

Annual Report
Applied Geography Specialty Group (AGSG)
Association of American Geographers (AAG)
6 April 2007, Revised 18 & 26 April 2007

1. Mission: The Applied Geography Specialty Group (AGSG) mission is to advance and improve the performance and execution of professional geographic services to better satisfy the requirements and needs of customers and stakeholders in business, government, and non-profits, other entities, and individuals. Services of applied geographers may be for reimbursable payment, given as volunteer service, or presented as research improving applied geography practice and procedures.

AGSG Objectives in meeting its mission include:

- increase the visibility of applied geography in the profession and the general population;
- promote and facilitate communications among members;
- promote and recognize individual excellence in applied geographic research.

2. Dues Information: Individual dues are \$10, but reduced to \$1 for full-time students

3. AGSG Officers:

Chair: Mr. Edwin Butterworth, US Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Topographic Engineering Center

Secretary-Treasurer & Newsletter Editor: Dr. Nairne Cameron, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Alberta

Vice Chair: Dr. Sonya Glavac, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Arizona

Past Chair: Mr. Douglas Heivly, GIS Coordinator, City of Allentown, PA

Anderson Medal Committee: Dr. Barry Wellar, Wellar Consulting, retired from University of Ottawa

Dr. Dave Clark, California Department of Transportation

Dr. Jeff Dickey

Ms. Nancy Olson, Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization

Dr. Richard Wright, San Diego State University

Dr. Michael DeMers, New Mexico State University

4. Accomplishments:

a. Member development: The First Applied Geography Student Paper competition received submissions from 6 students. Authorized awards are \$500 with session 2554 designed for these students.

b. Communications: Released three editions of the new AGSG Newsletter (April 06, October 06, and March 07) available on AGSG website. During the year we relocated the AGSG website to <http://agsg.binghamton.edu/>.

c. Visibility: Sponsoring or co-sponsoring 15 sessions at 2007 AAG Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

d. Excellence: AGSG Board members continued to provide leadership to the Anderson Medal Committee.

d. AGSG Improvement: Our primary AGSG Board focus the past year was on activities that would increase interaction and involvement of AGSG members not serving on the Board so that we can become a more dynamic specialty group over the next 2 to 4 years.

e. Process: AGSG Board established a mechanism for the Chairperson to leverage volunteer services of past board members no longer serving on AGSG Board. Worked out electronic voting procedure for Board actions.

f. Record: Minutes from 2007 AGSG Board from Business Session held at Annual Meeting in San Francisco attached. Also the AGSG Chair's notes from the Specialty Group Chairs Meeting held prior to the 2007 AGSG Business meeting.

5. Memberships and Participation.

Current AGSG membership is 486 of which 331 are students and 155 are non-students.

6. Financial Report: Provided by AAG as of 31 January 2007.

Balance as 31 December 2007 is	\$9,436.53
Expenditures pending	\$ -950.00
Feb & March dues not reported yet	
Balance	\$8586.53

7. Suggestions to Council.

Establish a process that would help specialty group chairs collaborate with each other and the program committee in establishing co-sponsored sessions.

Clean-up AAG's Guide to **Geography Programs in North America** with respect to the listing of Geography Departments offering Applied Geography tracks and programs.

Prepared by Mr. Edwin C. Butterworth