

Key Decisions

AAG Council Meeting

September 12-14, 2024

AAG Councilors Present: Patricia Ehrkamp, William (Bill) Moseley, Rebecca Lave, Dydia DeLyser, Antoinette WinklerPrins, Debarchana Ghosh, Patricia (Tish) Lopez, Adriana (Didi) Martinez, Patricia Solís, Sofia Zaragocin, Alyson Mabie, Rebecca (Becky) Buller, Michael (Mike) DeVivo, Nathaniel (Nate) Gabriel, Jeremy Tasch, Heidi Lannon, Steven Silvern, Hyejin Yoon, Mark Barnes, Eric Sarmiento

Staff Present: Gary Langham, Risha RaQuelle, Elin Thorlund, Jennifer Cassidento, Betsy Orgodol, Lisa Schamess, Ashley Wallace

Publications

1. Council approved Brian King's proposal for a special topic issue in 2027: Socio-Ecological Crises and Possibilities.
2. Council approved a call for a new editor to replace Ling Bian once her term as the editor of *Annals of the AAG* ends.
3. Council approved an invitation to Chris Lukinbeal to author a memorial to Janice Monk (with outreach to Diana Liverman for authorship) and the memorial's inclusion in the *Annals of the AAG*.
4. Council approved the addition of Terence Day, a physical geography and methods scholar, to the *Professional Geographer* editorial board.
5. Council approved to initiate a search for a *Cartography* editor.

Finance

1. Council approved establishing an Operating Reserve Fund of at least \$1 million before discretionary reserve spending.
2. Council approved building up the Richardson Fund to at least \$5 million before discretionary reserve spending.

Climate 2028 Overview

1. Council approved hosting a 2028 hybrid Annual Meeting with nodes.
2. Council approved that the AAG will seek to become a climate leader by scaling up to mitigate annual meeting climate impacts by working with academic societies and hub partners, inspiring industry-level change, and engaging in ongoing communication with members and the public.
3. Council approved that the AAG will seek a conference location that prioritizes fair labor, food waste reduction, energy efficiency, and that minimizes climate impacts overall.

JEDI: Truth and Reconciliation

1. Council approved that the Truth & Reconciliation Task Force focus its scope on the AAG as a starting point.

New Business

1. Council approved the revised statement from the Public and Engaged Scholarship (PES) Task Force.
2. Council agreed to continue discussion of the creation of a Public and Engaged Scholarship (PES) Task Force Award with continued research and assistance by AAG staff.
3. Michael DeVivo and Alyson Mabie presented a recommendation to add a student representative to each regional division in order to include student voices at the table and deepen the future commitment to the AAG.
4. Michael DeVivo presented an idea for regional division redistricting to balance membership and expand the specialty interests of National Councilors.