



2023 Steering Committee Meeting

Norfolk, November 19, 2023; 8:30 – 11 am

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Reports available here: <https://sedaag.org/meeting-reports/>

Agenda - Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions.

President Bill Graves provided introductions to open the meeting. Introductions of all officers. We aim to report what we have been doing the last year and what we want the Executive committee to do for the organization.

Outgoing Officers (term ending at the conclusion of the Norfolk Meeting in November 2023)

President Bill Graves – Bill will continue on the executive committee as the Past President.

Treasurer Paul McDaniel

Incoming Officers (term beginning at the conclusion of the Norfolk Meeting in November 2023 until November 2025)

Incoming President Selima Sultana

Incoming Treasurer Sarah Praskievic)

Bill and Paul will work with Selima and Sarah to transfer responsibilities in the coming weeks. Most notably, Paul will work with Sarah to transfer the two SEDAAG SunTrust accounts (ending in *88009 and *58869) into Sarah's control as our new SEDAAG treasurer.

2. Thanks to outgoing officers and representatives.

- a. Bill Graves and Paul McDaniel are the outgoing President and Treasurer, respectively, and Selima Sultana and Sarah Praskievicz are the newly elected President and Treasurer, respectively.

Roll Call of Officers/Members Present

President – Bill Graves

Incoming President – Selima Sultana

Past President – Lynn Resler

Vice President – Amy Potter

Treasurer – Paul McDaniel

Alabama Rep - Jordan Cissell

Florida Rep – Johanna Engström

Georgia Rep – Helen Rosko

Kentucky Rep – Michele Abee

Mississippi Rep – Kevin Smith

North Carolina Rep – Derek Martin

Tennessee Rep – Craig Laing

Virginia Rep – Jennifer Whytlaw

West Virginia Rep – Thomas Saladyga

Student Rep – Riley Harris



IDEL Committee - Joyce Clapp
Regional AAG Rep – Heidi Lannon
Education Committee Chair – Jennifer Rahn
Local Arrangements Committee – Nicole Hutton
Co-editors of Southeastern Geographer – Brian Williams and Shrinidhi Ambinakudige
Geography Bowl Chair – Dawn Drake

Not present

South Carolina Rep – Dean Hardy
Incoming Treasurer - Sarah Praskievicz

3. Norfolk Meeting (Nicole Hutton)
 - a. Financial support
 - i. \$8,000 in sponsorship, need to focus on this in the future
 - ii. \$31,656 registration 166 students (264 registered)
 - iii. Costs - \$14,315 technology
 - iv. Costs - \$19,056 meals
 - v. Make \$8,085 profit
 - vi. Three field trips \$435 profit
 - vii. Women and Student breakfasts and SAGE lunch has good representation.
 - viii. 140 for the banquet
 - b. In-house AV is a problem in the future; we need to discuss changes. Next year, we are looking at an AV of \$20,000 (Bill)
 - c. AAG resources (Bill)
 - d. Initial financial estimates (Hawaii effect?)
4. 2024 Meeting (Greenville, SC) and beyond
 - a. Financial concerns (rising AV costs, limits to registration fees)
 - i. Hyatt Regency Greenville Downtown. Jeffery of Ferman University will lead that.
 - b. Meeting formats
5. AAG Grants
 - a. Meeting Subsidy grant, \$1,150: HBCU and Community College meeting registration fee waivers
 - b. Regional Support Grant, \$2,500: Stipend for Science Communications Fellow (SEDAAG social media development) plus Constant Contact subscription for Secretary
 - i. Margaret L. Walton has accepted the position beginning today!
6. SEDAAG Mini-grants for Ph.D. student research:
 - a. Future Funding?
 - b. Suggestions for future \$2,500 regional support grants not meeting related? What should we invest in for the future?
 - c. The mini Grants have continued, but the number of submissions from PhD programs has been deficient. We need to encourage this, should it keep going—7 applications for 2023.
 - d. Young Professional Lunch, developed by Riely Harris, makes meetings more valuable to students (use AAG to support this lunch in the future).
 - e. Student chapters in SEDAAG in the states of the region. Look to student organizations at Universities. Is there institutional support? (Shrinidhi).
 - f. Discussion of workshops and other sessions pre-conference to help students get more out of the conference than just presentations (Selima).



7. AAG Program Excellence Award Competition – Undergraduate Programs
 - a. Samford is a finalist in the competition in the program
8. Elections – voice votes will be held at business meetings.
 - a. Nominating Committee
 - b. Honors
 - c. IDEAL
 - i. Discussion of reducing the number of members from 6 to 5 would require a bylaws change.
9. State Report Highlights (State Representatives)
 - a. See the reports appended.
 - b. We will update the position duties to be more effective in the region.
 - c. Looking to Environmental Programs/Public Administration, cast a broader net in the states for the survey.
 - d. Movement from geography to environmental or sustainability programs in universities.
 - e. Send surveys to Department Chairs, program coordinators, and administrators who can facilitate the study.
 - f. Rebranding courses and programs has helped increase majors and enrollment.
 - g. State meetings and connecting people through the State Reps. Create networks in the regions from in the state.
 - h. Change the SIP code to make your code a STEM discipline. Connect to Community Colleges to look at NSF funding to build STEM-connected programs.
10. Vice President and Program Chair Report (Potter)
 - a. 25 paper sessions (138 paper submissions)
 - b. 7 honors sessions
 - c. 3 poster sessions (91 submissions)
 - d. Keep using Google Forms and transition to next year.
 - e. Future suggestions: Keep submissions to 1 paper/poser and 1 panel no more; move the submission deadline up a week.

Break... Resume at 10 am

11. Treasurer's Report (McDaniel)
 - a. See attached report
 - b. \$187,000 total assets Dec. 1-Nov. 30 fiscal year (2022-2023)
 - c. \$68,000 revenue this year (Conference, Journal Royalties, and Memberships)
 - d. \$24,000 expenditures do not include Norfolk Conference
 - e. \$44,000 net income
 - f. \$90,000 was the cost for the Atlanta Conference, and I will know Norfolk's total in the next week.
12. Secretary/Webmaster's Report and Communications (Sciuchetti)
 - a. Constant Contact
 - b. Increase Social Media presence.
13. Student Representative Update (Harris)
 - a. Young professionals' lunch is a great success for 2023 and should be continued in the future.
 - b. LinkedIn Group for students
14. Geography Bowl Report (Drake)
 - a. There is a need for more state coordinators to improve state representation.
 - b. Plaque costs \$263.45.



- c. Funding per person for AAG 2024.
- 15. *Southeastern Geographer* Report (Ambinakudige and Williams)
 - a. The first issue, 64/1, will be their first edited volume in January
 - b. The journal will produce some print editions.
 - c. The impact factor will apply in Summer 2024.
 - d. New composition of the editorial board to help boost the journal.
- 16. AAG Southeastern Div. Regional Councilor update (Lannon)
 - a. Positives not negatives
 - b. Attend AAG!
 - c. \$2.3million down in finances in the last year. Denver meeting was a \$1.4 million loss.
 - d. Elevate the discipline
 - e. The Climate Action Taskforce will now be a committee
 - f. Overall, regional meetings are down for AAG.
- 17. IDEAL Committee (Clapp)
 - a. Panel on DEI work.
 - b. Survey report from membership coming soon on IDEAL
- 18. Honors Update (Abee / Clapp)
 - a. Improve honors workflow for 2024
 - b. 24 posters for honors
- 19. Education Committee Report (Rahn)
 - a. 37 undergraduate posters, 17 in honors competition
- 20. SEDAAG 2024, Greenville, SC (Geoffrey Habron)
- 21. SEDAAG 2025, Lexington, KY
- 22. New business