

**Annual Report Applied Geography Specialty Group (AGSG)
Association of American Geographers (AAG)
May 18, 2010**

1. Mission: The AGSG mission is to advance and improve the performance and execution of professional geographic services in satisfying the requirements and needs of customers and stakeholders in business, government, and non-profits, and others. Services of applied geographers may be for reimbursable payment, given as volunteer service, or presented as research improving applied geography.

AGSG has published Objectives in meeting its mission:

- Increase the visibility of applied geography in the profession and the general population;
- Promote and facilitate communications among members; and,
- 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 Leadership:

3.a. AGSG Officers 2009-10:

- Chair: Nairne Cameron, Algoma University
- Vice Chair: Dave Clark, California Dept. of Transportation, & Part-Time student U. C. Davis
- Secretary: Ms. Lucy Stanfield, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Treasurer: Demetra Voyadgis, Army Engineer Research & Development Center
- Past Chair: Sonya Glavac, University of New England

3.b. AGSG Board 2009-10 (A= Academic; WPub=Workforce Public; WPrv=Workforce Private; S= Student, R=Retired):

- Mr. Edwin Butterworth, CACI International (WPrv)
- Ms. Melinda Butterworth, University of Arizona (S)
- Dr. Nairne Cameron, Algoma University (A)
- Dr. Dawna Cerney, Youngstown State University (A)
- Mr. Dave Clark, California Dept. of Transportation (WPub)
- Dr. Michael DeMers, New Mexico State University (A)
- Dr. Sonya Glavac, University of New England (A)
- Mr. Douglas Heivly, City of Allentown, PA (WPub)
- Mr. Bill Hodge, Penn State (S)
- Dr. Jay Lee, Kent State University (A)
- Mr. Seth Marcus, US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (WPub)
- Ms. Nancy Torrieri, US Census Bureau (WPub)
- Ms. Demetra Voyadgis, Army Engineer Research & Development Center (WPub)
- Dr. Barry Wellar, Wellar Consulting (WPrv)
- Dr. Richard Wright, San Diego State University (A)

3.c. Committees and Project Leaders 2009-10:

- Anderson Medal Committee: Dr. Barry Wellar
- Newsletter Editor and Web Manager: Anna Klimaszewski Patterson (New Mexico State University)
- Student Competition Project Leader: Dr. Dawna Cerney
- AGSG Emeritus Committee Leader: Dr. Barry Wellar

3.d. Future Officer Commitments for 2010-2011:

- Chair: Mr. Dave Clark
- Vice Chair: Ms. Lucy Stanfield
- Secretary: Mr. Bill Hodge
- Treasurer: Ms. Demetra Voyadgis
- Past Chair: Dr. Nairne Cameron

4. Accomplishments:

- Student Competition:** Dawna Cerney has assisted in revitalizing our Student Competition. There were five formal submissions plus a sixth presentation scheduled for the AGSG Student Session. During that session it was announced that Nicholas Cuba, a graduate student at Clark University, won the competition.
- Class Exercise Competition:** Ed Butterworth has shepherded the launch of the Class Exercise Competition targeted to junior faculty and advanced graduate students. Timothy Hawthorne, a PhD student at the Ohio State University, is our first winner. Tim accepted the invitation to present his exercise during the student competition session. He also has the opportunity for his exercise to be considered for publication in the *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research*.
- Listserves:** With Jay Lee and Lucy Stanfield's kind help, we now have an operational listserv. This communications tool is very important for reaching our members.
- Newsletters:** Owing to the board members' contributions, increasing member submissions, and Anna Patterson's great design and editing skills, we have produced two solid newsletters this year. The listserv has also helped us in soliciting articles from our wider membership. To view the newsletters, see: <http://agsg.binghamton.edu/>.
- Links to Other Groups:** The Specialty Group established greater communication links with the Applied Geography Conference. Jay Lee is the Conference's Executive Director and Dawna Cerney is a member of the Applied Geography Conference Board.
- Visibility at Annual Meeting:** We sponsored and co-sponsored 19 sessions at the 2010 AAG Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.
- Education Meeting Session:** Mike DeMers' session at the AAG this year on Best Practices in Applied Geography Education, co-sponsored by Geography Education Specialty Group, represents a major step forward for Applied Geography Education initiatives.

- h. **Geospatial Information Officers and U.S. Census Meeting Sessions:** Lucy Stanfield and Michael Ratcliffe arranged some substantive sessions at the AAG Meeting. Lucy worked with AAG staff member Matt Koppe to arrange the following panel of Geospatial Information Officers: Joseph Fontanella (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), Jerry Johnston (US Environmental Protection Agency), Barney Krucoff, Stephen Lowe (US Department of Agriculture), Karen Siderelis (United States Geological Survey), and Timothy F. Trainor (U.S. Bureau Of the Census).
- i. **Student Representation:** We engaged an enthusiastic new student representative, Bill Hodge.

5. Memberships and Participation

As of May 13, 2010, the current AGSG membership is 327 of which 156 are students paying reduced dues and 171 are non-students paying full dues. This year's membership represents an increase from the previous year (as of April 23, 2009, the membership numbered 302, including 147 students and 155 non-students).

6. Financial Report: Provided by AAG as of February 28, 2010.

Balance as of August 31, 2008 was	\$9,473.15
Balance as of August 31, 2009 was	\$10,786.15
Dues collected Sept 2009-February 2010	\$849.00
Balance as of February 28, 2010	\$11,380.97

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