

Southwest Division of the American Association of Geographers (SWAAG) Business Meeting Minutes

Denton Square Courthouse Courtroom
Denton, TX
21 October 2016

- Michaela Buenemann (Chair) called meeting to order at 5:23pm
- 2016 business meeting agenda was approved.
- 2015 business meeting minutes were approved.
- Darren Purcell gave Regional **Councilor's Report**.
 - SWAAG nominated UNT and UNM for the 2017 AAG Program Excellence Award. The AAG Program Excellence Award Committee selected UNT as a finalist. The Award winner will be announced next year.
 - AAG annual conference abstract submission deadline is October 27, next week.
 - Derek Alderman thanked SWAAG for hosting him, and announced that the *Annals* is in process of selecting a new editor for the Environment section.
 - Ron Hagelman suggested to Darren Purcell to solicit info from SWAAG to include in the AAG Councilor report.
- Michaela Buenemann provided the **Chair's Report**
 - The approved Bylaws from last year are posted on the website; further Bylaws revisions are needed.
 - Announced introduction of Discussion Forum on the SWAAG website, which was done earlier this year. The forum allows SWAAG members to hold conversations about topics of interest and relevance to them and helps limit the use of the SWAAG ListServ for announcing division news and events.
 - This was the first year entire conference webpage, including payment, was on SWAAG website. She would like to continue this.
 - Michaela thanked Alexandra Ponette and Jason Julian for organizing and running a successful GeoBowl.
 - SWAAG Executive Committee created a Dropbox account for all SWAAG materials that will be passed on to future SWAAG Board members and facilitate continuity for SWAAG leadership.
 - Ron Hagelman updated everyone on the AAG Archives plan. Archives will be stored in the Library of Congress. There will be a place for division archives.
 - Ron Hagelman thanked Michaela for updating website.
- Jason Julian gave **Secretary's Report**
 - Announced that everyone is welcome to submit material for Newsletter year round. Official call for content will come in early-Summer, with a Newsletter release date of approximately one month before the SWAAG meeting.
 - Summarized this year's Geography Bowl. A total of 7 teams competed. Everything went

smoothly and everybody seemed to have a lot of fun. Jason thanked all of the volunteers that helped make the Geography Bowl a success: 19 question writers, 3 moderators, 3 judges, 3 scorekeepers, and 1 master scorekeeper. Jason also thanked Alexandra Ponette-Gonzales and all the staff/students at UNT who helped with local logistics.

- Matthew Fry gave **Treasurer's Report**
 - Matthew updated everyone on attached budget, pointing out distributions for student awards and student travel to AAG. These were much higher than previous year.
 - Matthew noted that SWAAG will be receiving several thousand dollars from UNT from conference proceeds.
 - Jason Julian thanked TXST, UNM, Darren Purcell, Jon Comer, and Ron Hagelman for sponsoring the Geography Bowl.

- Murray Rice gave conference organizer summary.
 - Murray thanked Hagelman for passing on info from last year's meeting, and offered to pass info along to next year's meeting.
 - Had approximately 263 registrants this year.
 - Liked the conference website setup, and suggested we do it the same way next year.
 - Announced approximately \$6,000 will be going back to SWAAG from conference proceeds.
 - Noted that student registration was reduced to \$35, and encouraged a similar rate for next year's meeting.

- Don Albert was not present for 2017 meeting report, but Matthew Fry noted that Don Albert had been in touch with UNT and that plans for the 2017 conference were progressing. Michaela noted that the meeting will be held 26-28 October 2017 in the Walker Education Center in the Sam Houston Memorial Museum Complex in Huntsville, TX, and that the local organizing committee secured a \$3,600 grant from the City of Huntsville to help support the conference.

- John Tiefenbacher provided report for *The Southwestern Geographer*.
 - Reiterated that it is strictly an online paper. Two papers were accepted this year and two more are in review. A few others have been submitted recently and awaiting reviewer confirmations. John stated there is a 'healthy flow' of manuscripts, but encouraged more submissions. They can handle more. Special Issues are welcome. If there are any questions about submissions, email John Tiefenbacher or Eric Prout.

- Michaela read proposed Bylaws changes. Hagelman moved to approve. Tiefenbacher seconded. Changes were approved unanimously.

- Darren Purcell made a motion to add a graduate student representative to the SWAAG Board. Tiefenbacher seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor except one abstention. Over the course of the next year, the SWAAG Board (with input from the SWAAG community) will discuss and finalize details to make it part of the election next year. It was suggested that SWAAG students vote for the Student Representative.

- Ron Hagelman nominated Jason Julian for Chair and Matthew Fry for Secretary. Darren Purcell nominated Emily Fekete (OSU) for Treasurer.
- Michaela asked for volunteer hosts for the 2019 and 2020 SWAAG conferences. Emily Fekete and other faculty from OSU volunteered for OSU to host in 2019.
- Jeff Allender (UCA) recommended that we should give SFA and UCA priority for future SWAAG conferences which coincide with their 100th anniversary as a program.
- Ron Hagelman made a motion (channeling Bill Doolittle) for the executive committee to consider increasing student awards. Darren Purcell seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
- Jason Julian and Matthew Fry announced new AAG competition for grad student award winner. The AAG will contribute \$1000 in funding for use towards the SWAAG graduate student paper winner's registration and travel costs to the AAG Annual Meeting to participate in the AAG Council Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper.
- Someone noted that Darrel McDonald (Stephen F. Austin) is compiling a history of geography departments in the region.
- Ben Tillman announced that TCU has a new Geography Department.
- Someone announced that John Davenport helped establish a new Geography program at Missouri Southern University.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Jason Julian, SWAAG Secretary

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Treasurer's Report
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Date	Description	Receipts (\$)	Disbursem. (\$)	Balance (\$)
8/31/15	Balance forward			6,536.38
11/16/15	Purcell - Reimbursement for SWAAG awards		(118.00)	6,418.38
11/17/15	Bova - 1st Place Undergrad Paper Award		(250.00)	6,168.38
11/17/15	Brewer - 2nd Place GeoBowl		(50.00)	6,118.38
11/17/15	Franks - 1st Place Poster Award		(125.00)	5,993.38
11/17/15	Holland - 1st Place Undergrad Poster Award		(125.00)	5,868.38
11/17/15	Holtzman - 2nd Place Graduate Poster Award		(100.00)	5,768.38
11/17/15	Ignac - 2nd Place Undergrad Paper Award		(100.00)	5,668.38
11/17/15	Kamarinias - 1st Place Graduate Poster Award		(250.00)	5,418.38
11/17/15	Kenny - 2nd Place Undergrad Poster Award		(100.00)	5,318.38
11/17/15	Lopez-Brody - 3RD Place Graduate Paper Award		(50.00)	5,268.38
11/17/15	Newcomer - 1st Place Graduate Paper Award		(250.00)	5,018.38
11/17/15	Ridgeway - 1St Place Geo Bowl Comp.		(100.00)	4,918.38
11/17/15	Sims - 3rd Place Undergrad Paper Award		(50.00)	4,868.38
11/17/15	Teng - 3rd Place Graduate Poster Award		(50.00)	4,818.38
11/17/15	Vaughn - 3rd Place Geo Bowl Comp.		(25.00)	4,793.38
11/17/15	Zhang - 2nd Place Graduate Paper Award		(100.00)	4,693.38
12/21/15	NMSU - Reimbursment for T-Shirts		(922.00)	3,771.38
12/18/15	60S: TX State wire for reg div income (t-shirts, geobowl)	991.00		4,762.38
12/29/15	Go Daddy Domain renewal		(18.17)	4,744.21
2/22/16	TX State payment for Registrations	1,075.00		5,819.21
2/24/16	Buenemann - Weebly renewal		(49.00)	5,770.21
3/21/16	Conley, J. - WGB buzzers for AM2016		(136.50)	5,633.71
4/13/16	Transfer to RD for WGB 2016	850.00		6,483.71
4/13/16	Ridgeway - WGB 2016		(288.33)	6,195.38
4/13/16	Brewer - WGB 2016		(283.33)	5,912.05
4/13/16	Holland - WGB 2016		(283.33)	5,628.72
4/13/16	Murphy - WGB 2016		(283.33)	5,345.39
4/13/16	Ryan - WGB 2016		(283.33)	5,062.06
4/13/16	Peteru - WBG 2016		(283.33)	4,778.73
7/1/16	Sims - 19954 void check never cashed - reissue	50.00		4,828.73
8/31/16	Capitation FYE 2016	1,500.00		6,328.73
8/31/16	Balance			6,328.73

Source: Michelle Ledoux, AAG Membership Director
Submitted by: Matthew Fry, SWAAG Treasurer