efforts in organizing and summarizing the Regional Councillor reports.

Regional Councillors then turned to discussion of the question posed to them by Winkler for consideration: “How have changes in the ‘external’ environment, during the past two decades, impacted your regional division, considering both the opportunities they create and the challenges they pose? (Examples include funding, professional expectations, proliferation of professional meetings including specialized geography meetings, development of internet communities, student expectations, changes in airfare structure, etc.)” Winkler hoped that discussion of this question among Regional Councillors would help the AAG to prepare for a special workshop for regional chairs to be held at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Tampa to address the potential of regional divisions, the challenges they are facing, best practices, and other ways to support regional divisions. Regional Councillors summarized four challenges and four opportunities facing the regional divisions that they had identified during a teleconference held on October 21 and attended by all Councillors.

Saff presented the first challenge, which is the reduction in funding for conference travel and increasing costs to attend conferences. This results in faculty having to prioritize conference attendance, and has implications for the choice of conference locations. Richardson suggested that the “culture of attendance” will be a core concept to explore in the Long Range Planning Committee.

Alderman presented the second challenge, which are university reward systems that generally undervalue service in regional professional societies. This contributes to faculty reluctance to serve and departmental unwillingness to host regional conferences.

Maraffa presented the third challenge, which is that many new faculty come out of PhD programs that do not value regional participation. This results in a disconnect between what individuals have been acculturated to and the type of institutions where they end up as faculty. On the other hand, strong undergraduate experiences at the regional level are seen as a positive feature.

Tasch presented the final challenge, which is a concern among professional geographers that there is no place for them in the AAG. Especially in the Middle Atlantic Division, the majority of members are professional geographers from government and industry; most of the members of the Division are not members of the broader AAG. For these individuals, the timing of fall regional conferences is difficult, and there is little professional incentive for them to attend. Other regions stated that participation on the part of professional geographers in their regional meetings is small. Again, the “culture of attendance” is an important concept to address.

Smith presented the first of four opportunities identified by the Regional Councillors, which is to hold more joint conferences when it makes sense, either with other regions or with other groups (e.g. Applied Geography). This may enhance the draw of a conference, and potentially make a small conference more viable and dynamic. However, there are travel and logistical challenges to doing so. It was agreed this would make a good topic of discussion at the workshop in Tampa.

Hagelman presented the second opportunity, which is to establish a more visible regional “presence” at the national conference and on AAG membership forms. The AAG could undertake simple, low-cost actions to remind members of their regional affiliation, such as inclusion of regional affiliation on the membership renewal form, inclusion of a conference attendee’s region on his/her nametag when applicable, space for region displays in the exhibit hall, or some sort of mobile application for sharing of information structure by region (e.g. paper presentations of potential interest to members of a certain region).

Rundquist presented the third opportunity, which is to encourage better communication of best practices among regional chairs. The workshop in Tampa is a good step forward; perhaps there could be a Knowledge Community set up for regional chairs.

Kujawa presented the final opportunity, which is the possibility of sponsoring plenary speakers at regional meetings that have public appeal. This would help to bring visibility to geography at least within host communities.

### **Reports from National Councillors**

The question posed to National Councillors by Winkler for consideration was: “How can the regional divisions strengthen geography at the national level and the AAG specifically?” Some of the activities mentioned in the ensuing discussion included providing student opportunities at all levels (PhD, community colleges, K-12, etc.); strengthening connections between applied, business, government, and academic geographers; encouraging alumni to reconnect with geography (e.g., corresponding with Geographic Alliances or other educational groups, or with ESRI or other GIS user groups); providing a venue for programs to come together and share institutional knowledge and best practices; providing field experiences in and/or geographic knowledge about those regions. Another possibility for the regions is to engage with AAG Specialty Groups. Many specialty groups are incredibly active but are strapped for time at national meetings; regional meetings could provide a venue for specialty groups to offer a relevant conference theme (e.g. the Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group is planning to host a meeting with the Pacific Coast Division Annual Meeting in Tucson in 2014). Councillors also discussed the diversity of regional practices on membership (e.g., some divisions offer regional membership distinct from AAG membership while others do not).

Winkler then asked Councillors for input on how to structure the luncheon and workshop planned for Regional Division Chairs at the Tampa meeting. It was determined that both Regional and National Councillors would be invited to attend these events as well. The workshop will focus on producing a useful deliverable, such as a best practices report for new regional officers (drawn from the experiences of past regional officers) that would cover issues such as capacity-building within regions, how to organize a regional meeting, how to plan a joint meeting, or how to set up a payment system, taking into consideration the varying sizes of regions.

### **STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

## **Finances**

Richardson reviewed the preliminary FYE 2013 financial statements. This fiscal year, AAG is expected to have a change in net assets of approximately \$470,000, according to pre-audit figures. Total assets currently are approximately \$11.5 million, including cash, investments, and fixed assets. The consistently positive change in net assets over the past decade has led to a substantial cumulative change in net assets during the time that Richardson has served as Executive Director. Final audited FYE 2013 statements will be presented to Council at the Spring 2014 meeting. Last year, auditors noted that they consider the AAG to be a model for nonprofit clients in terms of financial management and controls.

Treasurer Saff noted that the financial status of the AAG is overwhelmingly positive, and that there is no reason to suppose that anything will worsen since the Council has formally endorsed Richardson's conservative investment strategy. Richardson noted that the AAG has not implemented significant increases in membership dues or in annual meeting fees in many years; the AAG has achieved positive results through an increased number of members as well as an increased number of conference attendees. Saff inquired about registration numbers for the Tampa meeting; Richardson stated that it was difficult to estimate because of the federal government shutdown and the subsequent extension of the meeting registration deadline.

Richardson presented the FYE 2014 budget for Council's reference. This is the budget that the AAG is currently operating under as of September 1, 2013, developed by Richardson and AAG staff, reviewed by the AAG Finance Committee and Executive Committee, and approved by Council at the Spring 2013 meeting. Council will review the proposed FYE 2015 budget at the Spring 2014 meeting in Tampa.

Richardson noted that he would like to initiate a fundraising program. He plans to use the Long Range Planning Committee to identify critical needs and key areas around which to raise funds.

## **Membership**

Richardson noted that membership has leveled off in the 10,000 range; it is possible membership would have kept increasing if not for the recession. This is not typical of our peer associations, many of which have seen declining membership numbers. Students currently make up around 40% of AAG membership.

The on-line Jobs in Geography system is getting more listings than the printed newsletter received. Currently only academic postings are listed; there is hope that planning, GIS, and government jobs may be included in the future. Richardson noted the large number of advertisements now in the area of health, an encouraging trend given the efforts by Richardson and others to communicate the value of geography and GIS to the health research community and the growing impact of health-related research and teaching by geographers.

Richardson also noted the highly progressive dues structure of the AAG. At some point adjustments for inflation will be needed, as each year takes a bite out of membership revenues. The AAG cannot wait too long to address this issue as it would then result in a significant increase in membership dues.

Winkler identified the need to be able to make a donation to the AAG at the same time as renewing membership on-line, rather than having to log back in to make a donation in a separate transaction. Richardson noted that the AAG has hired an outside firm to assist in updating its membership

management system (iMIS) and migrate the system to new servers. Better capabilities of the system will likely be available in January or February. Saff requested that automatic membership renewal also be considered.

### **Publications**

Richardson noted upcoming special issues of the *Annals*: an issue on "Migration" in 2014 and "Futures: Imagining Socio-Ecological Transformation" in 2015. The proposed theme for the 2016 special issue is "The Geography of Mobilities". A memorial for Neil Smith is planned for the January 2014 issue. There is continuing concern over the low number of submissions to the Environmental Sciences section of the *Annals*; due to reduced submission rates and the increase in number of issues of the *Annals* published yearly, the November 2013 issue did not include an Environmental Sciences paper. Both the *Annals* and *The Professional Geographer* experienced an increased page budget since 2012; the trim size of the *PG* will increase to 7 in. x 10 in. beginning with the February 2014 issue.

### *GeoHumanities Journal Proposal*

Richardson summarized the history of the *GeoHumanities* journal concept, which grew out of the Geography and the Humanities Initiative that he launched in 2005. He noted the success of the two books that were published in 2011 out of this initiative (*GeoHumanities* and *Envisioning Landscapes*). He envisions that the editorial board will consist not just of geographers but include representatives from the humanities as well. In the time since the last Council meeting, Richardson drafted a response to the Routledge new journal proposal form that was reviewed by Alderman and Domosh before submission.

Winkler opened up the floor to general discussion of the establishment of a *GeoHumanities* journal. Sheppard noted that because the journal focuses on a particular subarea that it is a different kind of initiative than we have undertaken in the past. He suggested that if we do go ahead with establishment of the journal that we commit ourselves to review its performance in five years to make sure that it is achieving its goals; the Publications Committee would be the obvious mechanism to do so. Wentz noted that with the growth in membership of the AAG and the possibility of different types of publications that this kind of direction makes sense. She would like to see the AAG create a strategic plan in terms of the potential expansion of publications that would reflect our membership characteristics and potential interrelationships with other disciplines. Support for the development of a strategic plan for publications was expressed by Council; Richardson agreed that this topic should be considered by the Long Range Planning Committee.

Harrington inquired whether this theme was considered as a fifth section of the *Annals*, and whether the idea was taken to the Publications Committee. Alderman explained that the Publications Committee was informed of the idea and an e-mail discussion followed, but that the proposal developed quite rapidly and the committee needs to find a different mode for meeting if Council expects full research (or a strategic plan) to be produced by the committee. Richardson explained that the rationale for not including the topic as a fifth section of the *Annals* was to avoid the perception that it would be dominated by geography; the goal is to engage collaboration between the humanities and geography.

Discussion ensued about whether the proposed journal might detract from existing geography-focused journals such as the *Geographical Review*. Winkler suggested that the proposed *GeoHumanities* journal would serve a wider interdisciplinary community and she did not view the journals as being competitive. Domosh suggested that the proposed journal would be a place for exploration and would reach a whole other type of scholar. Alderman suggested that the proposed journal might reach new audiences as well. Sheppard believes this initiative has disciplinary import by making connections that strengthen

geography relative to the humanities (“engaged pluralism” across groups), and that is why it is appropriate for the Association to pursue. Wentz agreed that establishment of the journal would put geography in a leadership role; Richardson suggested that it would broaden and enrich our discipline. Sheppard noted that we should not minimize the difficulty of trying to achieve these goals, however. Discussion then followed about what the goals of the proposed journal would be (e.g., to increase interdisciplinary visibility for geography, to take a leadership role in an emerging area, to be cited in the humanities as well as in geography).

Council returned to the motion on the table by Harrington to amend the Spring 2013 Council minutes to change the wording under the section *GeoHumanities Journal Proposal* (p. 9) from “Kobayashi moved to endorse the creation of an AAG GeoHumanities Journal, asking Vice President Elect Domosh to work with Publications Committee Chair Alderman to review the AAG prospectus prior to its submission to the publisher” to “Kobayashi moved to endorse the creation of a subcommittee, consisting of Vice President Elect Domosh and Publications Committee Chair Alderman, to review the AAG prospectus prior to its submission to the publisher.” Alderman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Tyner moved to approve the proposed *GeoHumanities* journal for publication. Alderman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Sheppard moved that beginning with the *AAG Review of Books*, the AAG Council will review the progress of new AAG journals after five years. The Publications Committee, in collaboration with the Executive Committee and journal editors, will develop criteria for this review during the first year of publication, and will report to Council on progress with respect to these criteria after five years. Harrington seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Council discussed the review process and the process for determining review criteria. The review will be used as an assessment tool, with actions or revisions to journal publication determined once the review is completed. The Publications Committee will create the review criteria, although the committee would welcome increased input from editors, the Executive Committee, etc. The AAG will facilitate convening the Publications Committee to undertake this task.

#### *Discussion of Creation of Journal on Physical Geography*

At the Spring 2013 Council meeting, the idea of supporting a journal related to physical geography was raised. Winkler now reviewed the rationale for introducing an interdisciplinary journal on global change. With introduction of the *GeoHumanities* journal, there is concern that the suite of AAG journals is tipping toward the social science vs. physical science aspects of the discipline. There is also the issue of a small number of physical geographers currently publishing in AAG journals. An interdisciplinary journal on global change may prove more appealing to some physical geographers (and others) as a potential publication outlet. It might allow the AAG to more effectively market its suite of journals to the geosciences, and also to recapture geographers to submit to AAG journals who are currently submitting to other journals. However, Winkler noted that this action comes with considerable risk and cost; the AAG would be entering a somewhat crowded field (e.g. the American Geophysical Union publishes *Earth's Future*, the American Meteorological Society publishes *Weather, Climate, and Society*, and Elsevier recently established a new journal titled *Anthropocene*). Winkler asked the Council for input on whether or not to continue to investigate the idea of introducing an interdisciplinary journal on global change.

Wentz inquired what the geographic dimension would add to this crowded field. Winkler replied that the journal would be tailored to interdisciplinary research teams, focusing on coupled natural-human systems and spatial variations (geographic perspectives). There is also some room for paralleling an existing journal that is difficult to get into. Hagelman suggested that the new journal seems to apply directly to the Environmental Sciences section of the *Annals*. Winkler suggested that not all types of physical geographers would be attracted to the new journal, and submissions to the Environmental Sciences section of the *Annals* would be expected to continue and perhaps increase if the proposed journal helps to elevate the visibility of the entire AAG journal suite. Maraffa inquired about where physical geographers are currently publishing, and how the AAG compares to other associations in terms of its number of publications. Winker noted a recent article in *The Professional Geographer* that found a decrease in the proportion of articles by geographers specializing in climatology that are published in AAG journals. Richardson noted that the AAG is at the low end in terms of number of publications, and that we are missing opportunities at the “edges” of the discipline. Richardson also noted that both of our flagship journals are very “branded” as geography journals, which may discourage submissions from interdisciplinary teams. Wentz suggested that the proposed journal could prove a strategic advantage, because geographers cover both the physical and human aspects of earth and the human dimension is missing from much of the existing work in global change.

Sheppard pointed out the different process for this idea of a global change journal vs. the GeoHumanities idea. For the GeoHumanities, a series of workshops was held to engage the two groups (geography and the humanities). With the global change journal, the focus is more on trying to reengage physical geographers and to enhance cross-disciplinary linkages, particularly with the geosciences but with other disciplines as well. Can we better define a theme? Dupigny-Giroux suggested an open meeting on the issue be held at the annual meeting in Tampa; others expressed support for this idea. Wentz suggested consulting with relevant Specialty Groups as well. Winkler will continue to explore the idea of a global change journal and report back on these activities at the Fall 2014 Council meeting.

#### *Editorial Terms and Openings; Editorial Boards*

Barney Warf’s term as Editor for *The Professional Geographer* will expire December 2014. Members of the Publications Committee were unanimous in supporting the reappointment of Warf for another term as Editor of *PG*. Alderman moved that Council endorse the reappointment of Warf for Editor of *The Professional Geographer*. Saff seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Alderman noted that there are no procedures in place for reappointment of Editors to the AAG journals; the Publications Committee will need to coordinate with Council to develop guidelines for future reappointments.

A list of editorial board nominees for the Methods, Models, and GIS (MMGIS) section of the *Annals* was received from Mei-Po Kwan to coincide with her new term as MMGIS Editor. Alderman moved that Council approve the list of MMGIS editorial board nominees submitted by Kwan subject to reduction of the list from 20 to 16 nominees at her discretion. Kujawa seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Editor Kent Mathewson would like to add Jörn Seemann, Universidade Regional do Cariri, Brazil to the editorial board of *The AAG Review of Books*. Alderman moved to approve the addition of Seemann to the editorial board of *The AAG Review of Books*. Sheppard seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

## **Communications**

Richardson introduced David Coronado, Communications Director, and Rebecca Pendergast, Director of Design and Digital Products, from the AAG Staff. Coronado reviewed the digital communication products that the AAG provides to members. The AAG SmartBrief, which offers geography-related news selections from the broader media, now boasts over 10,000 subscribers (more than the AAG membership total). Coronado presented data on the number of visits to the AAG website and the number and timing of “opens” of AAG digital communications. The recent e-mail to members about the availability of Presidential Newsletter columns online resulted in much increased traffic to those columns. Each time an item is posted to the AAG website, it is also pushed out to members through social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn).

Richardson noted that the AAG Newsletter Digest has been the most problematic digital product. (This product was previously titled the AAG News Update.) Members have expressed concern over the readability and accessibility of newsletter content in this format, and expressed a desire to read the newsletter as a single document as they had done so in the past with the printed version. Richardson proposed two new options for the AAG Newsletter: to redesign the format of the newsletter content hosted on the AAG website and/or to create a single newsletter document in .pdf format. Coronado demonstrated the proposed new format for the newsletter hosted on the AAG website, including a top menu bar with categories (e.g. news, columns, annual meeting, etc.), search and sorting features, etc. This format will also be mobile-device friendly. Pendergast demonstrated a .pdf version of the newsletter that could be downloaded and/or printed. Alderman and others expressed appreciation for the AAG’s efforts to respond to member concerns about this issue. It was decided that the AAG would proceed with both options, and continue to send the AAG Newsletter Digest product through which members can access either the website or .pdf versions of the newsletter.

Dupigny-Giroux inquired about the constituency of the Developing Regions and how they access AAG communications. Mannozi explained that members from these regions are much more in the habit of accessing information online because they were not receiving printed copies previously. These members receive monthly reminders, and have access to their own regional pages (available in multiple languages) with relevant news and announcements.

Richardson reported on progress made with transitioning the *AAG Guide to Geography Programs in the Americas* to an online format. Following resolution of a technical issue with the WordPress program, the new version will be made available. AAG staff are also working to revise the online election system so that a voter may vote for a fewer number of candidates than the maximum (e.g. selecting two candidates when the maximum selection is three). Winkler suggested that making the AAG website more friendly to students be considered as an ongoing improvement; it was agreed that providing the *Guide to Geography Programs* online will help in this regard.

## **Policy and Outreach**

The AAG Public Policy effort continues to be a coordinated effort, involving the hard work of many staff members. Richardson briefly summarized the substantial amount of work done by the AAG office recently in attempts to prevent or stop attacks on funding for the social sciences. The AAG has developed a website page ([http://www.aag.org/cs/social\\_science\\_funding](http://www.aag.org/cs/social_science_funding)) that explains the Coburn Amendment and other proposals that would cut funding for the social and behavioral sciences, highlights activities, and explains how AAG members can get involved in supporting social science research. Richardson and John Wertman, Senior Program Manager for Government Relations, are currently serving on a committee comprised of representatives from a wide range of scientific

associations focused on engaging the media in the push to protect social and behavioral science funding. The AAG also sent its members a call to action on the issue of sequestration and its impacts on science research funding.

Richardson noted the continued importance of the AAG Resolution Supporting K-12 Geography Education, especially in reaching and influencing Congresspeople. Recent endorsers of the resolution include Governors John Kitzhaber (OR), Steve Bullock (MT), Maggie Hassan (NH), and Alejandro García Padilla (PR); former Defense Secretary and White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta; FedEx Corporation; and former Coast Guard Commandant Thad Allen.

Richardson briefly summarized additional policy and outreach activities. A letter of support for K-12 geography education in Tennessee was sent to the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Education and printed verbatim as an op-ed piece in the *Nashville Tennessean*. A letter was sent to Texas Governor Rick Perry to express concern over proposals in the Texas Legislature that would do away with the state's current requirement for a one-year course in world geography for Texas high school students. The AAG signed onto a letter organized by the Coalition for National Science Funding, of which the AAG is a member, on the importance of maintaining the role of the merit-review process in grant funding decisions. The AAG also signed onto a letter organized by the Ocean Conservancy on the budget for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Council revisited the issue of GIS program accreditation, which was discussed at the Spring 2013 Council meeting in response to a report by a Council-appointed subcommittee tasked to explore the issue. Winkler suggested that the AAG approach this issue by compiling recommended guidelines for GIS programs (vs. pursuing accreditation of GIS programs), and provided an example from another professional society that has taken a similar approach. Wentz suggested that guidelines build upon what has already been developed, such as the *GIS&T Body of Knowledge* and Duane Marble's model curriculum, and that relevant Specialty Groups should be involved in the development of the guidelines. Wentz and Alderman will report back on subcommittee activities and what a model curriculum may look like at the Spring 2014 Council meeting.

### **Meridian Place Operations**

Richardson announced the addition of two new AAG staff members: Yonette Thomas as Senior Researcher, and Daniel Phillips as Research Assistant. He lamented the loss of long-time staff member Jean McKendry and acknowledged her significant contributions to the Association. In response to her departure, to join her partner at Clemson University, the AAG will advertise an opening for the position of Research Scientist.

Council discussed operational issues regarding the proposed name change of the AAG from the Association of American Geographers to the American Association of Geographers. Richardson noted that members have been invited to share their thoughts on the name change by commenting on Sheppard's presidential column of April 2013, and have been notified about the non-binding poll about the name change that will be included on the AAG 2014 election ballot. It was reported by multiple Regional Councillors that their regions endorsed the name change; Hagelman reported that the Southwestern Division unanimously passed a resolution in support of the change. Richardson suggested that if a non-binding referendum was strongly in favor of the change, Council could propose and vote on a resolution to rename the Association. If the vote was close, Council could decline to act or could put the issue to a binding vote. Maraffa inquired whether the costs associated with a name change would be manageable within the current operating budget. Richardson indicated that the costs (including legal

fees and outreach to other organizations) could be covered within the AAG's current healthy operating budget.

Richardson noted ongoing work on health insurance options and possible transitions for AAG employees.

The AAG Archives are currently housed in four different locations: the core collection now at the American Geographical Society Library at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee; the “Geographers on Film” collection at the Library of Congress; the extensive collection of AAG materials held by AAG Archivist Geoffrey Martin at his home in New Haven; and the rapidly growing digital archives located at the AAG Central Office in Washington, D.C. As discussed at the Spring 2013 Council meeting, fragmentation of the AAG archives at various sites poses numerous difficulties. Ralph Ehrenberg, Head of the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress, offered in a written letter to Richardson to house all components of the AAG Archives at the Library of Congress. Hagelman moved to consolidate the archives of the Association of American Geographers at the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress. Rundquist seconded the motion and Council passed unanimously.

Richardson reported on activities of the Long Range Planning Committee. The committee has been charged with reviewing and updating the current AAG Long Range Plan (approved in 2003). Ken Foote is serving as chair of the committee. The committee is using a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) technique to identify the issues most in need of updating, and is pursuing an aggressive timeline. Subcommittees have been formed to develop white papers on key issues. Maraffa noted that committee members represent a range of perspectives, institutions, and backgrounds, and are committed to communicating with the membership. Sheppard noted that the committee has begun to consider how to hear directly from the AAG membership as part of the outreach and listening component.

Sheppard reviewed the issue of part-time/non-tenure track faculty in geography and how the AAG as a disciplinary society might better serve those members. Council discussed current trends in hiring practices, and noted a need for more data on part-time/non-tenure track faculty positions. Solís noted the existence of data from the supplemental survey to departments in 2010, which is scheduled again for 2015. Maraffa and Wentz cautioned that we need to keep a balanced view of part-time/non-tenure track employment (as not automatically negative). Dupigny-Giroux and Richardson suggested that the regional divisions could be helpful in gaining a perspective on the issue. Multiple suggestions were offered on how to collect information on the issue, including an open forum at the Tampa meeting (to which faculty from all Tampa area institutions would be invited), a newsletter column, online space for discussion, and dedicated sessions at next fall's regional meetings. A subcommittee (consisting of Dupigny-Giroux, Maraffa, Sheppard, and Tasch, with input from Harrington) was formed to explore the issue and to provide input for discussion at the Spring 2014 Council meeting.

### **Projects and Programs**

Richardson provided a brief overview of active and ongoing AAG projects and programs. Richardson noted that the AAG has attempted to target strategic areas and pointed out the interaction among programs and the synergy in the AAG portfolio of research projects. Active projects include the NSF-funded “Addressing Challenges for Geospatial Data-Intensive Research Communities: Research on Unique Confidentiality Risks & Geospatial Data Sharing within a Virtual Data Enclave” and education-related NSF-funded grants for “GeoCapabilities” (a comparative analysis of national curriculum standards and frameworks in geography in the U.S., England, and Finland); “Aligning Learning Outcomes

and Workforce Competencies for Terminal Geography and Geology Master's Degree Programs"; and NIH funded research projects such as the AAG's "Geospatial Frontiers of Health and Social Environments."

Projects in development include an extension of the ALIGNED project to the graduate and faculty level (submitted to the NSF Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate – Knowledge Adoption and Translation Program) and a proposal to develop resources for teaching and advising about careers in geography. Building on recent AAG-NIH initiatives, a proposal for "Innovative Methods in Health Research: Analyzing and Integrating Spatial Data with Health-Related Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (BSSR) Data" will be submitted to NIH. In addition, the AAG is collaborating with a team of researchers at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on a proposal to the NIH that would further promote the integration of geography and GIScience with health and biomedical research.

## **CONTINUING AND NEW BUSINESS**

### **Annual Meetings**

Richardson reviewed some of the plans underway for the 2014 Annual Meeting in Tampa, scheduled for April 8-12, 2014. Featured themes include geographies of climate change, GIS and policy, and racism and violence. Richardson emphasized the relevance of the racism and violence theme to the meeting location in Florida and the American South, and expressed his excitement that Julian Bond (renowned civil rights pioneer and political leader) will be speaking at the meeting as the third recipient of the AAG Atlas Award. His presentation on "Race Around the World" will focus on how civil rights figures and organizations have shaped and changed American foreign policy. Alderman agreed to also promote the racism and violence theme within the Study of the American South Specialty Group, and to encourage a focus on Florida on the part of the Recreation, Tourism, and Sport Specialty Group.

Future AAG annual meetings will take place in Chicago (2015), San Francisco (2016), and Boston (2017).

Winkler provided an overview of the AAG Childcare Subsidy Program. At the Fall 2012 Council meeting, Council discussed extending the program to regional meetings (with a lower maximum reimbursement of \$150); regions would be required to provide a list of licensed care options. The rationale for extending the program would be that for many individuals a regional meeting is a major professional opportunity but child care obligations may be limiting their participation. Many of the Regional Councillors reported positive feedback from their members. Alderman reported that members of the Southeastern Division were supportive and enthusiastic, with the only reservation raised being that of liability issues; any guidance on finding care provider options would also be welcomed. Hagelman noted that the Southwestern Division has formed a committee on how to make the regional meeting more family friendly. He also suggested that this program be included in the best practices report for regional officers. Richardson noted that the regions will aggregate the reimbursement paperwork and the AAG will process one set per region. Rundquist moved that the AAG Council support a childcare subsidy of up to \$150 per person to be administered by the regional division and limited to use with certified and secure child care providers. Hagelman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

At the Spring 2013 Council meeting, Council tasked Harrington, Winkler, and Domosh to hold a conference call with members of the Committee on the Status of Women in Geography (CWSG) and the Enhancing Diversity Committee to receive feedback on the childcare subsidy program and other issues of inclusivity at annual meetings, within the association, and within the discipline. A conference call was held on May 9, 2013. Harrington reviewed the primary themes and ideas from the conference call, including an appreciation for enabling the committee members' voices to be heard and a proposal for a

new AAG Mentoring Award. Winkler reviewed the interest by some committee members to conduct a survey of the “climate” of AAG annual meetings and the AAG more broadly. Richardson expressed his support of a survey, and Winkler volunteered to work with the Committee on the Status of Women in Geography and the Enhancing Diversity Committee to develop a survey.

Council then considered the proposal for a new AAG Excellence in Mentoring Award, submitted by the Enhancing Diversity Committee and the Committee on the Status of Women in Geography. Domosh expressed her excitement about the proposal, and suggested a minor revision to the wording in order to include “other groups” that are not necessarily departmentally based (thus not limiting the award to individuals or departments). Sheppard commented that this was an excellent initiative and a thoughtful proposal. He suggested a clarification that applicants need not address all twelve criteria in the 500-word maximum description of accomplishments. Domosh moved that Council approve the proposal for the AAG Excellence in Mentoring Award. Harrington seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Richardson announced the establishment of the AAG-GTU Student Travel Awards Fund. The AAG and Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) have partnered to raise funds to support student attendance at the AAG annual meeting. The travel awards will provide subsidies of \$200 to help undergraduate and graduate student members of GTU attend AAG meetings. The AAG and GTU will jointly fundraise, while GTU will administer the awards. There will be at least five awards granted this first year.

Winkler reminded Councillors to send her items for inclusion in the Regional Division Chairs workshop planned for the Tampa meeting. The workshop will be open to multiple representatives of regions, but the luncheon will be limited to regional Chairs and Past-Chairs (with only one individual per region funded by the AAG). National and Regional Councillors are invited to attend both the luncheon and the workshop (for the purpose of listening, not talking). Winkler also noted that her Presidential column for November will be on supporting the regional divisions.

Richardson reminded Councillors of the expansion of the AAG Enrichment Fund program to allow Specialty and Affinity Group Chairs to nominate up to a collective total of five local non-geographers to attend AAG annual meetings. These recipients will receive free meeting registration and their attendance does not require speaking or other obligations. Specialty and Affinity Groups should be thinking about potential attendees from the Tampa area.

### **Honors and Awards**

The Honors Committee forwarded its nominations for 2014 AAG Honors to Council: *Lifetime Achievement Honors*: Anne Buttimer and Alexander Murphy; *Distinguished Scholarship Honors*: Meric Gertler and Amy Glasmeier; *Ronald F. Abler Distinguished Service Honors*: James W. Harrington and Wei Li; *Gilbert Grosvenor Geographic Education Honors*: Darrell Hess; *Gilbert White Public Service Honors*: Eve Gruntfest; *Media Achievement Award*: Derek Alderman; *Publication Award*: ESRI. Maraffa moved to approve the list of 2014 Honors nominations as supplied by the Honors Committee. Sheppard seconded the motion. It passed unanimously (Alderman abstained).

Alderman summarized a revised proposal submitted for the establishment of an AAG award to recognize exemplary Geography Departments and Programs. Such an award would acknowledge the collective efforts of faculty, staff, and students in enhancing the prominence of geography as a discipline. At the Spring 2013 Council meeting, council members expressed support for the establishment of such an award and offered feedback and suggestions. The revised proposal incorporates additional suggestions from an ad-hoc award program committee made up of Alderman, Hagelman, and Maraffa, and also

responds to a number of concerns raised by the Healthy Departments Committee. The revised proposal implements a two-tiered system of nomination and consideration that actively engages Regional Division Chairs and Councillors and greatly reduces the size of the nomination dossiers, but leaves open the questions of which committee would grant the award and the nature of the award itself. Council discussion of the proposed award included concerns over repeat recipients and ambiguity over recognizing an “outstanding” department (continual excellence vs. event-oriented achievements). Councillors also discussed the potential difficulty of categorizing departments into different levels of undergraduate, masters, and doctoral, and the broader question of whether or not PhD programs should be included. Alderman noted that he is happy to receive input on the proposal and to bring it to Council again at its Spring 2014 meeting, but also noted the need to bring closure to the issue. The Council expressed interest in receiving a revised proposal. Another revised proposal will be distributed to Council in time to receive feedback and to provide a final version for approval at the Spring 2014 Council meeting.

Richardson reiterated his excitement that Julian Bond will receive the 2014 AAG Atlas Award and will speak at the Tampa meeting. Richardson announced that the 2014 Honorary Geographer, approved by the Executive Committee, will be Warren Washington of the National Center for Atmospheric Research. Sheppard reiterated that the recipient of the 2014 Presidential Achievement Award is Doreen Massey. Richardson presented the nomination for the 2014 Enhancing Diversity Award by the Enhancing Diversity Committee of three members of the Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group; Richardson inquired about the inclusion of two additional individuals from the specialty group who also held leadership roles. Smith supported this recommendation. Sheppard moved to approve the nomination contingent on inviting the Enhancing Diversity Committee to consider two additional nominees for the award. Hagelman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously (Smith abstained). The nominee provided by the Harold M. Rose Award Committee for the 2014 Harold M. Rose Award for Anti-Racism Research and Practice is Ruth Wilson Gilmore. Harrington moved to approve the nomination. Alderman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Richardson also noted that the Executive Committee had approved Robert Kates as recipient of the 2014 Stanley Brunn Award for Creativity in Geography.

### **Committees and Specialty Groups**

Solís and Smith presented Council with the slate of individuals for consideration for the Nominating Committee and Honors Committee (A and B). The Council voted for the following individuals to stand for election on the 2014 ballot: *Honors A*: Susan Cutter and Rickie Sanders; *Honors B*: Julie Cidell, Ryan Jensen, Burrell Montz and Ann Oberhauser; *Nominating Committee*: Jill Coleman, Matt Gerike, Katherine Klink, William Moseley, Christiane von Reichert, and Michael Scott.

Smith announced the list of nominees to be placed on the 2014 election ballot as received from the Nominating Committee for the 2014 Election: *President*: Mona Domosh; *Vice President*: Sarah Bednarz and Craig Colten; *National Councillor*: Stuart Aitken, Florence Margai, Greg Pope, and Lesley Rigg.

Richardson reported that the Healthy Departments Committee would like to add William Moseley as a member. Harrington moved to approve this addition. Sheppard seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Smith noted the need for new Council representatives on two committees. Tasch will represent Council on the Governmental Data and Employment Committee and Mensing will represent Council on the Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Committee. Harrington moved to ratify the current list of committee appointments. Rundquist seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Wentz provided a brief summary of suggestions for the AAG from the Specialty Group reports. She highlighted a suggestion from the Coastal and Marine Specialty Group that in developing themes for the annual meeting, Council may wish to solicit some cross-cutting topics from Specialty Group Chairs.

### **Council**

Council discussed whether the observing Student Representative (approved at the Spring 2013 Council meeting) should attend only the Spring Council meeting, or both Spring and Fall. Winkler recommended that the Student Representative be invited to both meetings. Saff suggested there be a designated contact person on Council for the Student Representative. Alderman moved to invite the Student Representative to both Spring and Fall Council meetings. Hagelman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The next Council meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2014 Annual Meeting in Tampa, from April 6-8. The Long Range Planning Committee, Executive Committee, and Finance Committee will meet consecutively over March 7-9, 2014 in Washington, D.C.

### **Closed Session**

Council met in closed session to review personnel items.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Winkler adjourned the Council meeting at 12:18 p.m. on Sunday, November 3, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Smith  
AAG Secretary